

28 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 17 to 21 July 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the thirteen (13) notified draft technical regulations from nine (9) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/AR/G/447	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 19 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 September 2023	Ciders and pear cider	The notified project consists of a review updating of the articles of the Argentine Food Code referring to ciders, and add the pear cider.
G/TBT/N/AR/G/448	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 19 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 September 2023	Hemp seeds and their derivatives	The notified project establishes the incorporation and definition of hemp seeds for food use, hemp seed flour and hemp oil hemp seed.
G/TBT/N/CHL/625/Add.2	Chile	Date of Distribution: 18 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Alcoholic Beverages - Addendum	The National Service for the Prevention and Rehabilitation of Drug Consumption and Alcohol (SENDA) informs of the publication of the Responses to the comments on the proposal of "Regulation on consumer information and advertising of alcoholic beverages", notified on March 9, 2023, under document G/TBT/N/CHL/625.
G/TBT/N/CHL/625/Add.3	Chile	Date of Distribution: 18 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Alcoholic Beverages - Addendum	The Republic of Chile informs that Decree No. 98 of the Ministry of the Interior and Public Safety.

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- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
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G/TBT/N/EGY/212/Add.6	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 20 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 17 September 2023	Dairy and its products which are refrigerated - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No.233/2023 (2 pages, in Arabic) which extends the shelf life of frozen fish and frozen liver stipulated in the Egyptian Standard ES 2613-2/2008 for "Shelf life for food products part 2: shelf life"(18 pages, in Arabic) to be nine months in case of frozen fish and ten months in case of frozen liver from the date of slaughter. This Decree is valid from 1 July 2023 until 30 June 2024.
G/TBT/N/ESP/49	Spain	Date of Distribution: 19 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 September 2023	Saffron seedlings	It is necessary to establish the legal requirements that promote the quality of saffron seedlings, as well as the official control that allows verify compliance. For this, the Order of October 28, 1994 must be modified which approves the Technical Regulation for the Control of production and marketing of vegetable seedlings and vegetable propagation material other than seeds, to include this species. At the same time, the text of said regulation.
G/TBT/N/EU/995	European Union	Date of Distribution: 20 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 September 2023	Imported organic products	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1342 supplements Regulation (EU) 2018/848 with rules on the information to be sent by third countries and by control authorities and control bodies for the purpose of supervision of their recognition under Article 33(2) and (3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 for imported organic products and the measures to be taken in the exercise of that supervision. In order to ensure the appropriate supervision of the third countries recognised under Article 33(2) of Regulation (EC) No 834/2007, the draft Regulation clarifies and further specifies provisions concerning actions to be taken by

				the competent authorities of third countries following a notification by the Commission of a substantiated suspicion of an irregularity or infringement. It also obliges those competent authorities to use a specific template for reporting about the investigation and actions taken.
G/TBT/N/HN/D/101	Honduras	Date of Distribution: 17 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 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. Applies to yogurt intended for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1307/Add.1	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Edible water-based ices and mixes - Addendum	Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2975:2022 Edible water-based ices and mixes - Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/1307 as DKS 2975:2022 was adopted on 9th June 2023 via gazette notice No. 7658 dated 9th June 2023.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1367/Add.1	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Jelly powder and jelly crystals - Addendum	Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 1772: 2022 Jelly powder and jelly crystals — Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/1367 as DKS 1772:2022 was adopted on 9th June 2023 via gazette notice No. 7658 dated 9th June 2023.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1471	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 September 2023	Instant noodles	This Draft Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and test methods for instant noodles. The draft standard excludes pasta products covered by KS 524

G/TBT/N/THA/709	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 19 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 September 2023	Cooking paper	This standard specifies type, model, size and capacity, material, chemical migration, specifications, packing, marking and labeling, sampling, hygiene requirements and test method for paper, hard paper, and paper containers made of pure fiber or mixing of pure fiber with non-coloring synthetic fiber, intended to use in contact with food for filtering hot liquid, heating, or cooking under 220 degrees Celsius where there is a possibility of chemical migration into food.
G/TBT/N/USA/1979/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 17 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Soybeans - Addendum	The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is revising the United States Standards for Soybeans by removing soybeans of other colors (SBOC) as an official factor. In addition, AMS is revising the table of Grade Limits and Breakpoints for Soybeans to reflect this change.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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