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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 18 to 24 January 2025.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from: Ukraine, United States of America, and Rwanda.

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G TBT N UKR 274 Rev.2	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2025 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2025	Chemicals and substances of biological origin, as well as those that are part of mixed products	This draft Resolution outlines the approval of a procedure for the state registration of hazardous factors, including chemicals and biological substances produced, used, or imported in Ukraine. It defines the process for registering these hazardous factors and maintaining the State Register of Hazardous Factors. The new version enhances the procedures for reviewing registration applications in line with Ukraine's "On Administrative Procedure" law and removes provisions related to joint applications and storing registration certificates. The registration applies to individual hazardous factors and substances intentionally released during use or those present in mixed products at concentrations of 10% or more. The Ministry of Health of Ukraine oversees the registration process, which includes submitting specific information such as the chemical name, safety data sheets, and classification of hazards. The registration is indefinite unless otherwise stated, and all data is recorded in the State Register, which follows the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).
G TBT N USA 2184	United States of America	Date of Distribution: 22 January 2025 Deadline for Comments: 18 February 25	Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Environmental protection, Production in the chemical industry, Products of	This proposed rule aims to make conforming edits to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) regulation, in line with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (NDAA). The NDAA mandates that certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) be automatically added to the TRI beginning January 1 of the year following specific events. The EPA's

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			the chemical industry	proposed edits explicitly include these PFAS in the definition of "toxic chemical" under the TRI regulation. The rule also clarifies that TRI supplier notification requirements apply to suppliers of mixtures or products containing TRI-listed chemicals, including those added under the NDAA, starting January 1 of the applicable year.
G TBT N USA 2159 Add.1	United States of America	Date of Distribution: 22 January 2025 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2025	Tire anti-degradant; N-(1,3-Dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine (6PPD) and its transformation product, 6PPD-quinone; Environmental protection, Production in the chemical industry, Organic chemicals, Products of the chemical industry, Manufacturing processes in the rubber and plastics industries, Tyres in general, Pigments and extenders	This document extends the comment period for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) advance notice of proposed rulemaking on N-(1,3-Dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine (6PPD) and its transformation product, 6PPD-quinone. Originally published in the Federal Register on 19 November 2024, the notice solicited public comment on potential risks associated with these substances and information about alternatives and regulatory options. The comment period, which was set to end on 21 January 2025, is now extended until 24 March 2025. This extension allows stakeholders more time to provide input for potential future regulatory actions under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).
G TBT N RWA 1136	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 20 January 2025 Deadline for Comments: 21 March 2025	Cosmetics. Toiletries	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for kaolin used in cosmetic industry.
G TBT N USA 2181	United States of America	Date of Distribution: 20 January 2025 Deadline for Comments:	Vinyl chloride (ethene, chloro-; CASRN 75-01-4); Environmental protection,	This notice announces the availability of and seeks public comment on the draft scope for the risk evaluation of vinyl chloride (CASRN 75-01-4) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The scope includes the conditions of use, hazards, exposures, and

		03 March 2025	Production in the chemical industry, Products of the chemical industry	potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will consider in evaluating whether vinyl chloride presents an unreasonable risk to health or the environment. The evaluation will focus solely on risk factors, excluding costs or non-risk factors.
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Sincerely,

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