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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 29 to 04 August 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the nineteen (19) notified draft technical regulations from eight (8) WTO Members:

| Document Symbol | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates | Products Covered | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/B/WA/169 | Botswana | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 September 2023 | Bottled natural mineral water | This Botswana Standard specifies the physical, chemical and microbiological requirements for bottled natural mineral water for human consumption, bottled at the source. It also specifies permissible treatments and the requirements for bottling and labelling. |
| G/TBT/N/B/WA/168 | Botswana | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 September 2023 | Bottled water other than natural water | This Botswana Standard specifies the physical, chemical and microbiological requirements for bottled water other than natural water for human consumption. It also specifies permissible treatments and the requirements for bottling and labelling. |
| G/TBT/N/B/WA/170 | Botswana | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 September 2023 | Rice grains (Oryza sativa L.) and covers de-husked rice, dehulled rice and parboiled rice | This Botswana Standard specifies requirements for rice grains (Oryza sativa L.) and covers de-husked rice, dehulled rice and parboiled rice. |
| G/TBT/N/B/WA/167 | Botswana | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: | Sorghum grains | This Botswana Standard specifies classes and grades of sorghum grains intended for sale in Botswana. |

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| | | 30 September 2023 | | |
| G/TBT/N/B/WA/166 | Botswana | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 September 2023 | Whole and dehulled / decorticated sorghum grains obtained from Sorghum bicolor (L) Moench | This Botswana Standard applies to whole and dehulled/decorticated sorghum grains obtained from Sorghum bicolor (L). Moench. |
| G/TBT/N/B/RA/1483/A/dd.1 | Brazil | Date of Distribution: 4 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated | Dairy beverages - Addendum | Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply issued Ordinance SDA/MAPA No. 857, 25 July 2023, which opens the comment period of the Public Consultation of technical regulation on identity and quality of dairy beverages. |
| G/TBT/N/C/AN/704 | Canada | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 August 2023 | Vitamin D fortification of yogurt and kefir | The proposed targeted regulatory amendments would permit the vitamin D fortification of yogurt and kefir that are made from dairy products and expand the eligibility for the dairy-related exemption from the front-of-package (FOP) nutrition labelling requirement by implementing a lower calcium threshold. This would be accomplished by ministerial regulations in the form of Marketing Authorizations made under the authority of s. 30.3 of the Food and Drugs Act. |
| G/TBT/N/C/HL/657 | Chile | Date of Distribution: 4 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 2 October 2023 | Healthy lifestyle habits in the advertising of some | Law No. 20,606, on "Nutritional Composition of Food and its Advertising", establishes the obligation to label processed foods high in calories, saturated fat, sugars, and sodium, depending on levels established by the Ministry of Health (MINSAL). This law also includes the incorporation of a message that promotes healthy lifestyle habits in the advertising of some food. Decree No. 1 of 2017 of MINSAL, determines the characteristics of the Message that promotes healthy |

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| | | | | lifestyle habits contained in food advertising corresponding. This Decree is in force since June 11, 2018. The message is as follows: "Prefer Food with fewer warning labels, Ministry of Health, Government of Chile". |
| G/TBT/N/C OL/246/Rev.1/Add.1 | Colombia | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated | Canned or packaged food for human consumption - Addendum | The Republic of Colombia reports that the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare has issued Resolution No. 2492 of December 13, 2022, "By which articles 2, 3, 16, 25, 32, 37 and 40 of Resolution 810 of 2021 that establishes the technical regulation on the nutritional and front labeling requirements that packaged foods must comply with and packed for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/P RY/139 | Paraguay | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 September 2023 | Miscellaneous food preparations | Food packaged in the absence of the consumer, marketed by any sales channel in the national territory, for which the current regulations require nutritional labeling, and whose final composition of the content of sugars, saturated fats, and sodium exceed the values established in Law No. 7092/2023, must have the Front Warning Labeling. |
| G/TBT/N/U GA/1815 | Uganda | Date of Distribution: 31 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 September 2023 | Dry faba beans | This Final Draft African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for dry faba beans of cultivated varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Vicia faba</i> L. intended for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/U GA/1817 | Uganda | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 September 2023 | Dry chickpeas of the varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Cicer arietinum</i> (L.) | This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for dry chickpeas of the varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Cicer arietinum</i> (L.) intended for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/U GA/1818 | Uganda | Date of Distribution: | Dry green grams of the | This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, |

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| | | 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 September 2023 | cultivar Vigna radiata (L.) | sampling and test methods for the dry green grams of the cultivar Vigna radiata (L.) intended for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/U GA/1816 | Uganda | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 September 2023 | Dry whole soybeans of varieties (cultivars) grown from Glycine max (L.) | This Draft African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for dry whole soybeans of varieties (cultivars) grown from Glycine max (L.) intended for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/U GA/1819 | Uganda | Date of Distribution: 2 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 September 2023 | Wheat flour prepared from common wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) or club wheat (Triticum compactum Host), or their mixtures | This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, test methods and sampling for wheat flour prepared from common wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) or club wheat (Triticum compactum Host), or their mixtures intended for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/U RY/85 | Uruguay | Date of Distribution: 1 August 2023 Deadline for Comments: 29 September 2023 | Alcoholic beverages (with the exception of fermented ones) | The harmonized regulations in MERCOSUR on definitions of alcoholic beverages (with the exception of fermented ones), their materials raw materials and manufacturing processes. |
| G/TBT/N/U RY/81 | Uruguay | Date of Distribution: 31 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 September 2023 | Contaminants in food | The definition of pollutant is updated ("any undesirable substance not intentionally added to food and present as a result of primary production, industrialization, processing, preparation, treatment, packaging, transport or storage, or as a result of contamination environmental") and it is made independent of the regulations that regulate in the MERCOSUR sphere to food additives and technology aids. |

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| G/TBT/N/URY/84 | Uruguay | Date of Distribution: 31 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 September 2023 | Food Additives | Food additives and their maximum concentrations for food categories: 5: Jams (Candies,Lozenges, Candies, Chewing Gum, Nougat, Cocoa Products and Products with Cocoa,Chocolates, Bonbons, Filled Baths and other Similar Products), 6: Cereals and Cereal-Based Products, 7: Bakery and Biscuit Products, 12: Soups and Broths, 13: Sauces and Condiments, 19: Desserts and 21: Culinary Preparations Industrial. |
| G/TBT/N/URY/83 | Uruguay | Date of Distribution: 31 July 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 September 2023 | Jams ; cereals and cereal-based products/l; bakery and biscuit products; soups and broths; sauces and seasonings; desserts ; industrial culinary preparations | Food additives and their maximum concentrations for food categories: 5: Jams (Candies,Lozenges, Candies, Chewing Gum, Nougat, Cocoa Products and Products with Cocoa, Chocolates, Bonbons, Filled Baths and other Similar Products), 6: Cereals and Cereal-Based Products, 7: Bakery and Biscuit Products, 12: Soups and Broths, 13: Sauces and Condiments, 19: Desserts and 21: Culinary Preparations Industrial. |

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Sincerely,

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