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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 22 to 28 July 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NEU/1000	European Union	Date of Distribution: 28 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 September 2023	Biocidal products	This draft Commission Implementing Regulation renews the approval of propiconazole as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product type 8. The substance meets the exclusion criteria set out in Article 5(1) of the Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, but fulfils the condition for derogation of Article 5(2)(c).
G/TBT/N/JPN/779	Japan	Date of Distribution: 26 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 September 2023	Mercury-using products	Based on Article 2 of the Act on Preventing Mercury Pollution of the Environment, the following will be designated as specified mercury-using products whose manufacture is particularly in need of regulation. Their usage as components in the manufacture of other products will also be restricted. 1. Strain gauges to be used in plethysmographs 2. Mercury vacuum pumps 3. Tyre balancers and wheel weights 4. Photographic film and paper 5. Propellant for satellites and spacecraft
G/TBT/N/KOR/1158	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 24 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 21 September 2023	Cleansing and hygiene products	MFDS proposes to amend the "Standards and Specifications for Hygiene Products" as following: A. The standards and specifications for "dish washing detergent" - The test method of biodegradability(KS M 2714) is removed.

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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)

				<p>- The allowed range of pH is revised.</p> <p>B. The standards for "disposable diaper and cotton swab for young children"</p> <p>- The content limit of heavy metal(lead) is revised.</p> <p>- The phthalate plasticizers (DINP, DIDP, DnOP, DIBP) are added to restricted materials and the test methods are revised.</p> <p>C. Modification of terms in the standards and specifications for clarification</p>
G/TBT/N/TZA/1005	Tanzania	<p>Date of Distribution: 28 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 25 September 2023</p>	Surface active agents	<p>This draft Zanzibar National Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for seaweed soap. It covers the following types of soap:</p> <p>a) Seaweed bathing soap b) Seaweed liquid soap</p> <p>This standard does not apply to herbal soap.</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/2020	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 26 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable</p>	Asbestos	<p>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing reporting and recordkeeping requirements for asbestos under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). EPA is requiring certain persons who manufactured (including imported) or processed asbestos and asbestos-containing articles, including as an impurity, in the four years prior to the date of publication of this final rule to electronically report certain exposure-related information. This action results in a onetime reporting requirement. EPA emphasizes that this requirement includes asbestos that is a component of a mixture. The information sought includes presence, types, and quantities of asbestos (including asbestos that is a component of a mixture) and asbestos containing articles that were manufactured (including imported) or processed, types of use, and employee data. EPA and other Federal agencies will use reported information in considering</p>

				potential future actions, including risk evaluation and risk management activities.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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