

24 April 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 06 to 12 April 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the nine (9) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/DI/461	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 08 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 06 June 2024	Sunscreen	This Working Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for sunscreens skincare leave-on products. This standard does not apply to skincare products covered by EAS 786, anti-wrinkle products, anti-aging products, aromatherapy substances and hair creams, lotions and gels.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/462	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 07 June 2024	Skincare special purpose product: anti-aging	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for anti-aging/ antiwrinkle products. This standard does not apply to skincare products covered by EAS 786, aromatherapy substances, sun protection products and hair creams, lotions and gels.
G/TBT/N/B/OL/27	Plurinational State of Bolivia	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 07 June 2024	Domestic hygiene products and absorbent personal hygiene products	Products covered by the scope of the notified decision which will be marketed in the subregion and are not expected to adversely affect human health in the in the case of an application under normal or reasonable conditions of use foreseeable, taking into account, inter alia, the presentation of the product, its labelling and any instructions for use and disposal, as well as any other Indication or information from the manufacturer or marketer of the product. However, the presence of warnings does not exempt from the obligation to compliance with the other obligations set out in this Decision; Health protection or the safety of people
G/TBT/N/G/BR/81	United Kingdom	Date of Distribution: 10 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 08 June 2024	Cosmetic products	These measures would amend Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 as applicable in GB ("the Cosmetics Regulation") as they apply in [England, Wales and Scotland]. The amendments would prohibit or restrict the use of certain chemical substances in cosmetic products. We plan to amend the Cosmetics

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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				Regulation to permit the use of kojic acid for use at a maximum concentration of up to 1% in the following cosmetic products: face and hand products. We will also amend the Cosmetic Regulation to prohibit the use of chemicals classified as CMR substances under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (the GB CLP Regulation).
G/TBT/N/JPN/805	Japan	<p>Date of Distribution: 12 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 10 June 2024</p>	Chemical substances	<p>Based on Article 17 and 22 of the Act on the Regulation of Manufacture and Evaluation of Chemical Substances. (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the following will be designated as Class I Specified Chemical Substances which need authorization to be manufactured or imported.</p> <p>PFOA isomers or their salts and PFOA related compounds</p> <p>Based on Article 25 of the Act, the following will be designated as chemical substances and their uses that are allowed to be used for a certain period of time.</p> <p>8:2 fluorotelomer alcohol used in the manufacture of invasive and implantable medical devices is allowed to December 3, 2025</p> <p>Use of perfluorooctyl iodide for the production of perfluorooctyl bromide for the purpose of producing pharmaceutical products is allowed to December 31, 2036</p> <p>Based on Article 24 of the Act, the following will be designated as products prohibited from being imported when PFOA isomers or their salts and PFOA related compounds are used in them.</p> <p>The following products in which PFOA isomers or their salts are used</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water-resistant paper and oil-resistant paper 2. Water-repellent textiles and oil-repellent textiles 3. Cleaning agents 4. Anti-reflection agents used in the manufacture of semiconductors 5. Paints and varnish 6. Water repellent and oil repellent 7. Adhesives and sealing fillers 8. Fire extinguishers, fire-extinguishing agents, and fire-extinguishing foam 9. Toners 10. Water-resistant clothes and oil-resistant clothes 11. Water-repellent floor coverings and oil-repellent floor coverings 12. Floor waxes

				<p>13. Photographic paper</p> <p>The following products in which PFOA related compounds are used</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water-repellent textiles and oil-repellent textiles 2. Antifoaming agents 3. Water repellent, oil repellent, antifouling agent and fiber protectant 4. Optical fiber or its surface coating agents 5. Fire extinguishers, fire-extinguishing agents, and fire-extinguishing foam 6. Water-resistant clothes and oil-resistant clothes 7. Water-repellent floor coverings and oil-repellent floor coverings 8. Floor waxes
G/TBT/NU/KR/179/Rev.2	Ukraine	<p>Date of Distribution: 08 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 06 June 2024</p>	Chemical products - Revision	<p>The draft Technical regulation is developed in accordance with the provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On Ensuring Chemical Safety and Management of Chemical Products" to ensure a high level of protection of human health and the environment, free circulation of chemical products, promotion of alternative methods of chemical hazard assessment and innovation while increasing competitiveness, determination of requirements for chemical safety during production, placing on the market and use of chemicals, including in mixtures and products.</p> <p>The provisions of the draft Technical Regulation are based on the precautionary principle according to which manufacturers, importers and subsequent users have to ensure that they produce, place on the market or use chemicals that do not adversely affect human health or the environment.</p>
G/TBT/NU/SA/1554/A dd.2	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 8 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Hazardous air pollutants : ethylene oxide commercial sterilization and fumigation operations - Addendum	<p>This action finalizes the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Commercial Sterilization Facilities source category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) under the Clean Air Act. The EPA is finalizing decisions concerning the RTR, including definitions for affected sources, emission standards for previously unregulated sources, amendments pursuant to the risk review to address ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions from certain sterilization chamber vents (SCVs), aeration room vents (ARVs), chamber exhaust vents</p>

				(CEVs), and room air emissions, and amendments pursuant to the technology review for certain SCVs and ARVs. In addition, we are taking final action to correct and clarify regulatory provisions related to emissions during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM), including removing exemptions for periods of SSM. We are also taking final action to require owners and operators to demonstrate compliance through the use of EtO continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS), with exceptions for very small users of EtO; add provisions for electronic reporting of performance test results and other reports; and include other technical revisions to improve consistency and clarity. We estimate that these final amendments will reduce EtO emissions from this source category by approximately 21 tons per year (tpy).
G/TBT/N/US/2006/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 11 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Hazardous materials - Addendum	PHMSA is amending the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to maintain alignment with international regulations and standards by adopting various amendments, including changes to proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, air transport quantity limitations, and vessel stowage requirements. PHMSA is also withdrawing the unpublished 28 November 2022, Notice of Enforcement Policy Regarding International Standards on the use of select updated international standards in complying with the HMR during the pendency of this rulemaking.
G/TBT/N/US/2111	United States	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Certain chemical substances	EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). The chemical substances received "not likely to present an unreasonable risk" determinations pursuant to TSCA. The SNURs require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these chemical substances for an activity that is proposed as a significant new use by this rulemaking to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the use, under the conditions of use for that chemical

				substance. In addition, the manufacture or processing for the significant new use may not commence until EPA has conducted a review of the required notification, made an appropriate determination regarding that notification, and taken such actions as required by that determination.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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