

11 January 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 30 December 2023 to 05 January 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/NU/SA/1923/A/td.1/Corr.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Liquid chemical categorization updates - Corrigendum	The following communication, dated 4 January 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NU/SA/1954/A/td.2</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 February 2024	Hydrofluorocarbons - Addendum	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is amending a provision of the recently finalized Technology Transitions Program under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act (AIM Act). This action allows one additional year, until 1 January 2026, solely for the installation of new residential and light commercial air conditioning and heat pump systems using components manufactured or imported prior to 1 January 2025. The existing 1 January 2025, compliance date for the installation of certain residential and light commercial air conditioning and heat pump systems may result in significant stranded inventory that was intended for new residential construction. EPA is promulgating this action to mitigate the potential for significant stranded inventory in this subsector. In addition, EPA is clarifying that residential ice makers are not included in the household refrigerator and freezer subsector under the Technology

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  - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
  - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				Transitions Rule and are not subject to the restrictions for that subsector. EPA is requesting comments on all aspects of this rule.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NU/SA/2084</a>	United States	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 February 2024</p>	Dioxane limits for household cleansing, personal care, and cosmetic products	Proposed rule - Notice is hereby given that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the New York Department of State. This rulemaking will implement the amendments to Article 35 and Article 37 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), adopted in 2019, which establish limits on the amount of 1,4-dioxane that can be present in household cleansing, personal care, and cosmetic products sold in the State. A public comment hearing for the proposed rule will be held before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) electronically via the Webex Events platform as follows. The electronic format is reasonably accessible to persons with impaired mobility Tuesday, 6 February 2024, 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time; Persons wishing to comment on the proposed rule will have the opportunity to make a statement at the public comment hearing webinar. Any person wishing to provide a public statement must register in advance of the hearing no later than 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on 5 February 2024. Any person who wishes only to observe the webinar online must also register. Any person may listen to the hearing by phone without pre-registration.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NU/KR/273/Add.d.1</a>	Ukraine	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	Detergents - Addendum	Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No 1370 "On Amendments to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of August 20, 2008 No. 717" on 22 December 2023.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NU/IS/R/680/Add.1</a>	Israel	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b></p>	Carbon dioxide - Addendum	The revision process of SI 388, dealing with carbon dioxide as a Mandatory Standard, was

		04 January 2024 <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated		revoked on 10 December 2023. The requirements of this standard were declared voluntary on 29 November 2023, as notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/1244/Add.1. Therefore, they do not affect trade and should not be notified or followed.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/C/HL/671</a>	Chile	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024 <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 04 March 2024	Chemicals & Mixtures	The procedure for prioritization and selection of chemicals of interest and the procedure for the risk assessment of such chemicals Substances.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/B/RA/954/Add.d.2</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 05 January 2024 <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Personal hygiene products, cosmetics, and perfumes - Addendum	The Resolution 752, 19 September 2022, previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/954/Add.1, was changed by Resolution 841, 18 December 2023.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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