

21 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 04 to 10 March 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from Brazil, Switzerland, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BRA/1341/A dd.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 09 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes - Addendum	The Resolution – RDC number 646, 24 March 2022 – previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1341 – Which contains provisions on the obligation to describe the composition in Portuguese on the labelling of personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes, was modified by Resolution – RDC number 773, 15 February 2023.
G/TBT/N/CH/276	Switzerland	Date of Distribution: 06 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 May 2023	Dangerous substances	Annex 2: The technical regulations for the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and preparations will be updated and thus adapted to technical progress in the EU (19th and 20th ATP of the EU CLP Regulation): For two groups of substances (borates/ethylhexanoic acid and its salts), stricter criteria for classification with regard to reprotoxicity (additivity principle) are to be introduced. Annex 3: Ten substances are included in the candidate list of substance of very high concern. This listing triggers information obligations along the supply chain.
G/TBT/N/USA/1369/A dd.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 09 March 2023	Surface coating emissions - Addendum	This action finalizes the technology review (TR) conducted for the Wood Preserving Area Sources category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP). While the

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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making no changes to the existing standards as a result of the TR, this action establishes minor editorial and formatting changes to the Wood Preserving Area Sources NESHAP table of applicable general provisions. In addition, the EPA is finalizing technical corrections to the Surface Coating of Wood Building Products NESHAP.
G/TBT/N/U SA/1882/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 09 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Chemical substances - Addendum	EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). The SNURs require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this rule to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the use, under the conditions of use for that chemical substance, within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required by that determination.
G/TBT/N/U SA/1970	United States	Date of Distribution: 06 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 02 May 2023	Hazardous materials	Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) - PHMSA proposes amendments to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to update, clarify, improve the safety of, or streamline various regulatory requirements. Specifically, this rulemaking responds to 18 petitions for rulemaking submitted by the regulated community between May 2018 and October 2020 that requests PHMSA address a variety

				of provisions, including but not limited to those addressing packaging, hazard communication, and the incorporation by reference of certain documents. These proposed revisions maintain or enhance the existing high level of safety under the HMR while providing clarity and appropriate regulatory flexibility in the transport of hazardous materials.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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