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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 three (3) notified draft technical regulations from New Zealand and Panama:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/NZL/103/Add.2	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 24 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Specific single-use plastic items : straws, cotton buds, drink stirrers, tableware (plates, trays, bowls) and cutlery, produce bags, plastic cups and lids (excluding disposable coffee cups) and non[...]table fruit stickers - Addendum	The Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Amendment Regulations 2022 were finalised on 28 November 2022, giving effect to Tranche 2 proposals as notified in Reducing the impact of plastic on our environment - moving away from hard-to-recycle and single-use items: consultation document. This document signalled our intention to phase out problematic single-use and hard-to-recycle plastic items over three tranches. The Tranche 2 proposals will enter into force on 1 July 2023.
G/TBT/N/NZL/103/Add.2/Corr.1	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 26 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Specific single-use plastic items : straws, cotton buds, drink stirrers, tableware (plates, trays, bowls) and cutlery, produce bags, plastic cups and lids (excluding disposable coffee cups) and non[...]le	This corrigendum corrects a technical issue with the link to the final measure in New Zealand's notification G/TBT/N/NZL/103/Add.2. The text of the final measure is available from: Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SL 2022/312) Contents – New Zealand Legislation

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			fruit stickers - Corrigendum	
G/TBT/N/PAN/125	Panama	Date of Distribution: 24 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2023	Single-use plastic products: plastic ear swabs, plastic laundry covers, plastic egg packs, disposable plastic stirrers, plastic whisks, disposable plastic plates	Procedure for the imported product, national product procedure.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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