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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 04 to 10 November 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/CHN/1767	China	Date of Distribution: 08 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 06 January 2024	Cosmetics	The document is to strengthen the supervision of inspecting for cosmetics, and safeguard the consumers' health.
G/TBT/N/EU/1028	European Union	Date of Distribution: 07 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 February 2024	Detergents and surfactants	The proposed Regulation replaces Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 and amends Regulation (EU) 2019/1020. Compared to Regulation (EC) No 648/2004, the proposed Regulation introduces safety requirements for micro-organisms in detergents and digital labelling. It also requires that a product passport including a compliance information is created for detergents and surfactants. Finally, the proposed Regulation simplifies and updates the rules for detergents by abolishing certain redundant requirements and by taking into account new market and regulatory developments.

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G/TBT/N/EU/1031	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 09 November 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 07 January 2024</p>	Fluorinated greenhouse gases	This Commission proposal, inter alia, imposes quantitative limits for the placing on the market of hydrofluorocarbons and also imposes conditions on the import, export, placing on the market, further supply and use of fluorinated greenhouse gases and specific products and equipment containing or relying on those gases.
G/TBT/N/ARE/595	United Arab Emirates	<p>Date of Distribution: 06 November 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 04 January 2024</p>	Hazardous materials	This gulf technical regulation is concerned to ensure the safe production, transport, handling, use and disposal of hazardous materials in the line with GHS requirements: 1) the criteria for classifying substances and mixtures in accordance to their health, environmental and physical hazards; and 2) the hazard communication elements, including requirements for safety data sheets and labels.
G/TBT/N/GBR/60/Add.1	United Kingdom	<p>Date of Distribution: 07 November 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Hazardous chemical substances - Addendum	The Ministerial decision, made with consent of the Devolved Governments (Scottish and Welsh Government Ministers), was adopted on 23 September 2023, published on 20 October 2023, and enters into force on 20 October 2023 (voluntary), 20 April 2025 (mandatory). The classification (Article 15 of the GB CLP Regulation) and labelling (Article 30 of the GB CLP Regulation) of the new/revised GB MCLs for the 98 substances should be reviewed and updated by duty holders without undue delay. Compliance with the amended 98 GB MCLs must be completed by 20 April 2025.
G/TBT/N/USA/1629/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 07 November 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 21 November 2023</p>	Toxic chemicals in children's products - Addendum	House Bill (HB) 3043 (Oregon Laws 2023, chapter 426) was passed by the Oregon Legislature during the 2023 legislative session and signed into law by Governor Tina Kotek. The law modifies existing statute (2015 Toxic Free Kids Act). This

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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