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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 25 November to 01 December 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eight (8) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/B RA/1508</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 01 December 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 02 April 2024	Essential oils and resinoids ; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	This Draft Resolution is regarded to Good Cosmetovigilance Practices within companies responsible for cosmetic products of human use regulated by the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA).
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/S WZ/16</a>	Eswatini	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 01 December 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 29 January 2024	Contaminants (purity requirements) for fluorocarbon, hydrocarbon, and carbon dioxide refrigerants	This standard specifies acceptable levels of contaminants (purity requirements) for fluorocarbon, hydrocarbon, and carbon dioxide refrigerants regardless of source and lists acceptable test methods.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NE U/1036</a>	European Union	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 01 December 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 29 January 2024	Biocidal products	This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve certain active substances in biocidal products pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council. For these active substance/product-type combinations included in the review programme of existing active substances listed in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014, all the participants have withdrawn or are considered to have withdrawn their support. For these active substances either the role of participant had previously been taken over or not. For those that the role of participant had not previously been taken over, no notification has been submitted to the European Chemicals

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

				Agency. Therefore, all these active substance/product-type combinations should not be approved for use in biocidal products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NT/HA/718</a>	Thailand	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 November 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 27 January 2024</p>	Hazardous substances	<p>Description of content:</p> <p>(1) Prescribing definition of refilling hazardous substances at refill station which is possession of type 1 hazardous substances (only the liquid cleaning products) for sale by transferring/changing container of hazardous substances products from a bulk product container to a refillable container at the refill station.</p> <p>(2) Prior to going through refill process notifying, such hazardous substances must have been performed type 1 hazardous substances fact notifying. Moreover, the refill product's active ingredients shall be substances in the chemical groups as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- amphoteric surfactants;</li> <li>- anionic surfactants;</li> <li>- nonionic surfactants except nonylphenol ethoxylate;</li> <li>- amine oxides.</li> </ul> <p>(3) Chapter 1: Setting the criteria, procedures and conditions of notification of the fact relating to having in possession of type 1 hazardous substances for sale by refilling activity as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possessors are required to notify the fact relating to the refill products and the address of refill station to the authority before doing the business;</li> <li>- In case of mobile refill station, possessors are provided additional information of the storage location and the motor vehicle.</li> </ul> <p>(4) Chapter 2: Setting the guidelines for premise and equipment. They should be cleaned and sanitized and installations involved in preparations and controls should be checked before each use, to make sure that they function as expected and all equipment is maintained clean and in good order.</p> <p>(5) Chapter 3: Setting the labeling requirements that apply to refill hazardous substances products.</p> <p>(6) Chapter 4: Setting the characteristic of refillable hazardous substances containers.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/NT/HA/719</a>	Thailand	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b></p>	Hazardous substances	<p>(1) The business operators are required to submit the application and</p>

		29 November 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 27 January 2024		<p>relating documents for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- registration of type 2 and type 3 hazardous substances</li> <li>- permission to manufacture or import a sample of hazardous substances in order to register such hazardous substances (in case of a quantity more than 5 kilograms or 5 liters)</li> <li>- self-certification for production or importation of a sample of hazardous substances to be registered (in case of a quantity not exceeding 5 kilograms or 5 liters)</li> <li>- amendment/change of registration particulars of hazardous substances</li> <li>- renewal of the registration certificate through the designated electronic system of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).</li> </ul> <p>In the event that submission cannot be completed via the FDA's electronic system, the alternative procedures shall be submitted to the Food and Drug Administration or to the designated agency/location/procedure determined by FDA.</p> <p>(2) The certificate of registration shall be effective until the last date of the sixth calendar year as from the year of the issuance. If there is a necessary ground, the competent official shall indicate the validity of the certificate before the specified period.</p> <p>(3) A permission to amend any registration particulars of hazardous substances shall be noted the amended details in the permit or issued, in writing, to allow such amendment or issued the new certificate of registration.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/T/HA/720</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 November 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 27 January 2024	Hazardous substances	Type 2 and type 3 hazardous substance imported for exportation only (not for distribution in Thailand) shall be exempted from submitting "the samples of label of hazardous substance (product labels)" for registration of hazardous substances.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/2070</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 27 November 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b>	Decabromodiphenyl ether and phenol, isopropylated phosphate	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing revisions to the regulations for decabromodiphenyl ether (decaBDE) and phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3:1) (PIP (3:1)), two of the five persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT)

		08 January 2024		chemicals addressed in final rules issued under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) in January 2021. After receiving additional comments following the issuance of the 2021 PBT final rules, the Agency has determined that revisions to the decaBDE and PIP (3:1) regulations are necessary to address implementation issues and to reduce further exposures. As required under TSCA, these proposed requirements would, if finalized, reduce the potential for exposures to humans and the environment to decaBDE and PIP (3:1) to the extent practicable. The Agency is not proposing to revise the existing regulations for the other three PBT chemicals (2,4,6-TTBP, HCBP, and PCTP) at this time.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NU SA/2072</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 01 December 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 28 February 2024	Energetic materials	Notice of proposed rulemaking - PHMSA proposes to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations to revise the classification and approval process for certain low-hazard fireworks; to revise classification criteria for small arms cartridges to include tracer ammunition; to include the PHMSA portal as the method to submit applications for all explosives approvals; and to allow for voluntary termination of an explosive approval by the approval holder.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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