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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 30 December 2023 to 05 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eleven (11) notified draft technical regulations from Brazil, Burundi, China, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/US/1910/A/2/Corr.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Organic livestock and poultry standards - Corrigendum	The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is correcting non-substantive errors in the regulatory text of the Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (OLPS) final rule published on 2 November 2023. The corrections are intended to improve readability and clarity.
G/TBT/N/US/2080	United States	Date of Distribution: 04 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 07 January 2024	E-cigarette products	The Comptroller of Public Accounts proposes new §3.1208, concerning prohibited e-cigarette products. The new section implements House Bill 4758, 88th Legislature, 2023, which enacted Health and Safety Code, §161.0876 (Prohibited E-Cigarette Products). The Texas Legislature has identified concerns that electronic cigarette ("e-cigarette") manufacturers have begun marketing their products to attract youth. "Various e-cigarette manufacturers package e-cigarette products to appear nearly identical to popular candy, flavored juice boxes, and other edible treats. The similarity in packaging of e-cigarette products to children's snacks is a direct appeal from manufacturers to children, which entices them to consume these dangerous nicotine products. The CDC reports that 69 percent of youth are exposed to ecigarette

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				advertisement via retail stores, magazines, TV shows, movies, and the Internet. These mediums also use cartoon-like characters and celebrity imagery to appeal to youths. According to the CDC, in the 10-year period from 2011 to 2021, vaping rates among middle and high school student increased from 1.5 percent of youth to nearly 30 percent of youth using e-cigarettes. These deliberate and ongoing efforts considerably impact the consumption rates of e-cigarettes among youth and require swift action. In 2018, the Department of State Health Services determined that e-cigarette use has reached epidemic status among teens." House Comm. on Pub. Health, Bill Analysis, Tex. C.S.H.B. 4758, 88th Leg., R.S. (2023).
G/TBT/N/C HN/1786	China	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 04 March 2024	Gramineous seed	This document specifies the technical requirements for quality grading, sample and grade evaluation of gramineous seed, and describes the test methods. This document applies to the quality classification of gramineous seed for the purpose of production and sale.
G/TBT/N/B DI/438	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 04 March 2024	Agricultural machinery : disc and mouldboard ploughs	This draft East African standard specifies the test methods and inspection for animal-drawn and tractor-operated disc and mouldboard ploughs used for tilling land
G/TBT/N/B DI/439	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 18 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 17 February 2024	Agricultural machinery : disc ploughs	1.1 This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements for disc ploughs used in four-wheel tractors or riding agricultural tractors. 1.2 This standard does not cover two-wheel tractors or walking agricultural tractors.
G/TBT/N/B DI/441	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024	Animal-drawn long-beam and short-beam	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements for animal-drawn long-beam and

		Deadline for Comments: 04 March 2024	mouldboard ploughs of fixed type, used for tilling land	short-beam mouldboard ploughs of fixed type, used for tilling land.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/443	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 04 March 2024	Agricultural machinery : mouldboard ploughs for tractor operated ploughs	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements for tractor-operated mouldboard ploughs used for tilling land.
G/TBT/N/B/RA/1513	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 04 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 January 2024	Health warnings and messages to be used on displays and displays of tobacco-derived smoking products	This normative instruction establishes health warnings and messages to be used on displays and displays of tobacco-derived smoking products
G/TBT/N/B/RA/1514	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 January 2024	Smoking products derived from tobacco	This resolution contains provisions on the exposure to the sale and the marketing of smoking products derived from tobacco. This resolution complies with The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).
G/TBT/N/B/RA/1515	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 January 2024	Packaging of tobacco-derived smoking products	This normative instruction establishes health warnings and messages to be used on the packaging of tobacco-derived smoking products.
G/TBT/N/B/RA/1516	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 05 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 January 2024	Smoking products derived from tobacco	This resolution contains provisions on packaging of smoking products derived from tobacco. This resolution complies with The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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