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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 07 to 13 January 2023.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/PAN/124	Panama	Date of Distribution: 09 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 09 March 2023	Single-use plastic products	The general objective of the notified Executive Decree is to establish criteria to guarantee that single-use plastics are reduced and gradually replaced by sustainable alternatives that are less harmful to the environment and human health, in accordance with the time frames and guidelines established in the law.
G/TBT/N/GB/R/51/Add.1	United Kingdom	Date of Distribution: 13 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 13 March 2023	Single-use plastic products - Addendum	The introduction of The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill will make it an offence for a person to supply or offer to supply (including for free), the following commonly littered and unnecessary disposable single-use plastic (SUP) products to a consumer in Wales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · plates · cutlery · drinks stirrers · drinking straws (including attached straws) · cups made of polystyrene · takeaway food containers made of polystyrene · cup and takeaway food container lids made of polystyrene · plastic-stemmed cotton buds · sticks for balloons · oxo-degradable products

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · plastic single-use carrier bags (SUCBs) <p>Initially proposed in 2020, the scope of the proposals have been expanded to tackle the negative impacts of plastic pollution on our environment,</p>
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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