

15 June 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 03 to 09 June 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eleven (11) notified draft technical regulations from eight (8) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/IND/271	India	Date of Distribution: 07 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 05 August 2023	Alcoholic beverages : mead (Honey wine), craft beer, Indian liquors and definition of low alcoholic beverages / RTD, wine based beverages and, country Liquors etc.	The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Amendment Regulations, 2023 is related to standards of Mead (Honey wine), Craft Beer, Indian liquors and definition of Low Alcoholic Beverages/ RTD, Wine based Beverages and, Country Liquors etc.
G/TBT/N/BRA/826/Add.d.6	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 06 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Organic production - Addendum	MAPA, issued the Ordinance 811, 29 May 2023 that amends MAPA Ordinance No. 52, 15 March 2021, establishing Technical Regulation for Organic Production Systems and the lists of substances and practices permitted for use in organic production, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/826/Add.3.
G/TBT/N/EGY/28/Add.7	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 07 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Wheat - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 143/2023 (2 pages, in Arabic) which stipulates raising the moisture content of imported wheat to reach 14 % by weight (as maximum), for one year starting from the date of entry into force of the Decree. Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standard through the

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				publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.
G/TBT/N/JAM/116	Jamaica	Date of Distribution: 08 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 06 August 2023	Rice	This standard establishes requirements for grades of paddy, cargo rice, milled rice, cargo parboiled rice, and milled parboiled rice. It also specifies the general conditions for sampling and the methodologies for assessing the various factors used in the determination of the quality of rice.
G/TBT/N/KOR/1148	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 06 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 August 2023	Foods	The Korean MFDS proposes amendment to allow some food labelling information to be provided in electronic format, such as in barcodes.
G/TBT/N/LKA/54	Sri Lanka	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 26 July 2023	Fruit squashes, fruit syrups and fruit cordials	Food Preservatives that can be permitted to use fruit squashes, fruit syrups, and fruit cordials as per the Food (Preservatives) Regulation, 2019 under the Food Act 26 of 1980.
G/TBT/N/LKA/55	Sri Lanka	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 26 July 2023	Fruit cordial concentrates, fruit squash concentrates, fruit syrup concentrates	Food Preservatives that can be permitted to use Fruit Cordial Concentrates, Fruit Squash Concentrates, Fruit Syrup Concentrates in line with Food (Preservatives) Regulation, 2019 under the Food Act 26 of 1980.
G/TBT/N/LKA/56	Sri Lanka	Date of Distribution: 05 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 26 July 2023	Carbonated beverage	Food Preservatives that can be permitted to use Carbonated Beverages as per the Food Act 26 of 1980.
G/TBT/N/SGP/67/Add.1	Singapore	Date of Distribution: 07 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	All pre-packaged beverages in plastic bottles and metal cans - Addendum	The proposed beverage container return scheme, notified as G/TBT/N/SGP/67, has been finalised. Under the scheme, containers of covered beverage products must be labelled with a prescribed deposit mark, and a barcode. This labelling requirement

				remains the same as previously notified and will enter into force on 1 July 2025. Further details such as the design of the deposit mark will be prescribed in due course in subsidiary legislation to the Resource Sustainability Act.
G/TBT/N/T PKM/513/A dd.1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 07 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Infant and follow-up formula (including infant formula, follow-up infant formula and infant formula for special medical purposes) and milk powder - Addendum	The purpose of this notification is to provide the final texts of "Use Restrictions and Labeling Requirements of 2'-fucosyllactose Produced by Genetically Modified Escherichia coli strain K-12 MG1655 INB000846 as a Food Ingredient" and relevant dates of its implementation.
G/TBT/N/T PKM/526	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 07 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 05 August 2023	Liquid mycelia culture powder of morel mushroom (Morchella esculenta)	This draft regulation specifies the use restrictions and labeling requirements for the liquid mycelia culture powder of morel mushroom (Morchella esculenta) for food purposes.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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