

27 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 six (6) notified draft technical regulations from European Union and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE U/998	European Union	Date of Distribution: 21 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 17 September 2023	Biocidal products	This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve silver zeolite as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 4. Unacceptable risks for infants (6 to 12 months old) have been identified for the use of water filters treated with silver zeolite, and no adequate risk mitigation measure could be identified to mitigate those risks.
G/TBT/NE U/999	European Union	Date of Distribution: 21 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 17 September 2023	Biocidal products : silver zinc zeolite	This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve silver zinc zeolite as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 4. Unacceptable risks for infants (6 to 12 months old) have been identified for the use of water filters treated with silver zinc zeolite, and no adequate risk mitigation measure could be identified to mitigate those risks.
G/TBT/N/US A/1909/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 17 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Toxic chemicals : diisononyl phthalate - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is adding a diisononyl phthalate (DINP) category category to the list of toxic chemicals subject to the reporting requirements under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA). In this action, EPA is adding the DINP category to the toxic chemical list as a category defined to include branched alkyl di-

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				esters of 1,2 benzenedicarboxylic acid in which alkyl ester moieties contain a total of nine carbons. The DINP category meets the EPCRA chronic human health effects toxicity criterion because the members of the category can reasonably be anticipated to cause serious or irreversible reproductive dysfunctions as well as other serious or irreversible chronic health effects in humans, specifically, developmental, kidney, and liver toxicity.
G/TBT/N/USA/1938/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 21 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 July 2023	Phasedown of hydrofluorocarbons - Addendum	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is amending existing regulations to implement certain provisions of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act. This rule establishes the methodology for allocating hydrofluorocarbon production and consumption allowances for the calendar years of 2024 through 2028. EPA is also amending the consumption baseline to reflect updated data and to make other adjustments based on lessons learned from implementation of the hydrofluorocarbon phasedown program thus far, including to: codify the existing approach of how allowances must be expended for import of regulated substances, revise recordkeeping and reporting requirements, and implement other modifications to the existing regulations.
G/TBT/N/USA/2005/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 20 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	New chemicals regulations under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for the proposed rule entitled "Updates to New Chemicals Regulations Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)" that published in the Federal Register on 26 May 2023, with an established public comment period that was scheduled to end on 25 July 2023. In response to requests for additional time to develop and submit comments on the proposed rule, EPA is extending

				the comment period for an additional 14 days, i.e., from 25 July 2023, to 8 August 2023.
G/TBT/N/US/2009/A/dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 21 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Chemical substances - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for the proposed rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (23-2.5e)" that published in the Federal Register on 20 June 2023, with an established public comment period that was scheduled to end on 20 July 2023. In response to requests for additional time to develop and submit comments on the proposed rule, EPA is extending the comment period for an additional 30 days, i.e., from 20 July 2023, to 19 August 2023.

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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