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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.tbims.wto.org) from 01 January - 04 February 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the two (2) notified draft technical regulations from two (2) WTO Member Countries:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/USA/1829	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 February 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 04 April 2022</p>	Organics; Farming and forestry (ICS 65.020), Processes in the food industry (ICS 67.020), Food products in general (ICS 67.040)	This rule proposes to add low-acyl gellan gum, a food additive used as a thickener, gelling agent, and stabilizer; and paper-based crop planting aids to the National List, along with a definition of paper-based crop planting aids. If finalized, low-acyl gellan gum would be allowed as an ingredient in processed organic products, and paper-based crop planting aids would be allowed in organic crop production.
G/TBT/N/VN/M/216	Viet Nam	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 February 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 06 March 2022</p>	Product and goods in general	This draft Circular guides in detail the labeling of a number of mandatory contents by electronic method specified in Clause 5, Article 1 of Decree No. 111/2021/ND-CP dated December 9, 2021, section amending and supplementing Clause 4 Article 10 of Decree No. 43/2017/ND-CP dated April 14, 2017 of the Government on goods labels.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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