

03 January 2024

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 16 to 22 December 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Burundi and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BDI/258/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 18 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Packaged mineral water - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 13: 2022, Packaged mineral water — Specification, notified G/TBT/N/BDI/258, G/TBT/N/KEN/1287, G/TBT/N/RWA/693, G/TBT/N/TZA/812, G/TBT/N/UGA/1663 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 25 August 2023 as EAS 13:2023, Packaged mineral water — Specification.
G/TBT/N/USA/2078	United States	Date of Distribution: 20 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 January 2024	Outer packaging strength standards when mailing hazardous materials or dangerous goods	The Postal Service is proposing to amend Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail (Pub 52) by requiring specific outer packaging strength standards when mailing hazardous materials or dangerous goods and remove quantity restrictions for nonregulated toxic materials. Additionally, the Postal Service proposes to allow mailers to use poly or padded bags as outer packaging for shipments containing lithium batteries installed in the equipment they operate if the shipment does not display

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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