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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 09 to 22 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE/GY/454	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 12 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 May 2024	Places to display, sell and store alternatives to traditional cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, e-liquid	The Ministerial Decree No. 498 /2023 (2 pages, in Arabic) gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8734 which is concerned with the prerequisites and the availability of places that display and sell electronic cigarettes which are considered as alternatives to traditional candy. Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies.
G/TBT/N/FI/N/85/Rev.2	Finland	Date of Distribution: 18 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 May 2024	Nicotine pouches without tobacco - Revision	Laying down comprehensive regulation on nicotine pouches
G/TBT/NK/EN/1589	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 13 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 May 2024	Pesticides - Pyrethrum refined extracts	This Draft Kenya Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods of pyrethrum refined extracts containing varying percentages of total pyrethrins.
G/TBT/N/T/ON/2	Tonga	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Pesticides	An Act to regulate the registration, manufacture, import, sale, storage, distribution, use and disposal of pesticides in Tonga.
G/TBT/NU/KR/289	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2024	Veterinary medicine	The draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine of 04 February 2021 No. 1206-IX on "Veterinary Medicine"" is developed in order to improve the current legislation in the field of animal health and welfare and remove inconsistencies with EU legislation. The draft Law, in particular, suggests the

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				<p>comprehensive regulation of the key issues related to:</p> <p>1) production, marketing, registration (authorization) and use of veterinary drugs;</p> <p>2) activities of licensed veterinarians and veterinarians of licensed veterinary establishments;</p> <p>3) alignment of licensing of business activities relating to veterinary practice, production, wholesale and retail sale, and import of veterinary drugs with licensing legislation requirements.</p> <p>The draft Law is also notified in accordance with the provisions of the SPS Agreement.</p>
G/TBT/N/US/2103	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 12 March 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 10 May 2024</p>	Organic mushrooms and organic pet food	<p>Proposed rule - The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposes to amend the USDA organic regulations to clarify standards for organic mushrooms and organic pet food. Specific standards for these products do not currently exist. Instead, these products have been certified organic using the general organic standards for crops, livestock, and handling.</p> <p>However, this approach is not ideal as the current regulations do not address unique aspects of either product. AMS expects this rule would promote development of these markets by increasing regulatory certainty that would, in turn, encourage investment in the markets. The topics addressed by the proposed rule include sourcing of substrate and spawn in organic mushroom production, composting requirements for organic mushroom production, composition and labeling requirements for organic pet food, and the use of certain synthetic substances in organic pet food.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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