

20 December 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 09 to 15 December 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the twenty-one (21) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/DI/419	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024	Organic production	This Draft East African Standard provides requirements for organic production. It covers plant production, animal husbandry, aquaculture, sustainable fisheries, bee-keeping, the harvesting of wild products, and the processing and labeling of the products therefrom. It does not cover procedures for verification such as inspection or certification of products.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/420	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024	Biofertilizers	This draft East African standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for biofertilizers. This draft standard covers the following types of biofertilizers; Rhizobia, Phosphate solubilizing microorganism, Azospirillum and Azotobacter.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/421	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024	Fertilizers : phosphate rock powder	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for phosphate rock fertilizers in powder form of biogenic sedimentary origin.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/422	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024	Fertilizers : granulated phosphate rock	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for granulated phosphate rock fertilizers of biogenic sedimentary origin.

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G/TBT/N/B/DI/423	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024</p>	Fertilizers : triple superphosphate	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for Triple Super Phosphate (TSP) fertilizer.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/424	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024</p>	Fertilizers : potassium sulphate (sulphate of potash)	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for potassium sulphate (sulphate of potash) fertilizer.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/425	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024</p>	Fertilizers : potassium chloride (muriate of potash)	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements of sampling and test methods for potassium chloride (muriate of potash) fertilizer.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/426	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024</p>	Fertilizers : urea	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for urea fertilizer. This standard does not cover specifications for coated urea.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/427	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024</p>	Fertilizers : calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN)	This Draft East African standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN) fertilizer.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/428	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024</p>	Fertilizers : ammonium Sulphate (Sulphate of Ammonia)	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for ammonium sulphate fertilizer.

G/TBT/N/B/DI/429	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024</p>	Fertilizers : nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium (NPK) compound	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for NPK fertilizer (compound).
G/TBT/NE/U/1038	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 15 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 12 February 2024</p>	Pesticides - Residues - Dimethomorph	This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance dimethomorph is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. EU Member States shall withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing dimethomorph as an active substance. The non-renewal of approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly assessed and approved under Directive 91/414/EEC.
G/TBT/N/S/WZ/25	Eswatini	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable</p>	Cattle feeds	This Swaziland National Standard specifies requirements for cattle feeds.
G/TBT/N/S/WZ/27	Eswatini	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable</p>	Nutrient contents in compound fertilizers	This national standard specifies the requirements for nutrient contents in compound fertilizers.
G/TBT/N/S/WZ/28	Eswatini	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable</p>	Hygiene in poultry abattoirs	This standard specifies requirements for hygiene in poultry abattoirs. The standard does not cover quality requirements for poultry carcasses, poultry parts and the poultry products.
G/TBT/N/U/GA/1032/A dd.1	Uganda	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023</p>	Fishing gill nets - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 970:2019, Fishing gill nets — Specification, First Edition;

		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1032 was adopted on 24 May 2023. The adopted Uganda Standard, US EAS 970:2020, Fishing gill nets — Specification, First Edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/UGA/1278/A dd.1	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Common bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.) - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 1039:2021, Common beans — Requirements for certification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1278 was adopted on 24 May 2023. The adopted Uganda Standard, US EAS 1039:2022, Common beans — Requirements for certification, First Edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/UGA/1279/A dd.1	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Wheat seeds - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 1034, Wheat seeds — Requirements for certification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1279 was adopted on 24 May 2023. The adopted Uganda Standard, US EAS 1034:2022, Wheat seeds — Requirements for certification, First Edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/UGA/1280/A dd.1	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Cotton seeds - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 1038:2020, Cotton seeds — Requirements for certification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1280 was adopted on 24 May 2023. The adopted Uganda Standard, US EAS 1038:2022, Cotton seeds — Requirements for certification, First Edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/UGA/1281/A dd.1	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 11 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Rice seeds - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 1036:2020, Rice seeds — Requirements for certification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1281 was adopted on 24 May 2023. The adopted Uganda Standard, US EAS 1036:2022, Rice seeds — Requirements for certification, First Edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/UGA/1654/A dd.1	Uganda	Date of Distribution:	Biofertilizers - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 1576:2022, Biofertilizers

		11 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		— Specification, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1654 was adopted on 24 May 2023. The adopted Uganda Standard, US 1576:2023, Biofertilizers — Specification, Second Edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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