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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 26 August to 01 September 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/A/US/160</a>	Australia	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 30 August 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 28 October 2023</p>	Chemicals and products (finished goods) : perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) and pentachlorobenzene (PeCB)	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.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/C/HN/1744</a>	China	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 August 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 October 2023</p>	Cleaning products	This document specifies terms and definitions, raw material requirements, product requirements, test methods and labeling requirements for cleaning products. The document applies to cleaning products (except cosmetics, disinfection products and detergents for

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				food) produced and sold (including imported) in the People's Republic of China. This document does not apply to cleaning products used in aerospace, nuclear, military and semiconductor (including integrated circuits).
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/J PN/781</a>	Japan	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 01 September 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 29 October 2023</p>	Chemical substances : water-repellent textiles and oil-repellent textiles, etching agents used for metal processing, etchants used in the manufacture of semiconductors, surface treatment agents for plati[...]esists for semiconductor, [...]	Based on Article 17 and 22 of the Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the following will be designated as Class I Specified Chemical Substances which need authorization to be manufactured or imported.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/J PN/782</a>	Japan	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 August 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable</p>	Shitei Yakubutsu	Proposal for the additional designation of 3 substances and 2 substance groups as Shitei Yakubutsu, and their proper uses under the Act.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K OR/1165</a>	Republic of Korea	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 31 August 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 29 October 2023</p>	New and existing chemical substances, and substance subject to intensive control contained in product	<p>- Name of Law: "Draft partial amendment of the Enforcement Decree of the Act on Registration and Evaluation of Chemical Substances"</p> <p>- Major Contents:</p> <p>A. Delegation of Authority and Entrustment of Affairs and etc(Article 21, 22, and 31)</p> <p>1) ORs are enabled for the tasks of reporting changes of substances subject to intensive control contained in product and the newly amended duty</p> <p>2) the tasks of reporting</p>

				<p>changes of substances subject to intensive control contained in product and the newly amended duty could be done via the online system operated by the government.</p> <p>3) reporting changes of substances subject to intensive control contained in product should be submitted to the heads of regional environmental offices</p> <p>B. Criteria for Imposition of Administrative Fine (Attachment 6)</p> <p>1) Depending on how many times a person has failed to report the changes of substances subject to intensive control contained in product and the newly amended duty, maximum 10,000,000 KRW of fine will be given.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/1166</a>	Republic of Korea	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 31 August 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 29 October 2023</p>	New and existing chemical substances, polymers, and nanomaterials	<p>- Name of Law: "Draft partial amendment of the Enforcement Rule of the Act on Registration and Evaluation of Chemical Substances"</p> <p>- Major Contents:</p> <p>A. Simplification of provision of information on chemical substances (Article 36)</p> <p>1) For any substances that have been registered without CSR, instead of registered number, whether registered could be written on MSDS for the purpose of provision of information.</p> <p>B. Criteria for reporting changes in substances subject to intensive control contained in product (Article 43)</p> <p>1) When the amount of substances subject to intensive control contained in product changes more than</p>

				<p>50%, the substance needs to be reported of changes.</p> <p>2) No need to report changes when the amount change is less than 50%</p> <p>C. Criteria for Fee (Attachment 11)</p> <p>1) Reporting fee for the initial notification of SSICCP sets to be 20,000 KRW, reporting fee of the changes of the notification of SSICCP sets to be 15,000 KRW</p>
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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