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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 21 to 27 January 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

| Document Symbol | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates | Products Covered | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/CHL/620 | Chile | Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023 | Agricultural pesticides | Through Resolution 7128/2022, changes were introduced to Resolution 1557/2014, "Which establishes requirements for the authorization of pesticides", which in substance incorporates one more option of evaluation and authorization of pesticides for agricultural use, for those who have submitted to the scheme recognition of the registration or authorization process of an active substance identical to a pesticide already authorized by the competent authority in the United States of America or in the European Union, adding the requirements and conditions necessary to qualify for the recognition. |
| G/TBT/N/JPN/762 | Japan | Date of Distribution: 26 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 26 March 2023 | Co-formulants (non-active substance used in agricultural chemicals) | Co-formulants are used together with active substances in agricultural chemicals to stabilize effects of the active substances. To date, there has been no independent regulation on co-formulants, although their safety has been confirmed through acute toxicity studies with formulations of agricultural chemicals containing coformulants. |
| G/TBT/N/NZL/119 | New Zealand | Date of Distribution: 27 January 2023 | Single use vaping products | Regulatory proposal 5 of the Smoked Tobacco Regulatory Regime proposes to extend vaping packaging and product |

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| | | Deadline for Comments: 27 March 2023 | | restrictions, including restricting flavour names of vaping products to minimise their appeal to youth, and extending product safety requirements for disposable vaping products. |
| G/TBT/N/RW/A/759 | Rwanda | Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023 | Roasted sesame seeds | This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for roasted sesame seeds from the varieties (<i>Sesamum indicum</i> L.) intended for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/RW/A/765 | Rwanda | Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023 | Cockroach insecticides: bait formulations | This Committee Draft prescribes the requirements, sampling and test methods for bait formulations used as insecticides against cockroaches in public health settings. |
| G/TBT/N/UG/A/1731 | Uganda | Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023 | Organic fertilizer | This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for organic fertilizers. Organic fertilizers are naturally available mineral sources that contain moderate amount of plant essential nutrients. They are capable of mitigating problems associated with synthetic fertilizers. They reduce the necessity of repeated application of synthetic fertilizers to maintain soil fertility. |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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