

16 April 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 01 to 07 April 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from Japan, Senegal, Slovenia, and United States:

| Document Symbol | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates | Products Covered | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/JPN/634/Ad d.1 | Japan | Date of Distribution: 03 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated | Utensils, containers and packaging for food and food additives - Addendum | The quantity specified by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare as unlikely to cause harm to human health for raw materials used for food apparatus, containers, and packaging notified in G/TBT/N/JPN/634 was published on 28 April 2020 and entered into force on 1 June 2020. |
| G/TBT/N/JPN/635/Ad d.1 | Japan | Date of Distribution: 03 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated | Utensils, containers and packaging for milk and milk products - Addendum | The amendment to the Specifications and Standards for Foods, Food Additives, Etc. and the Ministerial Ordinance on Milk and Milk Products Concerning Compositional Standards, Etc. notified in G/TBT/N/JPN/635 was published and entered into force on 4 December 2020. |
| G/TBT/N/SEN/11 | Senegal | Date of Distribution: 04 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 20 April 2023 | Mangoes (Mangifera indica L.) | This Regulation makes it mandatory in the Member States of ECOWAS the ECOSTAND 023: 2022 standard relating to mango. This Regulation applies to commercial varieties of mangoes grown from Mangifera indica L., from the Anacardiaceae family, intended to be served fresh to consumers, after conditioning and packaging. Mangoes dedicated to processing industry are excluded from this Regulation |
| G/TBT/N/SEN/12 | Senegal | Date of Distribution: 04 April 2023 | Mango puree / pulp (Mangifera indica L.) | Make mandatory application in ECOWAS Member States of the standard ECOSTAND 103: 2022 relating to specifications for |

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| | | Deadline for Comments: 20 April 2023 | | mango puree/pulp. This Regulation applies to mango pulp/puree produced from varieties commercial use of mangoes from <i>Mangifera indica</i> L., of the Anacardiaceae family, for intermediate or final consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/S VN/122 | Slovenia | Date of Distribution: 03 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 01 June 2023 | Fresh, chilled and frozen meat of bovine, swine, sheep, goats and poultry | This Rule extends the transitional period until which operators must lay down the procedure for ensuring the traceability of the origin of fresh, chilled and frozen beef, pig, sheep, goat and poultry meat placed on the market as nonprepacked at all stages of production and distribution. |
| G/TBT/N/U SA/1979 | United States | Date of Distribution: 03 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 01 May 2023 | Soybeans | The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposes to revise the United States Standards for Soybeans by removing soybeans of other colors (SBOC) as an official factor. In addition, AMS proposes to revise the table of Grade Limits and Breakpoints for Soybeans to reflect this change. |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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