

18 November 2022

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 05 to 11 November 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the 24 notified draft technical regulations from eight (8) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BDI/286	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 09 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 07 January 2023	Banana flour	This East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for green/unripe banana and plantains flour intended for human consumption or for other use in the food industry
G/TBT/N/BDI/287	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 09 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 07 January 2023	Fruit juices, puree, pulp and nectars	This draft East Africa Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for fruit juices, pulp, nectars and fruit puree and concentrated fruit puree intended for direct human consumption or for further processing. This standard also applies to the following fruit juices: a) concentrated fruit juices; b) Fruit juice from concentrate; c) Water extracted fruit juice; d) Dehydrated fruit juice; and e) Powdered fruit juice.
G/TBT/N/BDI/288	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 09 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 07 January 2023	Dried fruits	This East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for dried fruits intended for direct human consumption or for other use in the food industry.

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Membership:

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

G/TBT/N/BDI/289	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 09 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 07 January 2023</p>	Fruit drinks either as ready-to-drink or dilutables containing fruit juice	This East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for fruit drinks either as ready-to-drink or dilutables containing fruit juice. This standard does not apply to the following categories of products for which other standards apply: a) fruit juices and nectars; b) vegetable juices and nectars; and c) water based flavored drinks
G/TBT/N/BRA/1275/Corr.1	Brazil	<p>Date of Distribution: 07 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Hamburgers - Corrigendum	Rectification of Art. 4 of Inmetro Ordinance No. 420, 4 October 2021, published in the Official Gazette on 14 October 2021, pages 42 to 51, section 1.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1419/Corr.1	Brazil	<p>Date of Distribution: 08 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Maximum tolerated limits of contaminants in food - Corrigendum	The Normative Instruction number 160, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1419 - which establishes the maximum tolerated limits (LMT) of contaminants in food, was republished.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1422/Corr.1	Brazil	<p>Date of Distribution: 08 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Enzymes and enzymatic preparations for use as technology aid in the production of food intended for human consumption - Corrigendum	The Resolution - RDC number 728, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1422 - which contains provisions on enzymes and enzymatic preparations for use as technology aid in the production of food intended for human consumption, was rectified.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1423/Corr.1	Brazil	<p>Date of Distribution: 08 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Packaged food labeling - Corrigendum	The Resolution - RDC number 727, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1423 - which contains provisions on packaged food labeling, was republished.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1426/Corr.1	Brazil	<p>Date of Distribution:</p>	Microbiological patterns of	The Resolution - RDC number 724, 01 July 2022 -

		08 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	foods and their application - Corrigendum	previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1426 - which contains provisions on the microbiological patterns of foods and their application, was rectified.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1428/Corr.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 08 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Maximum tolerated limits of contaminants in foods - Corrigendum	The Resolution - RDC number 722, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1428 - which contains provisions on the maximum tolerated limits (LMT) of contaminants in foods, the general principles for their establishment and the methods of analysis for the purpose of conformity assessment, was rectified.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1430/Corr.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 08 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Food preparation mixtures and ready-to-eat foods - Corrigendum	The Resolution - RDC number 719, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1430 - which contains provisions on sanitary requirements of food preparation mixtures and ready-to-eat foods, was rectified.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1433/Corr.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 08 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Coffee, barley, teas, yerba mate, spices, seasonings and sauces - Corrigendum	The Resolution - RDC number 716, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1433 - which contains provisions on health requirements of coffee, barley, teas, yerba mate, spices, seasonings and sauces, was rectified.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1434/Corr.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 10 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Low sodium salt, foods for weight control, foods for diets with nutrient restriction and foods for diets with a controlled intake of sugars - Corrigendum	The Resolution - RDC number 715, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1434 - which contains provisions on the sanitary requirements of low sodium salt, foods for weight control, foods for diets with nutrient restriction and foods for diets with a controlled intake of sugars, was republished and rectified.

G/TBT/N/BRA/1437/Corr.1	Brazil	<p>Date of Distribution: 08 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Foods containing cereals and pseudocereals - Corrigendum	The Resolution - RDC number 712, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1437 - which contains provisions on the requirements of composition and labeling of foods containing cereals and pseudocereals for classification and identification as integral and for highlight of the presence of whole ingredients, was rectified.
G/TBT/N/EU/934	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 10 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 January 2023</p>	Spirit drinks	This act aims at extending reference methods set out for spirit drinks in the Annex to Commission Regulation (EC) No 2870/2000 to the analysis of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin (EAAO).
G/TBT/N/TPKM/493/Add.1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	<p>Date of Distribution: 10 November 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Miscellaneous edible preparations - Addendum	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the Regulations Governing the Labeling of Health Food (Revised Draft) distributed as G/TBT/N/TPKM/493 on 3 June 2022 has been promulgated based on the provisions of subparagraph 11, paragraph 1, Article 13 of the Health Food Control Act; the regulation will come into effect on 1 January 2024 for health food to provide consumers with clear information of health effects and necessary warning messages of health foods with specific ingredients.
G/TBT/N/TUR/121/Add.1	Turkey	<p>Date of Distribution: 10 November 2022</p>	Sugar - Addendum	Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Sugar which was notified through G/TBT/N/TUR/121 on 13 August 2018 has been entered into force on 20

		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		August 2022. The main difference between the Communiqué that entered into force in 2022 and the draft Communiqué notified in 2018 is related to article 10 (1)-I, which is about referring to the aforementioned communique's Article 4 (1), subparagraphs (b), (c), (d), (e) and (ğ). Thus, the article indicates that the source from which [sugars are] obtained shall be written in parentheses following the product names. The same applies if these products are used as ingredients in the composition of a food.
G/TBT/N/TZA/843	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 09 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 07 January 2023	Unrefined shea butter	This Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, sampling and testing methods for unrefined shea butter intended for direct human consumption, or as an ingredient in the manufacture of food products.
G/TBT/N/TZA/844	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 09 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 07 January 2023	Edible flaxseed (Linseed) oil	This Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, sampling and testing methods for unrefined shea butter intended for direct human consumption, or as an ingredient in the manufacture of food products.
G/TBT/N/TZA/845	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 10 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 08 January 2023	Edible mustard seed oil	This Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, sampling and testing methods for mustard seed oil derived from the seeds of white mustard (<i>Sinapis alba</i> L. or <i>Brassica hirta</i> Moench), brown and yellow mustard (<i>Brassica juncea</i> (L.) Czernajew and Cossen) and of black mustard (<i>Brassica nigra</i> (L.) Koch) intended for

				human consumption.
G/TBT/N/TZA/846	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 10 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 08 January 2023	Edible pistachio oil	This Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, sampling and testing methods for pistachio oil derived from the kernel of pistachio fruit (<i>Pistacia vera</i> L.) intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/TZA/847	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 10 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 08 January 2023	Edible walnut oil	This Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, sampling and testing methods for walnut oil derived from the kernel of walnut fruit (<i>Juglans regia</i> L.) intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/UGA/1698	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 10 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 08 January 2023	Kombucha	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for Kombucha.
G/TBT/N/ZAF/159/Add.1/Corr.1	South Africa	Date of Distribution: 11 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled, meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen; pig fat, free of lean; meat poultry fat - Corrigendum	Regulations regarding the classification and marking of meat intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa. Amendment

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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