

12 February 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 27 January to 02 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from Egypt, and Japan:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/EGY/345/Add.1	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 30 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Bio fertilizers - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 6620 for "Bio fertilizers " (37 page(s), in Arabic). It should be noted that the draft of this standard was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/345 dated 21 February 2023. Worth mentioning is that this standard complies with the following: - Practical hand book on agriculture microbiology - International Journal of Current Microbiology and Applied Sciences ISSN: 2319-7706 Volume 9 Number 10 (2020)
G/TBT/N/EGY/369/Add.1	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 30 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Fertilizers: biochar - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 502 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 8757 for "soil improvers - biochar "; (18 page(s), in Arabic).
G/TBT/N/JPN/796	Japan	Date of Distribution: 31 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Feed additive - Phytase	MAFF will add standards and specifications of Phytase to "Ministerial Ordinance on the Specifications and Standards of Feeds and Feed Additives" (Ordinance No. 35 of July 24th, 1976 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry).

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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