

22 March 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) from 11 to 17 March 2023.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BDI/136/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Fresh cut flowers - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 286-1: 2021, Cut flowers and cut foliage — Part 1: Fresh cut flowers — Specification, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/136, G/TBT/N/KEN/1118, G/TBT/N/RWA/515, G/TBT/N/TZA/625 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1377 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/NEU/961	European Union	Date of Distribution: 17 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 May 2023	Pesticides - Residues - Dimoxystrobin	This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance dimoxystrobin is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. EU Member States shall withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing dimoxystrobin as an active substance. The non-renewal of approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly assessed and

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				approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC.
G/TBT/N/U KR/248	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 16 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 May 2023	Agricultural and forestry tractors, their trailers and interchangeable towed machinery, systems, components and separate technical units	The draft Resolution provides for the introduction of a procedure for approving the type of single samples of agricultural and forestry vehicles and batches of such samples; defines the form of a certificate of approval of the type of single sample of a vehicle; and eliminates terminological inconsistencies.
G/TBT/N/U SA/1971	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 06 September 2023	Tobacco products	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, we, or Agency) is proposing to establish tobacco product manufacturing practice requirements for manufacturers of finished and bulk tobacco products. This proposed rule, if finalized, would set forth the requirements with which finished and bulk tobacco product manufacturers must comply in the manufacture, preproduction design validation, packing, and storage of finished and bulk tobacco products, to assure that the public health is protected and that tobacco products are in compliance with chapter IX of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act).

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 bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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