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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 10 to 16 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the ten (10) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/NC/HN/1817</a>	China	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 April 2024	Seeds of rice, corn, wheat, barley, tartary buckwheat, sweet buckwheat, oat, sorghum, millet, and broomcorn seeds	This document specifies the quality requirements, testing methods and testing rules for seeds of rice, corn, wheat, barley, tartary buckwheat, sweet buckwheat, oat, sorghum, millet, and broomcorn seeds. This document applies to the seeds of the above-mentioned cereal crops produced and sold within the territory of the People's Republic of China, including coated seeds and non coated seeds.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NC/HN/1818</a>	China	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 April 2024	Agricultural seeds labels and instructions for use	This document specifies the marking content and production requirements for agricultural seeds labels and instructions for use, and clarifies the inspection scope, content, and quality judgment rules for use supervision. This document applies to agricultural seeds sold within the territory of the People's Republic of China.
<a href="#">G/TBT/NC/HN/1819</a>	China	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 April 2024	Seeds of rape, sunflower, peanuts, sesame, and oil flax	This document specifies the quality requirements, testing methods, and testing rules for seeds of rape, sunflower, peanuts, sesame, and oil flax. This document applies to the above-mentioned oil seeds produced and sold within the territory of the People's Republic of China.

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- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
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  - National Notification Authority (NNA)

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/E GY/415</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 15 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 14 April 2024	Electric animal-stunning equipment	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 7294 which deals with the safety of electric animal-stunning equipment the rated voltage of which is not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances. Battery-operated appliances and other D.C supplied appliances are within the scope of this standard. Dual supply appliances, either mains-supplied or battery-operated, are regarded as battery-operated appliances when operated in the battery mode. This standard is applicable to electric animal-stunning equipment for industrial or commercial use, for use on farms or for use in areas where they may be a source of danger to the public. So far as is practical, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by these types of appliances. Examples of electric animal-stunning equipment within the scope of this standard are those used to stun:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bovines such as cattle, calves, cows, heifers and bulls;</li> <li>- Ovines such as sheep and lambs;</li> <li>- Caprines such as goats;</li> <li>- Cervids such as deer;</li> <li>- Solipeds such as horses, donkeys and mules;</li> <li>- Birds such as chickens, turkeys and guinea fowl;</li> <li>- Porcines such as pigs;</li> <li>- Fur animals such as foxes, chinchilla, rabbits and possums;</li> <li>- Mustelids such as mink and polecats and other ruminants such as camels. The following types of electric animal-stunning equipment are covered by this standard: manual, semi-automatic and automatic.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/G BR/74</a>	United Kingdom	<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	Pesticides - Indoxacarb	The decision document concludes that the approval of the active substance indoxacarb

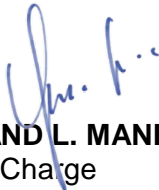
		15 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 14 April 2024		should be withdrawn in accordance with Assimilated Regulation No. 1107/2009. Authorisations for plant protection products containing indoxacarb as an active substance will be withdrawn in Great Britain.  This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and plant protection products containing it in GB.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/G/BR/75</a>	United Kingdom	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 15 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 14 April 2024	Pesticides - Famoxadone	A decision document concluding that the approval of the active substance Famoxadone should be withdrawn in accordance with Assimilated Regulation No. 1107/2009. Authorisations for plant protection products containing Famoxadone will be withdrawn in Great Britain (GB). This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance, and plant protection products containing it in GB.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/J/PN/788/Ad d.1</a>	Japan	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 16 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Organic products of plant origin, organic processed foods and organic livestock products - Addendum	Please be advised that some changes have been made to the proposed amendments to JAS for Organic products of plant origin, organic processed foods and organic livestock products (previously notified under G/TBT/N/JPN/788) and that the proposal was duly approved by the Council for the JAS on 9th February 2024. For details, please refer to the attached documents.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U/GA/117/Ad d.1</a>	Uganda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; US 841:2009, Packing and labelling of tobacco products - Requirements; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/117 was withdrawn on 1 December 2023.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U/GA/315/Ad d.1</a>	Uganda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b>	Fresh chilli pepper - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to update WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 999:2013, Fresh chilli pepper - Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/315 was

		Not Indicated		withdrawn on 1 December 2023.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/US/1737/A/11</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Confinement of farm animals and sale of specified products derived from them - Addendum	With California's Proposition 12 (2018) now fully in effect as of 1 January 2024, it's crucial that stakeholders can distinguish between the various certificates issued for Prop 12 compliance. To aid in this, the Animal Care Program has released a visual guide detailing the differences in these certificates. The one-page guidance document is accessible at the following link: <a href="https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AnimalCare/docs/Certificates_ACP.pdf">https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/AHFSS/AnimalCare/docs/Certificates_ACP.pdf</a>

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