

06 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) from 23 to 29 September 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from Australia and New Zealand:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/US/162	Australia	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 September 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 28 November 2023</p>	Persistent organic pollutants : decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) and nonabromodiphenyl ether (nonaBDE) ; octabromodiphenyl ether (octaBDE), heptabromodiphenyl ether (heptaBDE) and hexabromodiphenyl[. .]hexabromocyclododecane (HBCDD)	The Industrial Chemicals Environmental Management Standard (IChEMS) has been developed by all Australian governments to efficiently and effectively manage the risks of industrial chemicals to the environment, while providing consistent requirements for businesses across Australia. The IChEMS Register records standards for the environmental management of chemicals, including risk management measures for specific industrial uses. In turn, the Australian federal government and each state and territory government will enact legislation to implement the standards in their jurisdictions.
G/TBT/NA/US/163	Australia	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 September 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 29 November 2023</p>	Industrial chemicals	The consultation paper invites public comments on a suite of proposals relating to categorisation, reporting and record-keeping obligations - through proposed amendments to the Industrial Chemicals (General) Rules 2019 and the Industrial Chemicals Categorisation Guidelines administered by the Australian Industrial

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				<p>Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS). Key proposals in this consultation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacing written undertakings with records that will make compliance easier. • Greater acceptance of International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients (INCI) names for reporting and record keeping. • Changes to the categorisation criteria to benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o small-scale soap makers o introducers of chemicals in flavour and fragrance blends o introducers of hazardous chemicals where introduction and use are controlled. • Strengthening criteria and/or reporting requirements for health and environmental protection, for example, to prevent persistent organic pollutants (POPs) from being categorised as exempted or reported Introductions.
G/TBT/N/NZL/116/Add.1	New Zealand	<p>Date of Distribution: 29 September 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Fluorinated gases - Addendum	This notification advises that the proposed prohibitions on pre-charged fluorinated gases (as outlined in G/TBT/N/NZL/116) are no longer being progressed.

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 copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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