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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 02 to 08 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and European Union:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NS/AU/1328	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Date of Distribution: 06 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 04 March 2024	Feed for aquatic feed (fish and shrimp)	This regulation specifies the requirements for feed for aquatic feed (fish and shrimp).
G/TBT/NE/U/1051	European Union	Date of Distribution: 07 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 05 March 2024	Fertilising products : mulch films	The delegated Regulation introduces mulch films within the scope of the EU harmonisation rules and sets out the biodegradability criteria and the testing methods which have to be used to show compliance with such criteria. The biodegradability criteria cover the biodegradation both in soil and in aquatic environments.
G/TBT/NE/U/1052	European Union	Date of Distribution: 07 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 05 March 2024	Fertilising products : polymers	EU fertilising products may contain natural, biodegradable or soluble polymers as materials belonging to Component Material Category 1. The delegated Regulation aligns the requirements for such polymers to those set out in Regulation (EU) 2023/2055, which introduces a general restriction in Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of placing on the market of synthetic polymer microparticles. Such polymers are mainly used as technical additives in EU fertilising products
G/TBT/NE/U/1053	European Union	Date of Distribution: 07 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 05 March 2024	Fertilising products : enterococcaceae	Following developments in the implementation and standardisation work in support of Regulation (EU) 2019/1009, a number of technical adaptations are needed. This delegated Regulation introduces amendments concerning the content of pathogens in EU fertilising products, the situation

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				where conformity of the product can be assumed by manufacturers without verification and two tolerances.
G/TBT/NE U/1054	European Union	Date of Distribution: 07 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 05 March 2024	Fertilising products : polymers	EU fertilising products may contain natural, biodegradable or soluble polymers as materials belonging to Component Material Category 11. The delegated Regulation aligns the requirements for such polymers to those set out in Regulation (EU) 2023/2055, which introduces a general restriction in Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of placing on the market of synthetic polymer microparticles. Such polymers are mainly used as technical additives in EU fertilising products.
G/TBT/NE U/1055	European Union	Date of Distribution: 07 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 05 March 2024	Fertilising products : coating agents and water retention polymers	EU fertilising products may contain coating agents and water retention polymers, materials belonging to Component Material Category 9. The delegated Regulation sets out the biodegradation criteria and the testing methods which have to be used to show compliance with such criteria. The biodegradability criteria cover the biodegradation both in soil and in aquatic environments.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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