

31 May 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 20 to 26 May 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eleven (11) notified draft technical regulations from seven (7) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/USA/885/Add.2/Corr.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 25 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Infant formula - Corrigendum	The Food and Drug Administration is correcting a final rule entitled "Food Labeling, Infant Formula Requirements, Food Additives and Generally Recognized as Safe Substances, New Dietary Ingredient Notification; Technical Amendments" that appeared in the Federal Register of 24 March 2023. The final rule corrected typographical errors, corrected errors in sample labels, restored inadvertent omissions, and updated office and organization names, addresses, and other references. The document was published with an incorrect abbreviation to "Potassium" in the codified language. This document corrects that error.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1298/Add.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 26 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Cellulosic materials, packaging and equipment intended to come into contact with food - Addendum	The Draft Resolution 1061, 28 December 2021 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1298 - which contains provisions on a technical regulation on cellulosic materials, packaging and equipment intended to come into contact with food, was adopted as Resolution 798, 19 May 2023.

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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/N/BHR/599/Ad d.2	Kingdom of Bahrain	<p>Date of Distribution: 26 May 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Energy drinks - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO members that the content of the WTO TBT Notification (G/TBT/N/BHR/599) related to updating the existing Technical Regulation on energy labelling and minimum energy performance requirements for small capacity Air-Conditioners in the Bahraini market, has been restricted to using SEER values on the labels only with a transitional period (grace period) of 18 months, as per the request of the WTO members, local manufacturers and distributors, and notified bodies.
G/TBT/N/IDN/101/Ad d.3	Indonesia	<p>Date of Distribution: 23 May 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Food - Addendum	<p>This draft regulation is the revision of Indonesian FDA Regulation Number 34 Year 2019 on Food Category. New provisions changed on this regulation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Food categorization; b. The use of food raw materials; and c. The assessment of the food category and raw materials currently not regulated on this regulation. <p>Processed food products that have been distributed must comply with this labelling regulation not later than 30 (thirty) months after this regulation enacted.</p>
G/TBT/N/IND/264	India	<p>Date of Distribution: 22 May 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 20 July 2023</p>	Food products	The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Amendment Regulations, 2023 to propose the removal of provisions related to mandatory Bureau of Indian Standards and AGMARK certification in certain products.
G/TBT/N/NAM/7	Namibia	<p>Date of Distribution: 22 May 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 21 June 2023</p>	Gem squash	This document applies to Gem squash of the varieties (cultivars) grown from the cucurbit family Cucurbita pepo L, having a hard shell and mature seeds commercially produced for fresh consumption. Gem squash for industrial processing being excluded.

G/TBT/N/NAM/8	Namibia	Date of Distribution: 22 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 21 June 2023	Melons	This document applies to Melon varieties (cultivars) grown from Cucumis melo L, to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Melons such as the Charentais, Galia and Ogen type of melons. Melons for industrial processing are excluded.
G/TBT/N/NAM/9	Namibia	Date of Distribution: 22 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 21 June 2023	Sweetcorn	This standard applies to Sweetcorn of the varieties (cultivars) Zea mays L, and excludes sweetcorn corn for industrial processing.
G/TBT/N/PHL/301	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 26 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 9 August 2023	Food manufacturers, repackers, traders, and distributors	To guide the Food Manufacturers, Traders, and Distributors in crafting their Risk Management Plans to guarantee that hazards and risks are prevented or at least minimized. Specific Objectives are as follows: A. To provide a standard format in the development of a Risk Management Plan. B. To ensure that the crafting of their Risk Management is evidence and science-based C. To ensure that the RMP is effectively communicated to the relevant stakeholders.
G/TBT/N/USA/446/Ad d.4/Corr.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 22 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Milk and cream products and yogurt products - Corrigendum	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is correcting a final order that appeared in the Federal Register on 14 April 2023. The document responded to objections and requests for a public hearing on the final rule to revoke the standards for lowfat yogurt and nonfat yogurt and amend the standard for yogurt. The final order published with an inadvertent error. This document corrects that error
G/TBT/N/USA/945/Rev.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 22 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 18 July 2023	Residential dishwashers - Revision	The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including dishwashers. EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or

				"the Department") to periodically determine whether more-stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified and would result in significant energy savings. In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR"), DOE proposes amended energy conservation standards for dishwashers, and requests comment on these proposed standards and associated analyses and results.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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