

11 April 2024

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 23 to 29 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Ecuador and Ukraine:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE/CU/503/Ad d.3	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 28 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Chemical and Biological Pesticides - Addendum	Partial reform of the substitute technical health regulations for the obtaining the sanitary notification, control and surveillance of pesticides for use domestic, industrial and public health
G/TBT/NU/KR/290	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 28 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 May 2024	Cotton seeds	The draft Law provides for simplification of the procedures for import and placing into circulation of cotton varieties in Ukraine during the period of martial law and three years following its termination or cancellation. The draft Law proposes amendments to Section VI "Final Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On the State Biosafety System in the Creation, Testing, Transportation and Use of Genetically Modified Organisms", according to which temporarily, for the period of martial law in Ukraine and within 36 months after its termination or cancellation, there will be no requirement for state registration of GMOs and obtaining permits as stipulated by this Law for import, research, state approbation (testing), industrial production, and placing into circulation of genetically modified cotton as well as products manufactured with its use. The draft Law also amends Section IX "Final Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On Seeds and Planting Material" with a provision, according to which, for the period of martial law in Ukraine and for 36 months after its termination or cancellation, placing into circulation of cotton seeds varieties and their use is allowed without certification of seed material. The draft Law is also notified under the SPS Agreement.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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