

12 December 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 30 November to 06 December 2024.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/NZ/L/143	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 5 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 4 March 2025	Legal harvest assurance for the forestry and wood - processing sector	As per notification G/TBT/N/NZL/113, the New Zealand Government is establishing a new regulatory system to provide legal harvest assurance for the forestry and wood-processing sector. The Forest (Legal Harvest Assurance) Amendment Act 2023 was passed in May 2023 and is to come into force by no later than 1 August 2027. The government is now consulting on regulatory proposals to give effect to the legal harvest assurance system when it comes into force.
G/TBT/N/US/A/1088/Rev.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 5 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 December 2024	Electronic cigarette substance - Revision	Proposed rule - The reason for this change is to align the rule with recent changes introduced in SB61 during the 2024 General Session. Specifically, this change aligns the nicotine content limit for electronic cigarettes and PMTA related requirements with Sections 59-14-810 and 76-10-101. This change also aligns prohibited sales with those outlined in Section 76-10-113.

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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