

28 July 2023

NOTICE TO RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

This refers to the draft regulations distributed through the World Trade Organization – Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO-TBT) website (www.epingalert.org) from 17 to 21 July 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from European Union and Finland:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE U/996	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 20 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 16 September 2023</p>	Pesticides - Residues - Metiram	<p>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance Metiram is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. EU Member States shall withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing Metiram as an active substance. The non-renewal of approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly assessed and approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC. This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and plant protection products containing it. Following non-approval and the expiry of all grace periods for stocks of products containing this substance, separate action will likely be taken on MRLs and a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.</p>

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- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
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G/TBT/N/EU/997	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 20 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 16 September 2023</p>	Pesticides - Residues - Benthiavalic arb	This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance Benthiavalicarb is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. EU Member States shall withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing Benthiavalicarb as an active substance. The non-renewal of approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly assessed and approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC.
G/TBT/N/FIN/86	Finland	<p>Date of Distribution: 19 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 31 August 2023</p>	Nicotine pouches	The decisions entry into force would mean that the letting out of nicotine pouches containing 20 mg nicotine a pouch or more would be forbidden. The decision is made due to a modified interpretation of the legislation on medicine which has led to a deregulation of nicotine pouches. A change of the legislation on tobacco, with the purpose of regulating nicotine pouches, is in progress on the Åland Islands. However it is unclear when that legislation can come into force.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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