

29 November 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 18 to 24 November 2023.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/NZL/130	New Zealand	<p>Date of Distribution: 22 November 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 26 January 2024</p>	Paint products	<p>The Environmental Protection Agency proposes to reduce lead levels permitted in paints by amending the following group standards: Surface Coating and Colourants; Aerosols; Corrosion Inhibitors; and Graphic Materials.</p> <p>The proposals include amendments to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Limit lead in paints covered by the Surface Coatings and Colourants Group Standards and Aerosols Group Standards to 90 ppm 2. Add lead limits to the Corrosion Inhibitors Group Standards 3. Require evidence of compliance with lead levels where relevant 4. Update element migration limits in graphic materials 5. Update references in the Surface Coatings and Colourants, the Aerosols, and the Graphic Materials Group Standards to the 2021 AS/NZA standard 6. Amend group standards so all graphic materials marketed to children are only covered by the Graphic Materials Group Standard 7. Remove the notification requirement from the Graphic Materials Group Standard. 8. Products that do not meet the requirements of the amendments are to be disposed of 6 months after commencement
G/TBT/N/USA/2068	United States	<p>Date of Distribution:</p>	Test and sampling method	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of and soliciting comment on proposed

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		<p>20 November 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 15 December 2023</p>	<p>standards for lead-based paint program activities</p>	<p>revisions to EPA's document titled "Laboratory Quality System Requirements (LQSR) Revision 3.0" dated 5 November 2007, under the National Lead Laboratory Accreditation Program (NLLAP). Proposed revisions reflected in the draft document titled, "Laboratory Quality Standards for Recognition" (LQSR 4.0)," are intended to update and streamline the guidance by referencing existing laboratory standards already in practice by NLLAP participating laboratories and directly related to laboratory lead analysis, and to update the test and sampling method standards to better complement EPA's lead-based paint program activities.</p>
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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