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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 27 July to 02 August 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from China, Jamaica, Japan, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu and France:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/C/HN/1877	China	Date of Distribution: 1 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 30 September 2024	Requirement of gas monitors and alarms	This document specifies the terms and definitions, technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, identification and packaging, transportation and storage, operating instructions and requirements for gas detection and alarm instrument in workplace.
G/TBT/N/J/AM/125	Jamaica	Date of Distribution: 1 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 30 August 2024	Single use plastics	The Trade (Plastic Packaging Materials Prohibition) Order, 2024, issued under Jamaica's Trade Act, amends the principal Order the Trade (Plastic Packaging Materials Prohibition) Order, 2018, to update the definitions to 'Single use plastics' to now include: 1. plastic food containers made wholly or in part of polyethylene, polypropylene or polylactic acid and prohibits their use.
G/TBT/N/J/AM/126	Jamaica	Date of Distribution: 1 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 30 August 2024	Single use plastics	The Natural Resources Conservation Authority (Plastic Packaging Materials Prohibition) Order, 2024 prohibits the manufacture and use of any single use plastic in commercial quantities. The Order updates the 'Single use plastics' to now include: plastic food containers made wholly or in part of polyethylene, polypropylene or polylactic acid and prohibits their use.
G/TBT/N/J/PN/824	Japan	Date of Distribution: 31 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 29 September 2024	Facilities for exploratory drilling sites for CO2 storage	The Act on Carbon Dioxide Storage Business stipulates that storage business operators maintain CO2 storage facilities to ensure that they conform to the technical standards established by Order of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

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G/TBT/N/T PKM/544	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 31 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 29 September 2024	Stationary lithium battery storage appliances	To achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, it is expected that renewable energy power generation equipment and energy storage systems will gradually enter households. Due to the risks associated with thermal runaway in lithium-ion batteries used in energy storage systems, the BSMI proposes to add stationary lithium battery storage appliances into the mandatory inspection scope. Two alternative conformity assessment procedures are made available for the choice of applicants.
G/TBT/N/F RA/234	France	Date of Distribution: 29 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 27 September 2024	Nitrous oxide (also known as nitrogen protoxide, dinitrogen oxide and dinitrogen monoxide)	The notified draft Decree amends the wording of the mutual recognition clause contained in Decree No. 2023-1224 of 20 December 2023 on the inclusion of a warning label on individual packaging units for products containing only nitrous oxide, which specifies the content and characteristics of the warning label on the dangers of misusing nitrous oxide to be displayed on the product wrapping or packaging.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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