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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 06 to 12 April 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulation from Switzerland:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/C/HE/286	Switzerland	Date of Distribution: 12 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 June 2024	Fur and fur products produced using methods cruel to animals	The draft ordinance foresees to prohibit the import of fur and fur products produced using methods cruel to animals. The term "cruel to animals" is defined based on the guiding principles of the World Organisation for Animal Health WOH in the area of animal welfare, in particular the principles of "freedom from pain, injury and disease" and "freedom from fear and distress". The import ban is considered necessary because the declaration obligation for fur that has been in force since 2014 has been persistently disregarded. The import ban does not apply to furs and fur products that originate from a country that prohibits cruel methods of production or if a certificate confirms that these products were not produced using the prohibited production methods. During a two-year transitional period, a list of countries that prohibit cruel methods of fur production will be drawn up.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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