

06 March 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 24 February to 01 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eight (8) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BRA/795/Add.3	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 26 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Cattle and buffaloes - Addendum	This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply – MAPA published in the Official Gazette No. 29 09 February 2024 the Mapa ordinance No. 654, 7 February 2024, amending Normative Instruction No. 51, of October 1, 2018, which establishes the Brazilian System of Individual Identification of Cattle and Buffaloes - SISBOV.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1420/Add.3	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 26 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Plant species authorized for the preparation of teas and for use as spices - Addendum	Normative Instruction 159, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1420 - which establishes the lists of parts of plant species authorized for the preparation of teas and for use as spices, was changed by Normative Instruction 273, 21 February 2024.
G/TBT/NEU/1049	European Union	Date of Distribution: 27 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 April 2024	Pesticides - Residues - Metconazole	This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance metconazole is renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. It is, however, necessary to include certain conditions and restrictions including in particular a restriction to use only by professional users. Existing authorised plant protection products containing metconazole will be reviewed in accordance with the conditions and restrictions set in this act. The outcome of the assessment

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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				<p>is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly approved under Directive 91/414/EEC.</p> <p>This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned active substance. Any action on MRLs will be subject to notification under the SPS procedure.</p>
G/TBT/N/EU/1050	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 01 March 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 29 April 2024</p>	Pesticides - Residues - Acibenzolar-S-methyl	<p>This draft Commission implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance acibenzolar-S-methyl is withdrawn in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. EU Member States shall withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing acibenzolar-S-methyl as an active substance.</p> <p>This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and plant protection products containing it. Following withdrawal and the expiry of all grace periods for stocks of products containing this substance, separate action will likely be taken on MRLs and a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.</p>
G/TBT/N/UKR/241/Rev.1	Ukraine	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 26 April 2024</p>	Plant protection products and agrochemicals - Revision	<p>The draft Law aims to establish the procedures for making available on the market of fertilising products in accordance with the EU regulations in force.</p> <p>The draft Law, in particular, provides for the establishment of mechanisms for conformity assessment of fertilizing products based on Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 laying down rules on the making available on the market of EU fertilising products</p>

				and amending Regulations (EC) No 1069/2009 and (EC) No 1107/2009 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003. It also specifies the obligations of business entities when conducting conformity assessment and circulation of fertilising products. The Technical Regulation on conformity assessment of fertilising products will be approved by a separate governmental resolution.
G/TBT/N/US/2047/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 28 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 27 April 2024	Pet food labeling - Addendum	This draft regulation prescribes technical and management requirements to ensure the safety of combine harvesters used for rice harvesting in agricultural production. This draft regulation applies to organizations and individuals that manufacture, import, distribute and trade in combine harvesters used for rice harvesting (hereinafter referred to as enterprises). State administrative authorities, certification and conformity assessment organizations and other relevant organizations and individuals.
G/TBT/N/VN/291	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 27 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 April 2024	Portable hand-held grass mowers	This draft regulation stipulates technical requirements and management requirements to ensure the safety for hand-held lawn mowers used in agriculture and forestry. This draft regulation does not apply to hand-held lawn mowers imported or domestically manufactured before the entry into force of this regulation. This draft regulation applies to organizations and individuals who manufacturer, import, distribute and trade hand-held lawn mowers used in agriculture and forestry (hereinafter referred to as enterprises). State administrative authorities and other relevant organizations and individuals.
G/TBT/N/VN/292	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution:	Combine harvesters	This draft regulation prescribes technical and management

		<p>28 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 27 April 2024</p>	<p>requirements to ensure the safety of combine harvesters used for rice harvesting in agricultural production</p> <p>This draft regulation applies to organizations and individuals that manufacture, import, distribute and trade in combine harvesters used for rice harvesting (hereinafter referred to as enterprises). State administrative authorities, certification and conformity assessment organizations and other relevant organizations and individuals.</p>
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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