

31 May 2023

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 20 to 26 May 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BRA/682/Add.4	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 22 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding - Addendum	MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 458, 22 November 2021, which opened public consultation on a proposal establishing the minimum criteria and procedures for the manufacture and use of products intended for animal feed with veterinary drugs, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/682/Add.2 was adopted as MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 798, 10 May 2023.
G/TBT/N/CH/277	Switzerland	Date of Distribution: 25 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 July 2023	Olive oil, virgin olive oil, extra virgin olive oil or olive-pomace oil	Extra virgin olive oil and virgin olive oil only, may be labelled with organoleptic characteristics regarding taste and smell. -The terms may be used in accordance with the results of organoleptic tests. Amendment of the conditions under which the acidity or maximum acidity of the olive oil, virgin olive oil, extra virgin olive oil or olive-pomace oil may be labelled. These conditions are a statement in characters of the same size and in the same field of vision, of the values of the peroxide value, the wax content and the ultraviolet absorbency.

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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/J PN/771	Japan	Date of Distribution: 22 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 20 July 2023	Fertilizer	<p>On 28 February 2022, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published a rule removing sixteen substances from the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List). That document accidentally omitted nonorganic whey protein concentrate from the amendatory instructions. This document corrects the amendatory language, removing nonorganic whey protein concentrate from the National List, as intended in the previous document.</p>
G/TBT/N/U SA/1768/A dd.1/Corr.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 26 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Organics - Corrigendum	<p>On 28 February 2022, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) published a rule removing sixteen substances from the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List). That document accidentally omitted nonorganic whey protein concentrate from the amendatory instructions. This document corrects the amendatory language, removing nonorganic whey protein concentrate from the National List, as intended in the previous document.</p>
G/TBT/N/E U/982	European Union	Date of Distribution: 24 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 July 2023	Pesticides - Residues - S-metolachlor	<p>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance S-metolachlor is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. EU Member States shall withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing S-metolachlor as an active substance. The non-renewal of approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly assessed and approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

NEIL P. CATAJAY
Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N.P. Catajay', is written over the printed name.