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### 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 22 to 28 July 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from Japan, Lithuania, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/763/Ad d.1</a>	Japan	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 July 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Feed additive - L-Histidine Monohydrochloride Monohydrate - Addendum	The proposed designation of L-Histidine Monohydrochloride Monohydrate as a feed additive and establishment its standards and specifications notified in G/SPS/N/JPN/1175 (dated 20 February 2023) has been adopted and published on dated 24 July 2023.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/LTU/50</a>	Lithuania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 27 July 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 September 2023	Tobacco products	The Draft Law was prepared in order to fill the gaps in the existing regulation when in the presence of the ban introduced from 07/01/2022 (on placing on the Lithuanian market electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarette refills with a liquid adapted for filling electronic cigarettes, if this liquid contains flavoring substances, except for the smell and (or) taste of tobacco), electronic cigarettes, electronic cigarette refills with a certain smell and (or) taste, other than tobacco, are still supplied to the Lithuanian market. The suggested amendments of the Law will allow smoother application of the provisions of the Law and smoother examination of cases for violation of the provisions of this Law, in order to reduce attractiveness and consumption of e-cigarettes and electronic cigarette refills (especially to young people).

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<a href="#">G/TBT/N/L TU/51</a>	Lithuania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 July 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 25 September 2023	Tobacco products	<p>The Draft Law was prepared in order to fill the gaps in the existing regulation, when electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarette refills are supplied to the market of the Republic of Lithuania, which have attractive taste and attractiveness characteristics for young people, and to reduce the attractiveness of electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarette refills for young people. The Draft Law proposes establishing a ban on placing electronic cigarettes and electronic cigarette refills on the market of the Republic of Lithuania with a liquid adapted for filling electronic cigarettes, if this liquid contains sugar and/or sweeteners.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U SA/1737/A dd.6</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 July 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Confinement of farm animals and sale of specified products derived from them - Addendum	<p>New information has been posted on Animal Care Program's website concerning Proposition 12, Farm Animal Confinement, Animal Health and Food Safety Services division, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Guidance documents available in Spanish: Link to Guidance Page</li> <li>2. Accredited certifying agents list the countries they are available to certify operations: Link to Certifying Agents Page</li> <li>3. Recorded webinar hosted by Perry Johnson of Dr. Cox describing Prop 12 regulatory requirements for distributor operations; 20 July 2023: Link to Recording of Webinar</li> </ol>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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