

09 January 2023

## 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 17 to 23 December 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the ten (10) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/AUS/116/Add.1</a>	Australia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 21 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Industrial chemicals - Addendum	Australia notifies that the draft legislation notified on 27 February 2020 by the World Trade Organization in document G/TBT/N/AUS/116 entered into force on the following dates: Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Act 2021 – 27 March 2021 Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Principles 2022 - 9 November 2022 Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management (Register) Instrument 2022 – 16 December 2022
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/AUS/150</a>	Australia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 February 2023	Organic and bio-dynamic products	The Australian Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is advising the release the Australian National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce Edition 3.8 to supersede the previous edition 3.7 dated September 2016. Australia is allowing a sixty (60 days) comment period.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BOL/9/Add.1</a>	Bolivia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Cosmetic products - Addendum	The purpose of the Andean Technical Regulation is to establish the labeling or labeling requirements that cosmetic products marketed in the territories of the Countries must comply with. Members of the

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#### Membership:

- 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)

				Andean Community, in order to prevent practices that may mislead consumers or users about the characteristics of these products and protect health or safety human.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/306/Add.2</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Cosmetics perfumed liquids - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 561/2022 (2 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 3570 "Cosmetics- perfumed liquids"(51 pages, in Arabic).
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1224/Add.1</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Vinyl chloride monomer in PVC packages and in the packaged product - Addendum	The following communication, dated 21 December 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Israel.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/313/Add.1</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Detergent grade : zeolite - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Tanzania Standard; TBS/CDC 2 (5793) P3 TBS/CDC 2 (5793) P3 Zeolite - detergent grade- Specification notified in G/TBT/N/TZA/313 entered into force on 1 April 2022 as Tanzania Standard, TZS 2592:2021 Zeolite Detergent Grade – Specification This specification can be purchased by contacting the TBT NEP through nep@tbs.go.tz
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/314/Add.1</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Household laundry detergent bars - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Tanzania Standard; TBS/CDC-2(5795) P3 Household laundry detergent bars – Specification notified in G/TBT/N/TZA/314 entered into force on 1 April 2022 as Tanzania Standard, TZS 2593:2021 Household

				laundry detergent bars - Specification. This specification can be purchased by contacting the TBT NEP through nep@tbs.go.tz
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1949/Corr.1</a>	United States	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 19 December 2022</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 January 2023</p>	Certain chemical substances - Corrigendum	EPA is issuing a correction to a proposed rule that published in the Federal Register of Friday, 2 December 2022, in which EPA proposed significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) and are also subject to Orders issued by EPA pursuant to TSCA. This document corrects an inadvertent error in the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) Registry number identified for Phosphonium, tributyl (2-methoxypropyl)-, salt with 1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,4-nonafluoro-N-methyl-1-butanefluorocarbonylsulfonamide (1:1) (PMN Number P-03-77).
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1954</a>	United States	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 19 December 2022</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 January 2023</p>	Hydrofluorocarbons	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to issue regulations to implement certain provisions of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act, as enacted on 27 December 2020. This rulemaking proposes to: restrict the use of hydrofluorocarbons in specific sectors or subsectors in which they are used; establish a process for submitting technology transitions petitions; establish recordkeeping and reporting requirements; and address certain other elements related to the effective implementation of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act. The proposed restrictions on the

				<p>use of hydrofluorocarbons would, in part, address petitions granted on 7 October 2021, and 19 September 2022. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is also seeking advance information on certain topics that may be helpful to developing a future proposed rule including on restrictions on the use of hydrofluorocarbons for certain other sectors and subsectors and on a third-party auditing program to verify substances used in products.</p>
<p><a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1955</a></p>	<p>United States</p>	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 December 2022</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	<p>Chemical industry: n-Methylpyrrolidone</p>	<p>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the final revision to the risk determination for the n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) risk evaluation issued under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The revision to the NMP risk determination reflects the announced policy change. The revision to the NMP risk determination reflects the announced policy changes to ensure the public is protected from unreasonable risks from chemicals in a way that is supported by science and the law. EPA determined that NMP, as a whole chemical substance, presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health when evaluated under its conditions of use. In addition, this revised risk determination does not reflect an assumption that workers always appropriately wear personal protective equipment (PPE). EPA understands that there could be adequate occupational safety protections in place at</p>

				<p>certain workplace locations; however, not assuming use of PPE reflects EPA's recognition that unreasonable risk may exist for subpopulations of workers that may be highly exposed because they are not covered by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, or their employers are out of compliance with OSHA standards, or because many of OSHA's chemical-specific permissible exposure limits largely adopted in the 1970's are described by OSHA as being "outdated and inadequate for ensuring protection of worker health," or because OSHA has not issued a chemical-specific permissible exposure limit (PEL) (as is the case for NMP), or because EPA finds unreasonable risk for purposes of TSCA notwithstanding OSHA requirements. This revision supersedes the condition of use-specific no unreasonable risk determinations in the December 2020 NMP Risk Evaluation and withdraws the associated TSCA order included in the December 2020 NMP Risk Evaluation.</p>
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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