

29 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 18 to 24 May 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Republic of Korea, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/KOR/1211	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 23 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 22 July 2024	Chemical substances	A. Revised clauses related to registration criteria of new substance that are amended by Article 10(1) of the Act on Registration and Evaluation of Chemical Substances (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") (Article 10(3), Article 13)
G/TBT/N/GBR/89	United Kingdom	Date of Distribution: 22 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Chemical substances, including mixtures, either manufactured or in their natural state	This notification intends to alert Members to a UK Government consultation regarding the proposals to amend the current transitional provisions under UK REACH for submitting registration information to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).
G/TBT/NA/RE/611	United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen	Date of Distribution: 21 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 20 July 2024	Hazardous materials	This gulf technical regulation is concerned to ensure the safe production, transport, handling, use and disposal of hazardous materials in the line with GHS requirements: 1) the criteria for classifying substances and mixtures in accordance to their health, environmental and physical hazards; and 2) the hazard communication elements, including requirements for safety data sheets and labels. This technical regulation does not include the establishment of test methods or promotion of further testing on chemicals.
G/TBT/NU/SA/1697/Add.4	United States	Date of Distribution: 21 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Chemicals - Addendum	OSHA is amending the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to conform to the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), primarily Revision 7 (Rev. 7), address issues that arose during the implementation of the

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				2012 update to the HCS, and provide better alignment with other U.S. agencies and international trading partners, while enhancing the effectiveness of the standard. Consistent with Executive Order 13563 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act, which call for assessment and, where appropriate, modification and improvement of existing rules, OSHA has reviewed the existing HCS.
G/TBT/NU SA/2121	United States	Date of Distribution: 21 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances	Final Rule - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is updating the list of chemicals subject to toxic chemical release reporting under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA). Specifically, this action updates the regulations to identify seven per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that must be reported pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY2020 NDAA) enacted on 20 December 2019. As this action is being taken to conform the regulations to a Congressional legislative mandate, notice and comment rulemaking is unnecessary.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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