

20 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 08 to 14 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/RE/578	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 14 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 September 2023	Broths and Consommés	This Technical regulation concerned with the bouillons, consommés (meat and poultry) and similar products named by other corresponding culinary terms intended for direct consumption and presented either in their ready-to-eat or in dehydrated, condensed, frozen or concentrated form.
G/TBT/NA/RE/579	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 14 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 September 2023	Cereal flakes	This Standard is concerned with the requirements that must be met in Cereal Flakes, which may be in the form of whole grains, or that have been crushed, puffed, or flakes, and do not include flakes prepared from corn (corn flakes).
G/TBT/NA/RE/580	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 14 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 September 2023	Dried apricots	This technical regulation is concerned with whole dried apricots , or halves (cut longitudinally into two parts before drying) or slices (cut in the form of slices that may be of irregular shape, size, and thickness) intended for direct human consumption, and does not include the product that has been Processed or intended for industrial uses (except when mixed with other products intended for

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				direct consumption) without the need for further preparation, and does not include the "Qamar El Din" product.
G/TBT/N/BOL/3/Add.12	Plurinational State of Bolivia	Date of Distribution: 13 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Labeling of products intended for human consumption directly or indirectly - Addendum	Administrative resolution 44/2023 was issued, which aims to update the list of food species that have internationally authorized events of genetically modified organisms for production and use as human and animal food subject to labeling (SECOND SEMESTER - 2023)
G/TBT/N/BRA/860/Add.3	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 10 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Shrimps - Addendum	MAPA issued SDA Ordinance No. 834, 30 June 2023, amending Normative Instruction SDA No. 23 of 20 August 2019, Technical Regulation on identity and minimum quality requirements for fresh, cooled, frozen, defrosted, cooked and partially cooked shrimp.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1484/Add.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 12 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Dairy compounds - Addendum	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply issued Ordinance SDA/MAPA No. 854, 7 July 2023, which extends the comment period of the Public Consultation issued by Ordinance SDA No. 777, 20 April 2023, previously notified G/TBT/N/BRA/1484 - draft of technical regulation on identity and quality of dairy compounds.
G/TBT/N/CAN/654/Add.1	Canada	Date of Distribution: 12 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Greenhouse cucumbers and tomatoes - Addendum	Certain fresh fruit or vegetables (FFV) must be graded in order to be marketed in import or interprovincial trade in Canada. FFV grades and requirements are maintained and enforced by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in an

				incorporated by reference (IbR) document titled "Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 2 – Fresh Fruit or Vegetables", incorporated into the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR).
G/TBT/N/C/RI/199	Costa Rica	Date of Distribution: 14 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 September 2023	Dairy products: yogurt	The purpose of this technical regulation is to establish the specifications that yogurt must meet, which conforms to the definition in the numeral 4.1 of the technical regulation proposal. It also applies to yogurt intended for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties.
G/TBT/N/G/TM/105	Guatemala	Date of Distribution: 13 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 September 2023	Dairy products: yogurt	This RTCA establishes the technical specifications, which must be to comply with yogurt, based on the definition contained in numeral 4.1 of the regulation technical. The regulation provides elements for the classification and composition of yogurt.
G/TBT/N/MEX/507/Add.1	Mexico	Date of Distribution: 12 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Corn and wheat products-denominations-dough and products derived from dough - Addendum	Response to the comments received regarding the Draft Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-187-SSA1/SE-2021, Corn and wheat products-Denominations-Dough and products derived from mass-Sanitary specifications-commercial information and sanitary-Test methods. (It will cancel the Official Mexican Standard NOM-187-SSA1/SCFI-2002, Products and services. Dough, tortillas, tostadas and prepared flours for their elaboration and establishments where they are processed. Sanitary specifications. Commercial information. Test Methods, published August

				18, 2003), published on February 15, 2022.
G/TBT/N/NIC/177	Nicaragua	<p>Date of Distribution: 13 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 10 September 2023</p>	Dairy products: yogurt	This RTCA establishes the technical specifications, which must be to comply with yogurt, based on the definition contained in numeral 4.1 of the regulation technical. The regulation provides elements for the classification and composition of yogurt. Applies to yogurt intended for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties. NOTE 1 In this document the word yogurt is used, but it can also be name as "yogurt", "yogurth", "yoghurt" or "yogourt".
G/TBT/N/PAN/129	Panama	<p>Date of Distribution: 14 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 11 September 2023</p>	Dairy products: yogurt	This RTCA establishes the technical specifications, which must be to comply with yogurt, based on the definition contained in numeral 4.1 of the regulation technical. The regulation provides elements for the classification and composition of yogurt.
G/TBT/N/SELV/227	El Salvador	<p>Date of Distribution: 14 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Dairy products: yogurt	This Central American Technical Regulation establishes the specifications that yogurt must meet, which conforms to the definition in the numeral 4.1 of the mentioned technical regulation. Applies to yogurt intended for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties.

G/TBT/NT HA/706	Thailand	<p>Date of Distribution: 10 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 07 September 2023</p>	Prepackaged processed foods	<p>The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH notification concerning related to food which are required to bare labels " as follows:</p> <p>Clause 1. The following Notifications shall be repealed</p> <p>Clause 2 Some kinds of pre-packaged processed foods are required to bear labels.</p> <p>Clause 3 In this notification: Some kinds of prepackaged processed foods mean foods packed in containers for sale including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Husked Rice Flour 2) Finished Gelatin and Jelly 3) Sauces in Sealed Containers excluding food that has been specifically announced by the Ministry of Public Health 4) Bread 5) Chewing Gum and Candy 6) Some Meat Products 7) Ready-to-Eat Foods 8) Ready-to-Cook Foods which various ingredients are prepared for cooking of each specific food <p>Clause 4 Labels of Some kinds of prepackaged processed foods shall follow to the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Labeling of Prepackaged Foods and/or the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Food products Required to bear Nutrition Labelling and Guideline Daily Amounts, GDA Labelling, if required.</p> <p>Clause 5 Labelling of food products in clause 3 that received food serial number before the effective date of this notification can still be sold but not more than two</p>
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G/TBT/N/T HA/707	Thailand	<p>Date of Distribution: 10 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 07 September 2023</p>	Ready-to-eat gelatin and jelly	<p>The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH notification concerning related to ready-to-eat gelatin and jelly as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clause 1 Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 263 (B.E.2545 (2002)) Re: Prescribed Prohibited Food to be Produced, Imported, or Sold, 12th September 2002, shall be repealed • Clause 2 Prescribed that ready-to-eat gelatine and jelly which contain glucomannan, konjac flour, flour from taro roots or flour from root crops packed in small containers with diameter or diagonal of the widest part not larger than 4.5 cm. shall be prohibited to be produced, imported, or sold.
G/TBT/N/T HA/708	Thailand	<p>Date of Distribution: 10 July 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 07 September 2023</p>	Prepackage foods	<p>The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH notification concerning related to warning statement of ready-to-eat gelatin and jelly "</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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