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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 22 to 28 June 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Australia, Singapore and Thailand:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/US/170	Australia	Date of Distribution: 28 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 31 December 2024	Engineered stone slabs, panels, and benchtops	The manufacture, supply, processing and installation of engineered stone slabs, panels, and benchtops will be prohibited in all Australian states and territories from 1 July 2024. Prohibited 'engineered stone' will be defined in the legislation as an artificial product that contains 1% or more crystalline silica (determined as a weight/weight (w/w) concentration), is created by combining natural stone materials with other chemical constituents (such as water, resins or pigments) and becomes hardened.
G/TBT/NS/GP/71	Singapore	Date of Distribution: 26 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 25 August 2024	Mandatory energy labelling	Singapore's Mandatory Energy Labelling Scheme (MELS) and Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS), implemented in 2008 and 2011 respectively, are policy measures to raise the average energy efficiency of regulated goods used in Singapore. In line with this objective, MELS and MEPS will be extended to all water heaters and commercial storage refrigerators from 1 April 2025.
G/TBT/NT/HA/671/Rev.1	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 25 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 24 August 2024	Stainless steel utensils for food - Revision	The draft Ministerial Regulation mandates stainless steel utensils for food to conform to the Thai Industrial Standard TIS 3206-25XX(20XX) Stainless Steel Utensils for Food: Safety Requirement. This draft Ministerial Regulation applies to the following stainless steel utensils that come into contact with food: 1) Pots 2) Pans 3) Spatulas 4) Spoons 5) Forks 6) Food trays 7) Tiffin carriers

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Thank you.

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