

30 January 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 14 to 20 January 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from Kenya and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/KEN/1369	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2023	Disposable bamboo tableware	This standard specification is concerned with the specification and methods of testing applied to " Disposable Bamboo tableware " made from bamboo such as plates, cups, spoons, forks, cutlery, etc. which are used only once.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1372	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2023	Bamboo toothpicks and skewers	This standard specifies the product types, technical requirements, inspection methods, inspection rules, identification, packaging, transportation and storage of bamboo toothpicks and skewers. This standard applies to bamboo toothpicks and skewers used for tooth picking, food, and beauty industry. This standard does not apply to coated bamboo toothpicks and skewers.
G/TBT/N/USA/1817/Add.1	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 18 March 2023	Dishwashers - Addendum	The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is amending the current test procedures for dishwashers, adopting a new test procedure appendix, incorporating by reference Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers ("AHAM") standards--AHAM DW-1-2020 and DW-2-2020--and applying certain provisions

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				<p>of the industry standards to the test procedures appendices. The amendments to the current appendix establish requirements for water hardness, relative humidity, and loading pattern; update requirements for ambient temperature, detergent dosage, and standby power measurement; and include testing approaches from published dishwasher waivers. The new test procedure appendix additionally includes provisions for a minimum cleaning index threshold to validate the selected test cycle and updated annual number of cycles and low-power mode hours for the calculation of annual energy consumption.</p>
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Sincerely,

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