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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 13 notified draft technical regulations from seven (7) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/CAN/631/Add.1	Canada	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Hazardous products - Addendum	<p>The Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), developed by the United Nations, is designed to standardize hazard classification and communication, such as labelling, for hazardous chemicals across various countries. Canada implemented the 5th revised edition of the GHS as the Hazardous Products Regulations on 11 February 2015. Under the authority of the Hazardous Products Act, Canada amended the Hazardous Products Regulations to align with the 7th revised edition of the GHS and with select provisions from the 8th revised edition of the GHS, to provide greater clarity or additional precision to specific provisions, amend specific provisions to better reflect their original intent, and address administrative updates. As a result of the proposed amendments to the Hazardous Products Regulations, the Hazardous Products Act also required amendments to Schedule 2.</p>

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G/TBT/N/EU/947	European Union	Date of Distribution: 24 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2023	Biocidal products : ozone generated from oxygen	<p>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves ozone generated from oxygen as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 2, 4, 5 and 11.</p> <p>The opinions of the European Chemicals Agency can be found on its website (http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/biocidal-products-regulation/approval-of-active-substances/bpc-opinions-on-active-substance-approval).</p>
G/TBT/N/EU/948	European Union	Date of Distribution: 24 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2023	Biocidal products : (13Z)-Hexadec-13-en-11-yn-1-yl acetate	<p>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves (13Z)-Hexadec-13-en-11-yn-1-yl acetate as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 19.</p> <p>The opinion of the European Chemicals Agency can be found on its website (http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/biocidal-products-regulation/approval-of-active-substances/bpc-opinions-on-active-substance-approval).</p>
G/TBT/N/ISR/1279	Israel	Date of Distribution: 24 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2023	Cosmetics	<p>New draft regulations announced by Israel's Ministry of Health called "Pharmacists' Regulations (Cosmetics), 5783-2022".</p> <p>The proposed regulations aim to establish requirements and instructions for cosmetic products, while setting high and professional requirements for the production, marketing, and import that will ensure the safety, quality, and efficiency of and the protection of public health.</p>
G/TBT/N/KW/T/631	The State of Kuwait	Date of Distribution: 25 January 2023	Synthetic detergents: household synthetic	<p>This Kuwait mandatory standard specifies requirement for household synthetic detergent powders,</p>

		Deadline for Comments: 25 March 2023	detergent powder	which are mainly intended for washing clothes and fabric.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/792	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Oils for cosmetic use	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for castor oil for cosmetic industry.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/795	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Oils for cosmetic use	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for macadamia oil for cosmetic industry.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/797	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Pesticides - Pyrethrum-based insecticide formulation to be used as spray treatment	This Draft Rwanda Standard prescribes the requirements, sampling and test methods for pyrethrum-based insecticide formulation to be used as spray treatment (aerosol dispensers, AE) with the aim of protecting crops, animals or public health from insects' pest or vectors.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/798	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Herbal cosmetic products	This Draft Rwanda Standard primarily provides general requirements for herbal cosmetic products aimed at ensuring the safety, efficacy and quality of these products for consumers. This document does not apply to cosmetic products intended to be used for medicinal purpose.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/807	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments:	Herbal jelly	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for herbal petroleum jelly. It does not apply to products intended to be used for medicinal purpose.

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G/TBT/N/UKR/222/Rev.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Hazardous chemicals - Revision	<p>The draft Resolution provides for the approval of the List of hazardous chemicals, the use of which is prohibited in Ukraine.</p> <p>The draft Resolution is developed to implement Council Directive 98/24/EC of 7 April 1998 on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work (fourteenth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) as regards the adoption of a list of hazardous chemicals prohibited for production and use at work, which will be further revised and supplemented.</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/571/Add.1/Corr.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 26 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Safe transport of hazardous materials - Corrigendum	<p>The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is correcting the final rule that appeared in the Federal Register on 27 December 2022. The final rule made editorial revisions and clarifications to the hazardous materials regulations including the hazardous materials table. The corrections address several errors to the hazardous material entries in the hazardous materials table.</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/1960	United States	Date of Distribution: 27 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 27 March 2023	Chemical substances: per- and poly-fluoroalkyl chemical substances	<p>Proposed rule - Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA is proposing a significant new use rule (SNUR) for those per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that have not been manufactured (including imported) or processed for many years and are consequently designated as inactive on the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory. PFAS are a group</p>

				<p>of chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s because of their useful properties, such as water and stain resistance. Many PFAS break down very slowly and can build up in people, animals, and the environment over time. Exposure at certain levels to specific PFAS can adversely impact human health and other living things. Persons subject to the SNUR would be required to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing any manufacture (including import) or processing of the chemical substance for a significant new use. Once EPA receives a notification, EPA must review and make an affirmative determination on the notification, and take such action as is required by any such determination before the manufacture (including import) or processing for the significant new use can commence. Such a review will assess whether the use may present unreasonable risk to health or the environment and ensure that EPA can prevent future unsafe environmental releases of the PFAS subject to this SNUR.</p>
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