

22 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 10 to 16 June 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the fourteen (14) notified draft technical regulations from seven (7) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/RE/575	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 14 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 12 August 2023	Edible essential water intended for human consumption	This technical regulation is concerned with the general requirements of the edible essential water Intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/NA/RE/576	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 14 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 12 August 2023	Chili sauce	This Technical Regulation applies to chili sauce, as defined in Section 2, and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended
G/TBT/N/B/DI/369	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 16 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 August 2023	Biscuits	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements sampling and test methods for biscuits intended for human consumption. This standard also covers wafer and cookies
G/TBT/N/B/DI/370	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 16 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 August 2023	Cereals - Breakfast cereals	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for breakfast cereals intended for human consumption

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

G/TBT/N/B/DI/371	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 14 August 2023</p>	Cereals; preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products; food technology	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements sampling and test methods for pasta products derived from wheat flour (Triticum Durum, Triticum Aestivum, Triticum Compactum) or any other suitable flour intended for human consumption. This standard applies to the following pasta products such as macaroni, spaghetti, Vermicelli, noodles, short-cut pasta, lasagna, fortified pasta and similar products
G/TBT/N/B/DI/372	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 14 August 2023</p>	Pre-packaged cooked beans	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for prepacked cooked beans obtained from different varieties of Phaseolus spp intended for human consumption
G/TBT/N/B/DI/373	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 14 August 2023</p>	Maize meal	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for whole maize meal, granulated maize meal, sifted maize meal, maize grits and maize flour from the grains of common maize (Zeamays L.) intended for human consumption. This standard does not apply to fortified milled maize (corn) products and maize grits intended for brewing, manufacturing of starch and any other industrial use.
G/TBT/N/E/GY/313/Add.5	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 June 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Meat, poultry and their products, milk and dairy products - Addendum	This addendum concerns the extension of the time period during which imports of milk and dairy products that are not accompanied by a Halal certificate are allowed to enter into Egypt .The time period has been extended till September 30 , 2023 (date of arrival at Egyptian ports) as a trade facilitating measure.


G/TBT/N/R WA/880	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 12 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 July 2023	'Molasses	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for molasses intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/T PKM/514/ Add.1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 13 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Hen egg white lysozyme hydrolysate - Addendum	The purpose of this notification is to provide the final texts of "Use Restrictions and Labeling Requirements of Hen Egg White Lysozyme Hydrolysate as a Food Ingredient" and relevant dates of its implementation.
G/TBT/N/T PKM/516/ Add.1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 13 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Broccoli (Brassica oleracea var. italica) seed extract - Addendum	The purpose of this notification is to provide the final texts of "Use Restrictions and Labeling Requirements of Broccoli (Brassica oleracea var. italica) Seed Extract as a Food Ingredient" and relevant dates of its implementation. The draft texts notified in "G/TBT/N/TPKM/516" were adopted with minor changes.
G/TBT/N/U RY/77	Uruguay	Date of Distribution: 12 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 August 2023	Potatoes, fresh or chilled	In order to facilitate trade between States Parts of MERCOSUR, the equivalences of categories of material of propagation of potato produced in controlled environments and seed potato classified and packaged for export. Likewise, the quality certificate model is approved of seed potatoes to be used to facilitate seed exchange between States Parties of MERCOSUR.
G/TBT/N/U RY/79	Uruguay	Date of Distribution: 12 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 August 2023	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	The MERCOSUR Technical Identity Regulation is adopted and Tomato Quality, to be applied in the territory of the States Parties of MERCOSUR, trade between them and imports outside the zone.

G/TBT/N/US/1928/A dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 15 June 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Chickpea / garbanzo beans - Addendum	The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is revising the United States Standards for Beans under the United States Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, (AMA). AMS is revising the grade-determining factors for Moisture and Contrasting Chickpeas in the class Chickpea/ Garbanzo Beans.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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