

24 October 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 14 to 20 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from India and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/298/Corr.2</a>	India	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 October 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Pesticides - Residues - Ethylene oxide - Corrigendum	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.
G/TBT/N/USA/2059	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 October 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 18 December 2023	Hydrofluorocarbons	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to issue regulations to implement certain provisions of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020. This rulemaking proposes to establish a program for the management of hydrofluorocarbons that includes requirements for leak repair and use of automatic leak detection systems for certain equipment using refrigerants containing hydrofluorocarbons and certain substitutes; requirements for the use of reclaimed hydrofluorocarbons in certain sectors or subsectors; the use of recycled hydrofluorocarbons in fire suppression equipment; recovery of hydrofluorocarbons from cylinders; container tracking;

## BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS

3F Trade and Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue  
1200 Makati City, Philippines  
☎ (+632) 791.3124, 751.3126  
✉ [bps@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

☎ (+632) 751.4700  
🌐 [www.bps.dti.gov.ph](http://www.bps.dti.gov.ph)

### Membership:

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
  - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
  - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				and certain recordkeeping, reporting, and labeling requirements.
G/TBT/N/US/2060	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 October 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 04 December 2023	Ozone-depleting substances	This action proposes to establish recordkeeping and reporting requirements for uses of ozone-depleting substances as process agents and to update definitions to reflect current practice. Codified recordkeeping and reporting requirements would provide clear and consistent notice each year of information EPA collects, aggregates, and reports as a party to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer; effectively monitor these narrow uses in a more routine and consistent manner under the Clean Air Act; and enhance understanding of emissions of substances harmful to the ozone layer.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at [BPS@dti.gov.ph](mailto:BPS@dti.gov.ph) copy [bps.smd@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps.smd@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**NEIL P. CATAJAY**  
Director