

27 February 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 17 to 23 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the four (4) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/670/Add.1</a>	Chile	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 28 February 2024	Cosmetics - Addendum	The Government of Chile announces, with regard to the amendment of Supreme Decree No. 239 of 2010 of the Ministry of Health approving the Regulations on the National System of the control of cosmetic products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/799</a>	Japan	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 April 2024	Poisonous and deleterious substances	Under the provision of the Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Act, Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare designates 1 substance as deleterious.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NZL/121/Add.1</a>	New Zealand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Cosmetic products - Addendum	The Proposal to amend the Cosmetics Products Group Standard 2020 (the Group Standard) considered amending the existing Group Standard to align with international developments, with the objective of ensuring the protection of human health or safety and protection of the environment. New Zealand notified the assessment report for the proposal in accordance with article 2.9.2 of the WTO. The adopted version includes the following amendments to the notified draft requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated definition of PFAS to include exemptions as defined in Reference Number 2 in Table 2 of Schedule 4 of the Cosmetic Products Group Standard 2020 amended January 2024.</li> <li>• Longer transition periods for all amendments, including addition of specific dates for import/ manufacture, supply, and</li> </ul>

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				disposal of cosmetic products. • Removal of zinc pyrithione from Schedule 4 for banned substances and retained in Table 2 of Schedule 5 and Schedule 7 for New Zealand restrictions and preservatives, respectively. Removal of the duplication of 3 and 4-hydroxyisohexyl 3-cyclohexene carboxaldehyde (HICC) from Schedule 5 and retained as a banned substance is Schedule 4.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1944/Add.1</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 February 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Toxic substances control - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing amendments to the 2018 final rule that established fees for the administration of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Specifically, EPA is finalizing changes to the fee amounts and EPA's total costs for administering TSCA; exemptions for entities subject to the EPA-initiated risk evaluation fees; exemptions for test rule fee activities; modifications to the self-identification and reporting requirements of EPA-initiated risk evaluation and test rule fees; modifications to EPA's proposed methodology for the production volume- based fee allocation for EPA-initiated risk evaluation fees in any scenario in which a consortium is not formed; expanded fee requirements to companies required to submit information for test orders; modifications to the fee payment obligations of processors subject to test orders and

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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