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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from October 26 to November 1, 2024

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IDN/76/Add.2</a>	Indonesia	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 30 October 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated</p>	Calcium carbide - Addendum	<p>Addendum of Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard under G/TBT/N/IDN/76/Add.1 dated 13 February 2014 for Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 65/M-IND/PER/12/2013 concerning Mandatory Implementation of SNI for Calcium Carbide, has been revoked and replaced by Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 13 Year 2024 concerning Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Calcium Carbide. The Regulation covers the issuance of SNI certificate using type 5 certification scheme, production process assessment and implementation of ISO 9001:2015 and including product quality testing based on SNI 2861:2021 for Calcium Carbide (HS Codes: 2849.10.00). Domestic or imported calcium carbide product that has been produced before this Ministerial Regulation comes into effect can still be distributed up to a maximum of 12 (twelve) months from the date of enforcement.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SGP/74</a>	Singapore	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 30 October 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 29 December 2024</p>	Hazardous substances	<p>Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA) is proposing to regulate 2 groups of chemicals and 9 mercury-added products as Hazardous Substances under the Environmental Protection and Management Act (EPMA) and/or EPM (Hazardous Substances) Regulations (EPM (HS) Regulations). The 2 groups of chemicals have been assessed by the Persistent Organic Pollutant Review Committee (POPRC) of the Stockholm Convention to be persistent organic pollutants that are likely, as a result of their long-range environment transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and/or environmental effects such that global action is warranted. Accordingly, the POPRC has recommended for the 2 groups of chemicals to be listed under Annex A of the Stockholm Convention for elimination. The 9 mercury-</p>

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				<p>added products were adopted into Annex A of the Minamata Convention for phasing out by 1 Jan 2026. The proposed regulation of the 2 groups of chemicals and 9 mercury-added products under the EPMA and/or EPM (HS) Regulations is planned to take effect in Jun 2025. Once the regulations take effect, importers, manufacturers and distributors of the 2 groups of chemicals and of products containing these chemicals will be required to apply for a Hazardous Substances (HS) licence/permit for the import, export, sale, manufacture, transport, storage and/or use of these chemicals. Accordingly, importers, manufacturers and distributors of the 2 groups of chemicals and products containing these chemicals would have to comply with the requirements on the import, manufacture, sale, transport, storage and/or use of hazardous substances, that are stipulated in the EPMA and EPM (HS) Regs. The import, export and manufacture of the 9 mercury-added products will not be allowed once the regulations take effect.</p>
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Thank you.

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