

13 July 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 01 to 07 July 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the sixteen (16) notified draft technical regulations from eleven (11) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/RG/444	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 07 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 September 2023	Alcoholic beverages (with the exception of fermented ones)	Resolution project No. 02/23 aims to update the harmonized regulations in MERCOSUR on definitions of beverages alcoholic beverages (with the exception of fermented ones), their raw materials and production processes manufacturing
G/TBT/NA/US/157	Australia	Date of Distribution: 07 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 September 2023	Bivalve molluscs	To align with international standards and to protect public health and safety, FSANZ has drafted an amendment to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to amend the maximum levels (MLs) for diarrhetic shellfish toxins (DST) and paralytic shellfish toxins (PST) with the equivalent MLs set by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and with those set in New Zealand. MLs for marine biotoxins are necessary in order to protect public health and safety, as marine biotoxins cause serious and sometimes long term toxicity in humans. The proposed changes are: - Lower the ML for DST, expressed as okadaic acid equivalent, from 0.20 to 0.16 mg/kg in bivalve molluscs - Define PST in mg saxitoxin dihydrochloride equivalents/kg rather than mg saxitoxin

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- 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)

				equivalents/kg. The net effect of this change to a more specific reporting unit is to lower the ML for PST from 0.8 to approximately 0.6 mg/kg.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/387	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 07 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 September 2023	Tomato products : canned tomato	This Draft East Africa Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for canned tomatoes <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L. for human consumption
G/TBT/N/B/DI/388	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 07 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 September 2023	Tomato products : tomato sauce and ketchup	This Draft East Africa standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for tomato sauce and ketchup /catsup/catchup for human consumption
G/TBT/N/B/DI/389	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 07 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 September 2023	Tomato products : tomato juice	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for unfermented but fermentable juice, intended for direct consumption, obtained from fresh tomatoes (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L). puree, paste or concentrates.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/390	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 07 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 September 2023	Chilli sauce	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for chilli sauce for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/RA/826/Add.6/Corr.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 03 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Organic production - Corrigendum	Rectification of table in the annex VI (MAXIMUM LIMITS OF CONTAMINANTS) of Ordinance SDA No. 811, 29 May 2023, published in the Official Gazette on 01 June 2023, Section 1, page 3, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/826/Add.6.

G/TBT/N/BRA/1487	Brazil	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 17 September 2023</p>	Frozen fish, frozen brined fish and frozen brined fish for canning	Ordinance n°. 832 opens a 75-day period for public consultation on the draft of technical regulation on identity and quality for frozen fish, frozen brined fish and frozen brined fish for canning.
G/TBT/N/EU/991	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 03 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 31 August 2023</p>	Aromatised wine products	This Delegated Regulation aims at laying down specific rules for the indication and designation of ingredients for aromatised wine products taking into account their specific characteristics and the peculiar processes and timing of their production, in view of providing consumers with comprehensive and accurate information
G/TBT/N/PAN/128/Add.1	Panama	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Vitamin, dietary and food supplements with therapeutic properties - Addendum	The Republic of Panama communicates that in relation to the Ministerial Resolution "That establishes the regulations for the registration of Vitamin, Dietary and Food Supplements with Therapeutic Properties"; (15 page(s), in Spanish), notified on May 4, 2023, under the signature (G/TBT/N/PAN/128), the term for the presentation of observations is extended until on August 2, 2023.
G/TBT/N/PER/97/Add.5	Peru	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Processed Foods - Addendum	By means of Supreme Decree No. 017-2023-SA, subnumerals 8.3 and 8.5 are modified of number 8 of the Advertising Warnings Manual approved by Supreme Decree No. 012-2018-SA, within the framework of the provisions of Law No. 30021, Law for the Promotion of Healthy Eating for children and adolescents, and its Regulations approved by Supreme Decree No. 017-2017-SA. With which the use of adhesives or printing is allowed indefinitely. indelible on the front side of the product label.

G/TBT/N/PRY/138	Paraguay	Date of Distribution: 06 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 05 September 2023	Cereals intended to complement the normal diet of children from 6 months to 36 months of age	This Technical Regulation applies to food made from cereals intended to complement the normal diet of children from 6 months to 36 months of age, taking into account the individual nutritional needs, respecting their physiological maturity and development neuropsychomotor for feeding infants and young children as part of a diet progressive and diversified
G/TBT/N/SGP/69/Add.1	Singapore	Date of Distribution: 03 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Freshly prepared nutri-grade beverages - Addendum	1. From 30 December 2022, Nutri-Grade beverages sold in Singapore in the prepackaged form or from non-customisable automated beverage dispensers have been subjected to labelling requirements and advertising prohibitions. 2. On 30 June 2023, additional measures will be introduced under the proposed Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2023 and Sale of Food (Freshly Prepared Nutri-Grade Beverages – Exemption) Order 2023 ("Amendment legislation"), which will extend the Nutri-Grade measures to freshly prepared beverages (including those dispensed from automated beverage dispensers that provide for the customization of beverages) for sale in specified settings in Singapore. For Nutri-Grade beverages which are pre-packaged or dispensed from machines, additional labelling requirements will also be introduced. The additional measures will come into effect from 30 December 2023. 3. Singapore's Ministry of Health (MOH) and Health Promotion Board (HPB) had conducted a public consultation exercise from 23 February 2023 to 24 April 2023 on the proposed Amendment legislation to introduce these additional measures. MOH and HPB had also notified the draft Amendment legislation to the WTO under notification G/TBT/N/SGP/69

				and invited Members' comments over the same period. 4. Singapore has carefully considered the comments[1] received during the notification period and reviewed the Amendment legislation. Amendments have been made to the notified draft text, as detailed in the attachment to this addendum.
G/TBT/N/TPKM/518/Add.1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 03 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Trans-resveratrol produced by genetically modified saccharomyces cerevisiae strain - Addendum	The purpose of this notification is to provide the final texts of "Use Restrictions and Labeling Requirements of trans-Resveratrol Produced by Genetically Modified Saccharomyces cerevisiae Strain EFSC4687 as a Food Ingredient" and relevant dates of its implementation. The draft texts notified in "G/TBT/N/TPKM/518" were adopted with minor changes.
G/TBT/N/UKR/146/Rev.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 07 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 September 2023	Fruit juices and certain similar products - Revision	The draft Order provides for the approval of requirements for terminology, quality characteristics, marking, labeling of fruit juices and certain similar food products in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the market as well as to create conditions for informing consumers about the characteristics of these products, in particular by means of their labeling.
G/TBT/N/AUS/153/Add.1	Australia	Date of Distribution: 03 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Country of origin labelling for seafood - Addendum	Australia is conducting further public consultation on mandatory country of origin labelling for seafood in hospitality settings (seafood CoOL). The consultation is seeking feedback on the impact of two proposed options for introducing seafood CoOL. These options would require hospitality businesses to show either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether the seafood is from Australia (A), imported (I) or a mix of Australian and imported seafood ingredients (M) - which country the seafood is from

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N.P. Catajay', is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.