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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 06 to 12 July 2024.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NT/HA/740	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 10 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Hazardous Substances	This Notification determines that the hazardous substances, under the responsibility of the Food and Drug Administration are considered counterfeits hazardous substances if such hazardous substances contain active ingredients less than 20 percent from the lowest levels or more than 20 percent from the highest levels of the allowed deviated levels of active ingredients, designated in the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Tolerance for the Deviations of Active Ingredients in Hazardous Substances.
G/TBT/NT/HA/741	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 10 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 8 September 2024	Hazardous Substances	The importation of hazardous substances for educational, testing, analytical, research, and development purposes (excluding consumer satisfaction studies) is exempt from certain requirements under the Hazardous Substances Act B.E. 2535(1992), as outlined in this draft notification. To obtain an exemption, the importer must submit the form and relevant documents using the FDA's electronic system as the primary route of submission before importing the substances. The form, signed by the authorities, serves as proof of exemption for both the importer and the possessor of the hazardous substances.
G/TBT/NT/HA/742	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 10 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 8 September 2024	Hazardous substances	This draft notification will repeal certain clauses regarding the exemptions for performing certain activities required by law for importation of hazardous substances intended for education and research purposes (excluding commercial purposes) in the "Notification of the Ministry of Public Health RE: Exemption of Imports from Compliance with the Hazardous Substances Act B.E. 2535 (1992) regarding the Notification of Action, Request for Permission and Registration

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				of Hazardous Substances under the Responsibility of the Food and Drug Administration B.E. 2548 (2005).
G/TBT/N/USA/1995/Add.2/Corr.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 10 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Hazardous air pollutants for the synthetic organic chemical manufacturing industry and group I & II polymers and resins industry Corrigendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized multiple actions with incorporation by reference (IBR) in separate final rules that amended the same centralized IBR section. The amendatory instructions for that section were drafted based on a different publication order than the ultimate publication order of the affected rules. This rule corrects the instructions allowing Office of the Federal Register (OFR) editors to codify the amendments from each rule.
G/TBT/N/USA/1995/Add.2/Corr.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 10 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Hazardous air pollutants for the synthetic organic chemical manufacturing industry and group I & II polymers and resins industry - Corrigendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is correcting final rules that appeared in the Federal Register on 8 May 2024, and 16 May 2024 (notified as G/TBT/N/USA/1995/Add.2). This action corrects instructions allowing Office of Federal Register editors to codify the amendments from the rules. This action also includes express instructions to lift the stay of provisions granted on 2 June 2008 (73 FR 31372). The corrections to instructions in this document do not alter or change the content or text of any regulatory provision.
G/TBT/N/USA/2001/Add.3/Corr.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 10 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Greenhouse gas emissions - Corrigendum	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized multiple actions with incorporation by reference (IBR) in separate final rules that amended the same centralized IBR section. The amendatory instructions for that section were drafted based on a different publication order than the ultimate publication order of the affected rules. This rule corrects the instructions allowing Office of the Federal Register (OFR) editors to codify the amendments from each rule.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,


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