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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) from 29 to 04 August 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/RA/1491	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 3 October 2023	Fertilizers, correctives, substrates, conditioners and soil remineralizers	Ordinance n°. 855 opens a 75-day period for public consultation on the draft Ordinance approving the official methods for conducting tests on samples of fertilizers, correctives, substrates, conditioners and soil remineralizers from the official programs and controls of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.
G/TBT/NE/U/1001	European Union	Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 September 2023	Organic products	This draft Commission implementing Regulation amends in its annexes the lists of products and substances authorised to be used in organic production, in particular: plant protection products, fertilisers, feed material, feed additives and food additives. It also postpones the date by which a complete list of products for cleaning and disinfecting will be applicable in organic production.
G/TBT/N/F/IN/87	Finland	Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	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.

BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS

Membership:

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				A change of the legislation on tobacco, with the purpose of regulating nicotine pouches, is in progress on Finland. However, it is unclear when that legislation can come into force.
G/TBT/N/US/353/Rev.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 4 August 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 28 August 2023</p>	Cigarettes - Revision	<p>The purpose of this rule change is to update the Certification Application and Recertification Procedures provisions under section 3.4, as well as to remove the Supplemental Application Procedures under section 3.5, to better align the rules with the statutory requirements found in 24-33.5-1214, C.R.S.</p> <p>This rule change also allows for general clean-up of grammatical and formatting inconsistencies or errors if any are found.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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