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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 09 to 22 March 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the twenty-six (26) notified draft technical regulations from sixteen (16) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BRA/781/Add.6	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Food supplements and labelling - Addendum	Normative Instruction 28, from 26 July 2018 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/781/Add.1 - which proposes proposing essential requirements to prevent risks posed to health and safety of consumers, was changed by Normative Instruction 284, 07 March 2024
G/TBT/N/CHL/625/Add.5	Chile	Date of Distribution: 11 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Alcoholic beverages - Addendum	The Ministry of the Interior and Public Security hereby advises that pursuant to the implementation obligations of Decree No. 98/2023, it has issued a document providing clarification on the questions and comments it has received since the international public consultation.
G/TBT/N/CRI/115/Add.1	Costa Rica	Date of Distribution: 19 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 17 May 2024	Prepackaged foods - Addendum	The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica notified draft regulation "RTCA No. 67.04.60:10: Nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption for adults and children of over three years of age" on 24 February 2011 in document G/TBT/N/CRI/115. The regulation applies to nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption that are marketed for direct sale in the territories of Central American countries. The labelling of pre-packaged fresh food is governed by the domestic provisions of each State Party. Unprocessed foods and processed products packaged in front of the consumer are excluded from the scope of application of this regulation.
G/TBT/N/EGY/1/Add.20	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 11 March 2024	Terracotta building products : vitrified clay liner plates -	The Ministerial Decree No. 499 /2023 (4 pages, in Arabic) gives producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 41-1 that establishes the criteria for the

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		Deadline for Comments: 09 May 2024	Addendum Access: U	acceptance of vitrified clay liner plates used to protectively line or face pipe, culverts, abutments, structures, or appurtenances. Linear plates manufactured shall be known as curved linear plates or flat liner plates. These plates shall be manufactured from fire clay, shale, surface clay, or a combination of these materials that, when formed into liner plates and fired to suitable temperatures, yield a product that is strong, durable, serviceable, and free of objectionable defects. The absorption of liner plates shall not exceed 6%. The liner plates shall be subjected to acid resistance test. These liner plates shall be uniformly vitrified throughout their thickness and have a homogeneous structural texture.
G/TBT/NE GY/450	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 11 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 09 May 2024	Halal food	The General Organization for Veterinary services (GOVS) at the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MoALR) issued its decision No.1 of 2023 on the Regulating Procedures for Registration of companies granting international conformity certificates for Halal food(Halal certification bodies). The main elements of the decision include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The procedures for registering companies that issue Halal conformity certificates for food products at GOVS. • The obligations of the companies that issue the Halal conformity certificates. • The role of the General Organization for Veterinary Services (GOVS) in examining whether the companies meet the registration requirements or not. • The financial obligations. • The registration period.
G/TBT/N/S LV/148/Add .1	El Salvador	Date of Distribution: 15 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 May 2024	Pre-packaged foods - Addendum	The Government of the Republic of El Salvador notified draft Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.60:10: Nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption for adults and children of over three years of age on 3 March 2011 in document G/TBT/N/SLV/148, which established "the minimum requirements for the nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption intended for adults and children over 3 years of age. It applies to the labelling of pre-packaged foods sold directly for human consumption and marketed within the Central American area, and

				covers nutrition information and nutrition and health claims. It does not apply to fermented or distilled alcoholic beverages."
G/TBT/N/GTM/69/Add.1	Guatemala	Date of Distribution: 15 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Pre-packaged foods - Addendum	The Government of the Republic of Guatemala notified draft regulation "RTCA No. 67.04.60:10: Nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption for adults and children of over three years of age" on 11 February 2011 in document G/TBT/N/GTM/69. The regulation applies to nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption that are marketed for direct sale in the territories of Central American countries. The labelling of pre packaged fresh food is governed by domestic provisions of each State Party. Unprocessed foods and processed products packaged in front of the consumer are excluded from the scope of application of this regulation.
G/TBT/N/HND/66/Add.1	Honduras	Date of Distribution: 18 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 May 2024	Pre-packaged foods - Addendum	The Government of the Republic of Honduras notified regulation "RTCA No. 67.04.60:10: Nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption for adults and children of over three years of age" on 7 February 2011 in document G/TBT/N/HND/66. The regulation applies to nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption that are marketed for direct sale in the territories of Central American countries. The labelling of pre packaged fresh food is governed by the domestic provisions of each State Party. Unprocessed foods and processed products packaged in front of the consumer are excluded from the scope of application of this regulation.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1588	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 13 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 May 2024	Raw milk	This African Standard specifies requirements, sampling, and test methods of raw milk of (Cow milk (Bos spp.); Goat (Capra spp.); Sheep (Ovis spp.); Camel (Camelus dromedarius) for further processing
G/TBT/N/NIC/114/Add.1	Nicaragua	Date of Distribution: 15 March 2024	Pre-packaged foods - Addendum	The Republic of Nicaragua notified "NTON No. 03 092 - 10 / RTCA No. 67.04.60:10 Nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption intended for adults and children over three years of age" on 11 February 2011

		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		in document G/TBT/N/NIC/114, which will be replaced by NTON RTCA 67.01.60:23 Nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption intended for adults and children over three years of age. This regulation establishes the nutrition labelling requirements that must be met for pre-packaged foods for human consumption intended for adults and children over three years of age.
G/TBT/N/PAN/130	Panama	Date of Distribution: 15 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 May 2024	Pre-packaged foods	The notified Technical Regulation sets out technical elements for the nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption. The labelling of pre-packaged fresh foods is governed by the domestic provisions of each State Party. The notified Technical Regulation does not apply to unprocessed foods or to processed products packaged in the presence of the consumer.
G/TBT/N/PHL/325	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 11 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 05 May 2024	Prepackaged processed food products	This Circular intends to provide guidelines and procedures on the development of the recall strategy, the conduct of mock recall, and the procedure for the use of electronic recall notification. Specifically, it aims to: A. To establish an electronic system of notification of processed food product recalls for the MAH. B. To provide guidelines to the MAH who shall conduct mock recall or voluntary product recall of processed food products. C. To support and facilitate ease the submission the implementation of FDA Circular No. 2016-012 entitled Guidelines on Product Recall and its future amendments. D. For facilitation of the MAH's submission of standardized recall status reports to the CFRR-FDA
G/TBT/N/TZA/1106	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 18 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 May 2024	Raw milk	This African Standard specifies requirements, sampling, and test methods of raw milk of (Cow milk (Bos spp.); Goat (Capra spp.); Sheep (Ovis spp.); Camel (Camelus dromedarius) for further processing.
G/TBT/N/TZA/1107	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2024	Dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls in food and feed	This code of practice recommends Good Agricultural Practices, Good Manufacturing Practices, Good Storage Practices, Good Animal Feeding

		Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2024		Practices to regulators, farmers, feed and food manufacturers as well as consumers to prevent or reduce dioxins and PCBs contamination in foods and feeds. This code applies to the production, use of all materials intended for feed (including grazing or free-range feeding, forage crop production and aquaculture), and food at all levels whether produced industrially, on farms or in households .
G/TBT/NT ZA/1108	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2024	Lead contamination in foods	This code of practice recommends on the application of Good Agriculture Practices and Good Manufacturing Practices to prevent or reduce lead contamination in foods along the food systems.
G/TBT/NT ZA/1109	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2024	Contamination of food with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) from smoking and direct drying processes	This Code of Practice provides guidance on reduction of PAH contamination of food during direct and indirect smoking, and direct drying processes. It does not cover PAH contamination originating from the use of herbs and spices in the smoking process; indirect drying; barbecuing and other types of cooking in private homes or the catering sector; and environmental contamination of raw materials.
G/TBT/NT ZA/1110	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2024	Pyrrolizidine alkaloid contamination in food and feed	This Code of Practice provides guidance on managing PA containing weeds to prevent contamination of food and feed with PAs. This Code of Practice should be read in conjunction with other relevant Codes of Practice for the prevention and reduction of other contaminants in food and feed.
G/TBT/NT ZA/1111	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2024	Mixed masala	This Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for mixed masala which is used as a flavouring material for fish, chicken, meat and other products. This standard is not applicable to masala products with specific standard.
G/TBT/NT ZA/1112	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2024	Dried rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis L.) leaves	This draft Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for dried rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis L.) leaves in cut and ground form for human consumption.

G/TBT/N/TUR/211	Turkey	<p>Date of Distribution: 21 March 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 05 June 2024</p>	Cream and Kaymak	This Communiqué covers product characteristics of cream and kaymak in order to ensure that they are produced, prepared, processed, transported, stored and supplied to the market.
G/TBT/N/TUR/210	Turkey	<p>Date of Distribution: 19 March 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 05 June 2024</p>	Lentils	<p>This Communiqué covers product definitions and features, quality criteria and labelling requirements of lentils. Currently, Turkish Food Codex-Communiqué on Lentil (2003/25) is in force in Türkiye.</p> <p>This draft communiqué will enter into force on the date of publication and replace the current communiqué. The content of the Communiqué has been drafted without making any changes in the main issues, only the references to the legislation and the names of the Ministries have been adjusted according to the current situation.</p> <p>A transitional period is foreseen for the compliance with the new provisions.</p>
G/TBT/N/UGA/1915	Uganda	<p>Date of Distribution: 13 March 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 11 May 2024</p>	Tapioca pearls	This standard prescribes the requirements, sampling and test methods for tapioca pearls intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/UGA/1916	Uganda	<p>Date of Distribution: 14 March 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 12 May 2024</p>	Dried tomatoes	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, test methods and sampling for dried tomatoes of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> Mill. and its hybrids, intended for direct consumption without further processing or for use in the food industry.
G/TBT/N/GBR/77	United Kingdom	<p>Date of Distribution: 19 March 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 07 May 2024</p>	Production labelling for both domestic and imported products, for all unprocessed pork, chicken and eggs and certain prepacked and loose minimally	<p>This notification intends to make Members aware of a consultation on options to improve transparency and consistency around food labelling in the UK.</p> <p>This consultation seeks views on proposals to improve and extend mandatory method of production labelling for both domestic and imported products, for all unprocessed pork, chicken and eggs and certain prepacked and loose minimally processed products containing pork, chicken or egg.</p>

			processed products containing pork, chicken or egg	The consultation also seeks views and evidence on possible interventions that may improve consumer understanding of the origin of certain foods, including how and where origin information is displayed, and on which products origin information should be mandatory.
G/TBT/NU/SA/1680/A/ dd.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 18 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Frozen cherry pie - Addendum	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is revoking the standard of identity and the standard of quality for frozen cherry pie. This action, in part, responds to a citizen petition submitted by the American Bakers Association (ABA). We conclude that these standards are no longer necessary to promote honesty and fair dealing in the interest of consumers. Revocation of the standards of identity and quality for frozen cherry pie will provide greater flexibility in the product's manufacture, consistent with comparable, nonstandardized foods available in the marketplace.
G/TBT/NU/SA/1973/A/ dd.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 20 March 2024 Deadline for Comments: 17 May 2024	Voluntary food labelling of meat, poultry, and egg products, as well as voluntarily inspected products - Addendum	The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is amending its regulations to define the conditions under which the labeling of meat, poultry, and egg products under mandatory inspection, as well as voluntarily-inspected products, may bear voluntary label claims indicating that the product is of United States origin. As of the compliance date of this final rule (1 January 2026), establishments that choose to make United States origin claims on the label will need to meet the requirements in this final rule.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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