

11 August 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 29 to 04 August 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from Australia, Tanzania, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/A/US/134/Add.2	Australia	Date of Distribution: 4 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Elemental mercury - Addendum	Further Update on the Ratification of the Minamata Convention on Mercury As advised in G/TBT/N/AUS/134/Add.1, Rules made under the Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020 prohibit the manufacture, import and export of certain mercury-containing products in Australia. The Recycling and Waste Reduction (Mandatory Product Stewardship – Mercury-added Products) Rules 2021 (the Rules) will incorporate changes made to Annex A of the Minamata Convention on Mercury. The Rules, which came into force on 7 March 2022, prohibit the manufacture, import and export of products containing mercury, with some exemptions for essential products.
G/TBT/N/TZA/1010	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 4 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 2 October 2023	Henna paste	This draft Zanzibar National Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for ready-made henna paste in shape of cone and other allied packaging.

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- 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)

G/TBT/N/US/2024	United States	Date of Distribution: 31 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 September 2023	Toxic substances : Carbon Tetrachloride	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to address the unreasonable risk of injury to human health presented by carbon tetrachloride (CTC) under its conditions of use as documented in EPA's 2020 Risk Evaluation for Carbon Tetrachloride and 2022 Revised Unreasonable Risk Determination for Carbon Tetrachloride pursuant to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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