

22 May 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 11 to 17 May 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from the Philippines, Ukraine, and Egypt:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/UKR/290/Add.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 16 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Cotton seeds - Addendum	Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Law of Ukraine No 3645 "On Amendments to Certain Laws of Ukraine on the Circulation of Cotton Varieties in Ukraine" on 23 April 2024. The Law will entry into force on 16 May 2024. The measures specified in the Law will be effective during the period of martial law in Ukraine and until the Law of Ukraine No 3339 "On State Regulation of Genetically Engineered Activities and State Control over Placing GMOs and Genetically Modified Products on the Market" of 23 September 2023 comes into force (that will occur on 16 September 2026 as notified in G/TBT/N/UKR/188/Add.2).
G/TBT/NEGY/472	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 14 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 July 2024	Organic fertilizers and soil improvers- Water extraction	This draft of Egyptian standard specifies requirements for aqueous extracts of compost, vermin compost, algae or other organic/plant materials or their juices, and methods of sampling and testing. Worth mentioning is that this draft standard has been formulated according to National Studies.
G/TBT/N/PHL/331	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 14 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 27 May 2024	Vaporized nicotine and non-nicotine products and novel tobacco products with medicinal or therapeutic claims	The proposed issuance aims to provide the authorization process of the FDA for VNNPs and NTPs with medicinal or therapeutic claims or reduced-risk statements.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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