

01 March 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 24 February 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the thirteen (13) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BDI/318	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 22 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 April 2023	Cereal-based foods for older infants and young children	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for processed cereal-based foods intended for feeding older infants and young children as a complementary food and as part of diversified diet. The standard excludes both fortified and unfortified composite flours as covered in EAS 1024, EAS 782 and EAS 741.
G/TBT/N/BDI/319	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 23 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 April 2023	Fortified milled maize (corn) products	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for fortified milled maize (corn) products prepared from the grains of common maize (<i>Zea mays</i> L.) intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/BDI/320	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 23 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 April 2023	Fortified processed cereal based foods (FPCBF)	This Draft East African standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Fortified Processed cereal based foods intended for persons from the age of 6 months up to 59 months. This standard does not cover products covered by EAS 72.
G/TBT/N/BDI/321	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 23 February 2023	Fortified processed cereal based	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for Fortified

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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

		Deadline for Comments: 23 April 2023	foods (FPCBF)	Processed Cereal Based Food (FPCBF) intended for special dietary uses of persons of 5 years and above. This standard excludes fortified composite flour EAS 1024, composite flour EAS 782, Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods DEAS 1127, Processed Cereal foods for old infants and young children DEAS 72.
G/TBT/N/BDI/322	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 23 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 April 2023	Ready to use therapeutic foods	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for Ready to use therapeutic foods (ready to eat food for people with severe and acute malnutrition from age of 6 months and above). This standard does not apply to therapeutic milk, vitamin and mineral food supplements.
G/TBT/N/BDI/323	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 23 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 April 2023	Hazard analysis critical control point (HACCP) systems	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements for establishment, implementation and maintenance of HACCP system as a preventive system to ensure food safety control measures at each step throughout the food chain.
G/TBT/N/BDI/324	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 23 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 April 2023	General principles of food hygiene	This Draft East African Standard provides a framework of general principles for producing safe and suitable food for consumption by outlining necessary hygiene and food safety controls (Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) and Good Hygiene Practices (GHPs) to be implemented in production (including primary production), processing, manufacturing, preparation, packaging, storage, distribution, retail, food service operation and transport of food.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/810	Rwanda	Date of Distribution:	Food product	The purpose of these Regulations is to provide a legal framework for the

		22 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 21 April 2023		effective and efficient control of the importation and exportation of Food Products in a transparent, non-discriminatory process of their importation and/or exportation.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/814	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 22 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 April 2023	Fortified milled maize (corn) products	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for fortified milled maize (corn) products prepared from the grains of common maize (<i>Zea mays</i> L.) intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/SGP/69	Singapore	Date of Distribution: 23 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 April 2023	Nutri-grade beverages	From 30 December 2022, Nutri-Grade beverages sold in Singapore in the pre-packaged form or from non-customisable automated beverage dispensers have been subjected to labelling requirements and advertising prohibitions. The Ministry of Health (MOH) and Health Promotion Board (HPB) propose to extend these measures to freshly prepared beverages (including those dispensed from customisable automated beverage dispensers) for sale in specified settings in Singapore. For NutriGrade beverages which are pre-packaged or dispensed from machines, additional labelling requirements will also be introduced.
G/TBT/N/TPK/M/516	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 22 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 April 2023	Broccoli (<i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>italica</i>) seed extract	This draft regulation specifies the use restrictions and labeling requirements for broccoli (<i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>italica</i>) seed extract for food purposes.
G/TBT/N/URY/63/Add.1	Uruguay	Date of Distribution: 21 February 2023	Milk and milk products - Addendum	The final adoption of Executive Decree No. 426/22 amending Chapter 16 of the National Bromatological Regulations (Milk and milk products) is

		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		hereby notified, in accordance with the draft decree notified at the appropriate time.
G/TBT/N/USA/1758/Add.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 22 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Onions - Addendum	The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is withdrawing the proposed rule to terminate the Federal marketing order regulating the handling of onions grown in South Texas and the rules and regulations issued thereunder, and the proposed corresponding change to the onion import regulation. After reviewing the results of a second producer referendum and considering the comments received on the proposed rule, the proposed rule is being withdrawn.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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