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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 29 April to 05 May 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the two (2) notified draft technical regulations from United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/US/1970A/1	United States	Date of Distribution: 02 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 June 2023	Hazardous materials - Addendum	On 3 March 2023, PHMSA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), entitled "Hazardous Materials: Adoption of Miscellaneous Petitions and Updating Regulatory Requirements (HM- 219D)," proposing changes to update, clarify, improve the safety of, or streamline various regulatory requirements. In response to a request for an extension of the comment period submitted by Worthington Industries, PHMSA is extending the comment period for the HM-219D NPRM for an additional 45 days. Comments to the HM-219D NPRM will now be due by 16 June 2023.
G/TBT/N/US/1988	United States	Date of Distribution: 04 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 July 2023	Methylene chloride	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to address the unreasonable risk of injury to human health presented by methylene chloride under its conditions of use as documented in EPA's June 2020 Risk Evaluation for Methylene Chloride and November 2022 revised risk determination for methylene chloride prepared under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). TSCA requires that EPA address by rule any unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment identified in a TSCA risk evaluation and apply requirements to the extent necessary so that the chemical no longer presents unreasonable risk. Methylene

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				chloride, also known as dichloromethane, is acutely lethal, a neurotoxicant, a likely human carcinogen, and presents cancer and non-cancer risks following chronic exposures as well as acute risks. Central nervous system depressant effects can result in loss of consciousness and respiratory depression, resulting in irreversible coma, hypoxia, and eventual death, including 85 documented fatalities from 1980 to 2018, a majority of which were occupational fatalities (see Unit II.A.).
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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