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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 09 to 22 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the nine (9) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/RM/99	Armenia	Date of Distribution: 22 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 07 April 2024	Machinery, instrumentation and electrical engineering	The draft amendments to the Section 7 of the Chapter II of the Common sanitary-epidemiological and hygienic requirements for products subject to sanitary-epidemiological supervision (control) approved by the Decision of the Commission of the Customs Union dated 28 May, 2010 No. 299 provides for the updating the safety requirements for machinery, instrumentation and electrical engineering.
G/TBT/NB/WA/175	Botswana	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 May 2024	Respiratory protective devices : gas filter(s) and combined filter(s)	This document refers to gas filters and combined filters for use as replaceable components in unassisted respiratory protective devices (RPD) with the exception of escape devices. Filters for use against CO are excluded from this document. Laboratory tests are included for the assessment of compliance with the requirements. Some filters complying with this document can also be suitable for use with assisted respiratory protective devices and/or escape devices. If so they need to be tested and marked in accordance with the appropriate European Standard.
G/TBT/NB/WA/176	Botswana	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 May 2024	Respiratory protective devices : particle filters	This document specifies particle filters for use as replaceable components in unassisted respiratory protective devices (RPD) with the exception of escape devices and filtering face pieces. Laboratory tests are included for the assessment of compliance with the requirements. Some filters complying with this document can also be suitable for use with other types of respiratory protective devices and/or escape devices. If so, they need to be

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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				tested and marked according to the appropriate European Standard.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1295/Add.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Devices under the sanitary surveillance regime - Addendum	Normative Instruction 116, 21 December 2021 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1295 - which approves the list of Technical Standards for the certification of conformity of devices under the Sanitary Surveillance regime, will be revoked by Normative Instruction 283, 07 March 2024.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1448/Add.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Medical devices and in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical devices - Addendum	Draft resolution 1112, 6 September 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1448 - which contains provisions on the essential safety and performance requirements applicable to medical devices and in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical devices, was adopted as Resolution 848, 06 March 2024.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1495/Add.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Pandemic influenza vaccines - Addendum	Draft resolution 1180, 24 July 2023 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1495 - which contains provisions on the conditions and procedures for registering pre-pandemic influenza vaccines, updating to a pandemic strain and authorization for the use, marketing and monitoring of pandemic influenza vaccines, was adopted as Resolution 846, 06 March 2024
G/TBT/N/EGY/3/Add.6 Z	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 11 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Dentistry : operator's stool - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the draft of Egyptian Standard ES 4758 " dentistry - operator's stool " (15 page(s), in Arabic) This standard cancels and supersedes its last edition in 2005. It should be noted that Ministerial Decree No. 423/2005 (25 pages, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/3 dated 14 December 2005, mandated among others the earlier version of this Standard. Worth mentioning is that this draft standard is technically identical with ISO 7493/2006 (confirmed 2020).
G/TBT/N/NZL/131	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 12 March 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Medicinal cannabis	Medicinal cannabis products supplied in New Zealand are required to meet the pesticides requirements outlined in regulation 18 of the Misuse of Drugs (Medicinal Cannabis) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations). However, this requirement is currently unworkable, and changes are being proposed to

		Not Applicable		allow the use of certain active ingredients / agricultural chemicals to be used on cannabis intended to be used in products for inhalation, and to provide a mechanism where pesticides that are authorised for use on food crops can be used where products are intended for other routes of administration. The Ministry of Health is proposing a technical amendment to regulation 18 to broaden the pesticides that are permitted for use on medicinal cannabis in products and cannabis-based ingredients in New Zealand.
G/TBT/N/US/2105	United States	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 June 2024	New animal drugs labeling	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to revise the requirements for the content and format of labeling for approved or conditionally approved new animal drugs to provide for a more comprehensive set of requirements in one location in the Code of the Federal Register (CFR). As part of this revision, certain current requirements would be updated and moved, and certain obsolete requirements would be removed. The proposed requirements would apply to the labeling of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) new animal drugs, as well as new animal drugs for use in animal feeds.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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