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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) from 14 to 20 October 2023.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/US/1663/Add.2	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 19 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 18 December 2023</p>	Marine pollution control devices - Addendum	On 26 October 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed under the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) national standards of performance for marine pollution control devices for discharges incidental to the normal operation of primarily non-military and nonrecreational vessels 79 feet in length and above into the waters of the United States or the waters of the contiguous zone (hereafter, "the proposed rule"). This supplemental notice presents ballast water management system type-approval data EPA received from the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) since the proposed rule and supplements the proposed rule with supplemental regulatory options that EPA is considering for discharges from ballast tanks, hulls and niche areas, and graywater systems.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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