

26 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) from 16 to 22 September 2023.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/E/CU/503/A2	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 20 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Chemical and biological pesticides - Addendum	The Republic of Ecuador communicates and makes known Addendum 1 corresponding to the Project of Partial Reform to the Substitute Technical Health Regulations to obtain notification health, control and surveillance of pesticides for domestic, industrial and public health use, for the corresponding period of observations.
G/TBT/N/USA/2047	United States	Date of Distribution: 18 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 October 2023	Pet food labeling	This proposal would amend the Labeling and Licensing Requirements of Sections 19025 and 19041 (respectively) of the regulations set forth in Title 17, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) which relate to the Pure Pet Food Act of 1969 (Act). Regarding labeling, the amendment would permit pet food producers who meet the requirements set forth in Section 19025 to use the terms "human grade" and "natural" in describing their processed pet food products, delete unclear and non-specific language related to the term human grade, and incorporate labeling guidelines from the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) Pet Food and Specialty Pet Food Labeling Guide (Labeling Guide). Regarding licensing, the amendment to Section 19041 would align the fees

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				and licensing period noted in the regulations with the fees and licensing period set forth in the Health and Safety Code. Finally, non-substantive changes are also proposed "producers" or a "producer"). Existing regulations set forth in Section 19025 do not address the use of "natural" on a processed pet food label.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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