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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 18 to 24 March 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulation from United Kingdom:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/G/BR/57	United Kingdom	<p>Date of Distribution: 20 March 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 18 May 2023</p>	Plastic plates etc. and polystyrene containers	<p>These regulations will apply to all businesses that operate in England.</p> <p>These regulations will introduce a ban on the supply of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single-use plastic cutlery • single-use balloon sticks • single-use expanded and extruded polystyrene food and beverage containers • single-use expanded and extruded polystyrene cups. • single-use plastic plates, bowls and trays that are not for packaging <p>The restriction will not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plastic plates, bowls and trays that are used as packaging • other single use plastic food and beverage containers • other single use plastic cups <p>The definition of packaging is that used in regulation 3 of the Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2015 (b). For example, a plate, bowl, or tray pre-filled with food or a plate, bowl, or tray filled with food at the point of sale will not be banned. Breach of these prohibitions will be an offence under the regulations. The regulations confer powers on enforcement authorities to impose civil sanctions, including monetary penalties and stop notices, in addition to criminal prosecution.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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