

18 May 2022

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.tbims.wto.org) from 29 April to 06 May 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Member Countries:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/EU/888	EUROPEAN UNION	Date of Distribution: 02 May 2022 Deadline for Comments: 01 July 2022	Formaldehyde and formaldehyde releasers	This draft Regulation would amend Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 by adding the following restriction on: the placing on the market of articles where formaldehyde or formaldehyde releasing substances have been intentionally added in their production if, under the test conditions specified in the Appendix of the restriction, the concentration of formaldehyde released exceeds 0.062 mg/m ³ for wood-based articles and furniture, or 0.08 mg/m ³ for other articles
G/TBT/N/TP/KM/487	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	Date of Distribution: 04 May 2022 Deadline for Comments: 03 July 2022	Mixtures containing perfluorocarbons "PFCs" or hydrofluorocarbons "HFCs", but not containing chlorofluorocarbons "CFCs" or hydrochlorofluorocarbons "HCFCs"	The Environmental Protection Administration is proposing to revise to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Management Act to establish a resilient system that can react quickly to impacts of climate change and expedite the transition to net zero emission by introducing carbon tax and incentives for development of low carbon technology

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G/TBT/N/TP/KM/488	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	Date of Distribution: 04 May 2022 Deadline for Comments: 03 July 2022	Asbestos containing products	The Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) announced asbestos as a Class 2 toxic chemical substance on 1 May 1989. Relevant regulations for handling of asbestos have been amended several times, and the use of asbestos has gradually been restricted.
G/TBT/N/URY/62	URUGUAY	Date of Distribution: 04 May 2022 Deadline for Comments: 02 July 2022	Hypochlorite-based household sanitary products	The notified draft Decree incorporates into national legislation GMC Resolution No. 03/19 approving "MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on hypochloritebased household sanitary products" (Repeal of GMC Resolution No. 57/98).
G/TBT/N/USA/1857	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Date of Distribution: 04 May 2022 Deadline for Comments: 05 July 2022	Menthol in cigarettes	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is proposing a tobacco product standard that would prohibit menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes
G/TBT/N/USA/1858	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Date of Distribution: 04 May 2022 Deadline for Comments: 05 July 2022	Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is proposing a tobacco product standard that would prohibit characterizing flavors (other than tobacco) in all cigars and their components and parts

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph, copy Mrs. Catherine Antonio-Paguinto (CatherineAntonio@dti.gov.ph) and Ms. Jasmin E. Metre (JasminMetre@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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