

29 September 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 09 to 15 September 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the seven (7) notified draft technical regulations from Australia, Switzerland, and India:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/AUS/151/Add.1</a>	Australia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 September 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 November 2023	Vape liquids, e-liquids and e-juices that contain nicotine and / or nicotine salts - Addendum	In notification G/TBT/N/AUS/151, it was advised that Australia is considering potential reforms primarily to the regulation of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDs). The scope of the proposed reforms has expanded to cover all vapes, including electronic non-nicotine delivery systems (ENNDs). The proposed reforms to ENDs previously notified are still being pursued. However, subject to further consultation, it is now intended that all vapes (both e-liquids and devices used to produce vapour) will be prohibited unless they are therapeutic products to be used for smoking cessation or to treat nicotine addiction in accordance with Australia's therapeutic goods legislation. It is also intended to prohibit all single use disposable vapes.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CH/281</a>	Switzerland	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 September 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 November 2023	Tobacco products and electronic cigarettes	The notified draft Ordinance on tobacco products and electronic cigarettes regulates, in particular: – the definition and classification of similar products (such as heated plant-based products, nicotine-containing products for snuffing and tobacco-free products for a water pipe), as well as specific requirements for these

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				<p>products;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the presentation of the warnings defined in the Federal Law on tobacco products;</li> <li>– the content of combined warnings for tobacco products for smoking and plant-based products for smoking;</li> <li>– the obligations of companies, particularly their duties in terms of self-monitoring and product declarations;</li> <li>– the tasks performed by the enforcement authorities, particularly controls and test purchases.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ND/298</a>	India	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 November 2023</p>	Pesticides - Residues - Ethylene oxide	<p>Ethylene oxide is used in organic synthesis, especially in the production of ethylene glycol. It forms starting material for the manufacture of acrylonitrile and non-ionic surfactants. It is also used as a fumigant for foodstuffs and in textiles and pharmaceutical industry. So, for protection of human health and environment, the BIS standard of Ethylene oxide needs to be made mandatory.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ND/299</a>	India	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 November 2023</p>	Residues - Captafol	<p>Captafol is a fungicide. It is used to control almost all fungal diseases of plants except powdery mildews. It is also used to control certain seed- and soil-borne organisms. So, for protection of human health and environment, the BIS standard of Captafol needs to be made mandatory.</p> <p>The locally manufactured or imported Captafol shall conform to the Indian Standard (IS 10300: 2023) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) as per Scheme-II of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian</p>

				Standards Act, 2016 and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ND/300</a>	India	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 September 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 November 2023	Fertilizers - Urea	<p>Industrial Grade Urea is used in production of Water-soluble fertilizers, Dyes and Pigment industries, cattle feed. It also used in manufacturing of Urea Formaldehyde resin, production of Diesel exhaust fluid for pollution abatement, plywood and adhesive industries. So, for protection of human health and environment, the BIS standard of Industrial Grade Urea needs to be made mandatory.</p> <p>The locally manufactured or imported Industrial Grade Urea shall conform to the Indian Standard IS 1781: 2022, and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) as per Scheme-II of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ND/301</a>	India	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 September 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 November 2023	Monocrotophos	<p>Monocrotophos, technical, exists in two isomeric forms, namely, cis isomer and trans isomer. Of these two isomeric forms, only the cis isomer is effective.</p> <p>This is a systemic as well as contact insecticide and employed in the preparation of pesticidal formulations for the control of insect and acarine pests of agricultural crops. So, for protection of human health and environment, the BIS standard of Monocrotophos needs to be made mandatory.</p>

				<p>The locally manufactured or imported Monocrotophos shall conform to the Indian Standard (IS 8025: 1990) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) as per Scheme-II of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ND/302</a>	India	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 November 2023</p>	Sodium Cyanide	<p>Sodium cyanide finds extensive use in the extraction of gold and silver from ores, in ore floatation process, pharmaceuticals and complexing agents, synthesis of intermediate compounds for preparation of hydrocyanic acid, heat treatment salts, preparation of metallic salts, etc, This is also used as insecticides/weedicides; in the preparation of cyanuric chloride, cleaning of metals, as fumigant and in the manufacture of dyes and pigments and nylon intermediate. So, for protection of human health and environment, the BIS standard of Sodium cyanide needs to be made mandatory.</p> <p>The locally manufactured or imported Sodium cyanide shall conform to the Indian Standard IS 11782: 1986, and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) as per Scheme-II of Schedule-II of the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018. The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 and the Rules and</p>

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