

29 August 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 12 to 18 August 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the two (2) notified draft technical regulations from United States:

| Document | Notifying | Relevant | Products | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/U SA/2017/A dd.2 | United States | Date of Distribution: 15 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 September 2023 | Lowering miners' exposure to respirable crystalline silica and improving respiratory protection - Addendum | The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is extending the comment period on the proposed rule entitled Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica and Improving Respiratory Protection published in the Federal Register on 13 July 2023 [notified in G/TBT/N/USA/2017], with an established public comment period that is scheduled to end on 28 August 2023. In response to requests for additional time to develop and submit comments on the proposed rule, MSHA is extending the comment period for an additional 15 days—that is, from 28 August 2023 to 11 September 2023. |
| G/TBT/N/U SA/2035 | United States | Date of Distribution: 17 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 18 October 2023 | Air emissions reporting requirements | This action proposes changes to the EPA's Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (AERR). The proposed amendments may require changes to current regulations of State, local, and certain tribal air agencies; would require these agencies to report emissions data to the EPA using different approaches from current requirements; and would require owners/operators of some facilities to report additional emissions data. More specifically, the EPA is proposing to require |

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| certain sources report information regarding emission of hazardous air pollutants (HAP); certain sources to report criteria air pollutants, their precursors and HAP; and to require State, local, and certain tribal air agencies to report prescribed fire |
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| report prescribed fire data.[@[Final date for comment]] |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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