

15 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) from 03 to 09 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the three (3) notified draft technical regulations from Egypt, Uganda, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE/GY/402	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 09 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 April 2024</p>	Carrier bags	<p>This draft of Egyptian standard specifies a testing scheme and requirements for the designation of carrier bags of any materials that are considered to be suitable for incorporation into well-managed home composting installations for noncommercial purposes with a home composting cycle of normally at least 12 months.</p> <p>Carrier bags are considered as home compostable in a well-managed system only if all the individual components meet the requirements.</p> <p>The following four aspects are addressed:</p> <p>a)Characterization; b) Biodegradation in well managed home composting; c) Disintegration in well managed home composting; and d) Home compost quality.</p> <p>The four aspects, a) to d), are assessing the effects on the biological treatment process and the compost made by it.</p>
G/TBT/NU/GA/1330/Add.2	Uganda	<p>Date of Distribution: 09 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Paper sacks for packaging of cement - Addendum	<p>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 866:2021, Paper sacks for packaging of cement — Specification, Second edition notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1330 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1330/Add.1 entered into force on 1 December 2023. The Uganda Standard, US EAS 866:2022, Paper sacks for</p>

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- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
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				packaging of cement — Specification, Second edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/US/2081/A/td.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 05 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Beverage containers - Addendum	The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) administers the Beverage Container Recycling Program (BCRP) pursuant to California's Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Act).

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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