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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 11 to 17 May 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from United States and China:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/USA/1995/A dd.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 17 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Hazardous air pollutants for the synthetic organic chemical manufacturing industry and group I & II polymers and resins industry - Addendum	This action finalizes amendments to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) that apply to the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) and amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) that apply to the SOCMI (more commonly referred to as the Hazardous Organic NESHAP or HON) and Group I and II Polymers and Resins (P&R I and P&R II, respectively) Industries.
G/TBT/N/USA/1965/A dd.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 16 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Renewable energy regulations - Addendum	The Department of the Interior (the Department or DOI), acting through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) ("the agencies"), is finalizing regulatory amendments to its renewable energy regulations under the authority of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA). The notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/1965) for this final rule was published in the Federal Register on 30 January 2023
G/TBT/N/USA/2027/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 15 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Petroleum and natural gas systems - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is amending requirements that apply to the petroleum and natural gas systems source category of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule to ensure that reporting is based on empirical data, accurately reflects total methane emissions and waste emissions from applicable facilities, and allows owners and operators of applicable facilities to submit empirical emissions

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				data that appropriately demonstrate the extent to which a charge is owed under the Waste Emissions Charge.
G/TBT/N/C HN/1855	China	Date of Distribution: 14 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 July 2024	Explosives, desensitized explosives, liquid propellant	This document specifies the basic requirements for the acceptance and hazard classification of explosives, desensitized explosives, and liquid propellants, including acceptance procedures, classification procedures, determination of compatibility groups, requirement of compatibility, and classification test items.
G/TBT/N/U SA/1915/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Hazardous substances : perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid - Addendum	Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA" or "Superfund"), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is designating two per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)--perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), including their salts and structural isomers--as hazardous substances.
G/TBT/N/U SA/1988/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Methylene chloride - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is finalizing a rule to address the unreasonable risk of injury to health presented by methylene chloride under its conditions of use. Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires that EPA address by rule any unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment identified in a TSCA risk evaluation and apply requirements to the extent necessary so that the chemical no longer presents unreasonable risk.
G/TBT/N/U SA/2001/A dd.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Greenhouse gas emissions - Addendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing multiple actions under section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) addressing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from fossil fuel-fired electric generating units (EGUs).
G/TBT/N/U SA/2006/A dd.1/Corr.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Hazardous materials - Corrigendum	The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is correcting a final rule that was published in the Federal Register on 10 April 2024 (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/2006/Add.1). The final rule was published 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. The corrections address several errors to the hazardous

				material entries in the hazardous materials table.
G/TBT/N/US/2046/R/ev.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 13 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Air quality in general - Addendum	On Tuesday, 14 May 2024, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold the second advisory committee meeting for the CPP 2024 Rulemaking. The purpose of this rulemaking is to reestablish a climate mitigation program in place of the recently invalidated Climate Protection Program. In December 2023, the Oregon Court of Appeals determined that DEQ did not fully comply with notice requirements during the 2021 Climate Protection Program rulemaking process, thereby invalidating the program.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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