

19 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 18 to 14 April 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the thirteen (13) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/RG/397/Ad d.1	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 14 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Edible mushrooms - Addendum	It is reported that by Joint Resolution SGAYP and SCS No. 3/2023 "Food Code Argentine - Chapter XVI "Correctives and adjuvants" - Article 1249: Edible mushrooms".
G/TBT/NA/RG/397/Ad d.2	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 14 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Edible mushrooms - Addendum	It is reported that the Draft Joint Resolution is submitted to public consultation "Argentine Food Code - Chapter XVI "Correctives and adjuvants" - Article 1249: Mushrooms edibles" (EX-2021-123449264 and EX-2021-113568459) that incorporates a variety to the list known today as the Ganoderma lucidum mushroom, traditionally known as Reishi or Lingz.
G/TBT/NA/RG/441	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 14 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 May 2023	Drinkable vegetable preparation	The Project includes the definition, denomination of sale, composition and physicochemical characteristics of drinkable vegetable preparations
G/TBT/NA/RG/442	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 14 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 May 2023	Fermented plum drink	The Project includes the definition and characteristics Physicochemical properties of plum fermentation. The product will be called "Fermented from plums".

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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/NA/ RG/443	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 14 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 May 2023	Canned and other fish products	The Project updates articles 451, 454, 456, 457 and 463, article 453 is eliminated and article 473bis is incorporated.
G/TBT/NA/ RM/91	Armenia	Date of Distribution: 11 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Poultry meat and poultry processed products	The Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union "On Safety of Poultry Meat and Poultry Processed Products" establishes requirements to poultry meat and poultry processed products aimed at ensuring health and life protection and preventing consumer deception.
G/TBT/NA/ RM/91/Cor r.1	Armenia	Date of Distribution: 13 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Poultry meat and poultry processed products - Corrigendum	The Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union EAEU TR 051/2021 "On Safety of Poultry Meat and Poultry Processed Products" Adding of the missing link in the field 8
G/TBT/N/B/ DI/347	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 12 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 June 2023	Carbon dioxide for beverage industry	This draft East African Standard prescribes the requirements methods of test and sampling for carbon dioxide used for the carbonation of beverages. It does not apply to the following: a) carbon dioxide used for fire extinguishers, refrigeration, inflation rafts, welding applications and other general commercial purposes. b) material intended for medical use.
G/TBT/N/B/ DI/348	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 12 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 June 2023	Carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling, and test methods for carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks which may be concentrated (solid or liquid) or ready to drink. This standard does not apply to products for which other standards apply such as: a) waters (including packaged water, flavoured drinking water and packaged natural mineral waters);

				<p>b) fruit drinks.</p> <p>c) fruit juices, pulp, puree, and nectars.</p> <p>d) vegetable juices and nectars.</p> <p>e) herbal juices (ready to drink and concentrates); and</p> <p>f) cereal based beverages</p>
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1417	Kenya	<p>Date of Distribution: 14 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 12 June 2023</p>	Silos for storage of unbagged cereals and pulses	<p>This draft Kenya Standard covers the location, structural, facility, safety and management requirements for silos for storing bulk unbagged cereals and pulses.</p> <p>This standard applies to public silos, private commercial silos, bonded storage and cooperative silos.</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/1973/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 13 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 11 June 2023</p>	Voluntary food labelling - Addendum	<p>The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is extending the comment period on the proposed rule for a voluntary "Product of USA" labeling claim. The deadline for comments was originally 12 May 2023. The proposed rule will be open for comments for an additional 30 days, until 11 June 2023.</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/1979/Corr.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 13 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 01 May 2023</p>	Soybeans - Corrigendum	<p>This document corrects the preamble to a proposed rule published in the Federal Register of 31 March 2023 regarding revisions to the United States Standards for Soybeans. This correction provides the corrected docket number for the proposed rule and the necessary ADDRESSES and instructions for interested parties who wish to submit written comments.</p>
G/TBT/N/USA/1982	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 August 2023</p>	Salt substitutes	<p>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is proposing to amend our standard of identity (SOI) regulations that specify salt (sodium chloride) as a required or optional ingredient to permit the use of salt substitutes in standardized foods, to reduce the sodium content. Reducing sodium may help reduce the risk of hypertension, a leading cause</p>

				of heart disease and stroke. The proposed rule, if finalized, would help support a healthier food supply by providing flexibility to facilitate industry innovation in the production of standardized foods lower in sodium while maintaining the basic nature and essential characteristics of the foods.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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