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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 30 March to 05 April 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the seven (7) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/A/RE/606</a>	United Arab Emirates	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 June 2024	Liquids and products used in electronic alternatives to traditional tobacco products	This Gulf standard outlines the requirements for the liquids, tobacco, and products utilized in electronic alternatives to traditional tobacco products. It encompasses the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liquids are formulated for use in electronic devices specifically designed for that purpose, irrespective of whether they contain nicotine or not.</li> <li>• Tobacco products (regardless of whether they are manufactured or nonmanufactured) are intended for use in designated electronic devices.</li> <li>• Compound mixtures may contain nicotine or not, such as herbal mixtures and pastes prepared from permissible ingredients and intended for use in designated electronic devices.</li> </ul> It's important to note that this standard excludes nicotine patches, nicotine gum, and orally consumed products taken by chewing or sucking.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/207/Add.3</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Electronic Cigarettes (e-liquid) - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 503/2023 (2 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 8205-1 "General requirements for traditional cigarette alternatives - Part:1 Electronic Cigarettes – e- Liquid" (13 pages, in Arabic). It should be noted that the Ministerial Decree No. 101/2019 (2 pages, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/207/Add.1 dated 15 May 2019 and the Ministerial Decree No. 222/2021 (1 page, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/207/Add.2 dated 31 August

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				2021, mandated among others the earlier versions of this Standard. Worth mentioning is that this standard complies with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directive 2014/40/EU</li> <li>• AFNOR- D90-300-1</li> <li>• CORESTA Recommended Method No. 60</li> <li>• CORESTA Recommended Method No. 84</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/G BR/80</a>	United Kingdom	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 02 June 2024	Wine products	The Statutory Instrument, covering England only, is set to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow the transformation of imported wine products, i.e. for sweetening or carbonating bulk imported wine or produce wine from imported grapes.</li> <li>• Make some changes to wine labelling rules on the nature and origin of the products.</li> <li>• Publish and update the list of approved oenological practices and processes on GOV.UK.</li> <li>• Allow the production and marketing of no and low alcohol wine.</li> <li>• Make 4.5% the minimum abv (alcohol by volume) for all naturally produced wine.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/J PN/802</a>	Japan	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 31 May 2024	Fertilizer : sodium-N'-Methoxycarbonylsulfanilamide and Potassium $\alpha$ -(2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxy) propionate	To revise the administrative rules of the Act on the Quality Control of Fertilizer for reflecting advancement of agricultural and scientific technology contributes to human health and promotes agricultural productivity. Official standards to be established: Complex fertilizer that contains following agricultural chemicals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sodium-N'-Methoxycarbonylsulfanilamide and Potassium <math>\alpha</math>-(2-methyl-4 chlorophenoxy) propionate</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/J PN/803</a>	Japan	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Feed additives - Muramidase	MAFF amends the standard for method of manufacture and specifications[A1] for ingredients of feeds in general stipulated in "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). The amendment aims to allow the use of Muramidase, which was previously only permitted for broilers, for pigs and chickens as well.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K OR/1205</a>	Republic of Korea	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 April 2024	Warning images and messages on smoking	Pursuant to the National Health Promotion Act that requires updating pictorial and textual health warnings on cigarette packaging every 24 months, the draft

		<b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 June 2024		stipulates the changed specifics of pictorial and textual health warnings on the cigarette packaging.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/G BR/79</a>	United Kingdom	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 April 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 31 May 2024	Electronic cigarettes : single-use vapes	<p>These regulations will apply to all businesses that operate in Scotland. These regulations will introduce a ban on the sale and supply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• single-use electronic cigarettes that are not rechargeable, not refillable or are neither rechargeable nor refillable</li> <li>• single-use electronic cigarettes retaining both nicotine containing e-liquid and non-nicotine containing e-liquid</li> </ul> <p>The restriction will not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• devices that are both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (1) refillable by means of a single-use container which is separately available and can be replaced, or a container which can be refilled, and</li> <li>• (2) rechargeable by means of a battery which can be recharged, and a coil which is intended to be replaced by an individual user in the normal course of use and is separately available.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Breach of these prohibitions will be an offence under the regulations. The regulations confer powers on enforcement authorities to investigate offences under the regulations, which may then be referred for criminal prosecution.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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