

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 six (6) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BDI/175/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Medical cotton swabs - Addendum	Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1070: 2021, Medical cotton swabs — Specification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/175, G/TBT/N/RWA/566, G/TBT/N/TZA/663 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1497 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/N/BDI/176/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Cotton ear buds - Addendum	Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1069: 2021, Cotton ear bud — Specification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/176, G/TBT/N/RWA/567, G/TBT/N/TZA/664 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1498 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/N/CAN/685/Add.1	Canada	Date of Distribution: 13 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Drugs and medical devices - Addendum	The purpose of this Notification is to inform stakeholders that the opportunity to comment on the Agile Licensing package (G/TBT/N/CAN/685) amending the Food and Drug Regulations and Medical Device Regulations, under the Food and Drugs Act has been extended.

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Membership:

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				The consultation period that opened on 17 December 2022 has now been extended from 27 March 2023 to 26 April 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The purpose of this Notification is to inform stakeholders that the opportunity to comment on the Agile Licensing package (G/TBT/N/CAN/685) amending the Food and Drug Regulations and Medical Device Regulations, under the Food and Drugs Act has been extended.
G/TBT/N/JPN/765	Japan	Date of Distribution: 13 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Shitei Yakubutsu	Proposal for the additional designation of 7 substances as Shitei Yakubutsu, and their proper uses under the Act.
G/TBT/N/PER/143/Add.1/Corr.1	Peru	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Medicinal and therapeutic use of cannabis and its derivatives - Corrigendum	Through Supreme Decree No. 004-2023-SA published on February 28, 2023, the Regulation that regulates the medicinal and therapeutic use of cannabis and its derivatives is approved, which was notified in the project stage with the document G/TBT/N/PER/143.
G/TBT/N/USA/1464/Add.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Mammography quality standards - Addendum	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, or we) is issuing a final rule to update the mammography regulations that were issued under the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992 (MQSA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act). We are issuing updates to modernize the regulations by incorporating current science and mammography best practices. These updates are intended to improve the delivery of mammography services by strengthening the communication of healthcare information; allowing for more informed decision making by patients and providers (by requiring facilities to provide them

				with additional health information); helping to ensure the availability of qualified mammography personnel; bolstering the medical outcomes audit to provide feedback to improve mammography interpretations; modernizing technological aspects of the standards; and adding additional tools to deal with noncompliant facilities.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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