

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 eight (8) notified draft technical regulations from Burundi, Thailand, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BDI/140/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Acidic liquid toilet cleansers - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 793-1:2020, Toilet cleansers — Specification — Part 1: Acidic liquid toilet cleansers 2nd edition notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/140, G/TBT/N/KEN/1127, G/TBT/N/RWA/519, G/TBT/N/TZA/629 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1413 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 793-1:2022, Toilet cleansers — Specification — Part 1: Acidic liquid toilet cleansers 2nd edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/BDI/142/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Carpet and upholstery shampoo - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 792:2021, Carpet and upholstery shampoo — Specification; 2nd edition notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/142, G/TBT/N/KEN/1129, G/TBT/N/RWA/521, G/TBT/N/TZA/631 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1415 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 792:2022, Carpet and upholstery shampoo — Specification; 2nd edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/

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- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

G/TBT/N/BDI/143/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Alcohol-based instant hand sanitizer - Addendum	<p>The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 789:2021, Alcohol-based instant hand sanitizer – Specification, 2nd edition notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/143, G/TBT/N/KEN/1130, G/TBT/N/RWA/522, G/TBT/N/TZA/632 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1416 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, EAS 789:2022, Alcohol-based instant hand sanitizer – Specification, 2nd edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/</p>
G/TBT/N/BDI/158/Add.2	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Sulfuric acid - Addendum	<p>The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 122: 2021, Sulfuric acid — Specification, Second Edition notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/158, G/TBT/N/RWA/549, G/TBT/N/BDI/158/Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/646, G/TBT/N/RWA/549/Add.1, G/TBT/N/UGA/1465, G/TBT/N/TZA/646/Add.1 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1465/Add.1 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 122:2022, Sulfuric acid — Specification, Second Edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/</p>
G/TBT/N/BDI/185/Add.2	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	School chalk - Addendum	<p>The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard, DEAS 25:2021, School chalk— Specification, Second edition notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/185, G/TBT/N/RWA/576, G/TBT/N/TZA/673, G/TBT/N/UGA/1507, G/TBT/N/BDI/185/Add.1, G/TBT/N/RWA/576/Add.1, G/TBT/N/TZA/673/Add.1 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1507/Add.1 entered into force in Uganda on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 25:2022,</p>

				School chalk— Specification, Second edition, https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/T HA/725	Thailand	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 01 April 2024</p>	Hand sanitizer : Ethyl alcohol (ethanol), Isopropyl alcohol (isopropanol), and N-propyl alcohol (n-propanol)	By the virtue of Article 5, Section One, Article 6 (1), and Article 6 (4) of the Cosmetic Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the Minister of Public Health hereby issued the (draft) Notification as follows: The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Determining the Characteristics of Cosmetics Containing Alcohol for Hand Sanitizing prohibited for manufacture, import, or sale since March 9, B.E. 2563 (2020), is hereby repealed. In this Notification, "alcohol" refers to ethyl alcohol (ethanol), isopropyl alcohol (isopropanol), and n-propyl alcohol (n-propanol), determined as an/the "active ingredient(s)" in cosmetics containing alcohol for hand sanitizing. Cosmetics containing alcohol for hand sanitizing, with the purpose of cleaning hands without using water, which have a concentration of either ethanol, isopropanol, n-propanol, or mixed together, less than 70% by volume or less than 65% by weight, are prohibited for manufacture, import, or sale.
G/TBT/N/T HA/726	Thailand	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 01 April 2024</p>	Cosmetics containing alcohol for hand sanitizing	By the virtue of Article 5, Section One and Article 6 (13) of the Cosmetic Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the Minister of Public Health hereby issued the (draft) Notification as follows: Determining the criteria for deviation limits of alcohol in cosmetics containing alcohol for hand sanitizing to contain not less than 15% or not more than 18% as notified to the Regulatory Body.
G/TBT/N/U SA/983/Add.7	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024</p>	Certain chemical substances - Addendum	In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), this document announces the availability of and solicits public comment on the following Information

		Deadline for Comments: 01 April 2024		Collection Request (ICR) that EPA is planning to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "Chemical-Specific Rules under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Section 8(a); Certain Nanoscale Materials," identified by EPA ICR No. 2517.04 and OMB Control No. 2070-0194. This ICR represents the renewal of an existing ICR that is currently approved through 30 September 2024.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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