

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 27 January to 02 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the 13 notified draft technical regulations from 12 WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ARG/454	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 31 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 01 March 2024	Millet and millet flour	The notified draft resolution incorporates millet and millet flour, their characteristics and technical specifications into the Argentine Food Code.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1521	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 30 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 29 March 2024	Food additives	This Draft Resolution establishes the technological functions, maximum limits and conditions of use for food additives and technology aids authorized for use in foods. This regulation will be also notified to TBT Committee.
G/TBT/N/CAN/713	Canada	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2024	Milk, goat's milk and margarine with vitamin D	The proposed Marketing Authorization repealing certain Marketing Authorizations issued under the Food and Drugs Act would repeal 16 redundant food marketing authorizations; 15 of which relate to permitted food additives, and 1 regarding the fortification of Milk, Goat's Milk and Margarine with vitamin D.
G/TBT/N/COL/238/Add.3	Colombia	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Maximum Sodium Levels of Foods - Addendum	The Republic of Colombia reports that the Ministry of Health and Social Protection has issued by Resolution 2056 of 2023 "Whereby Articles 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 are amended, replace technical annexes 1 and 2, and Article 7 of Resolution 2013 of 2020 is repealed" corresponding to the technical regulation defining maximum sodium levels in foods prioritized within the framework of the National Strategy for the Reduction of Sodium Consumption.

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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)

G/TBT/N/EGY/2/Add.23	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 30 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Canned salmon fish - Addendum	<p>This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 503 /2023 (2 pages, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 1472 "canned salmon fish" (11 pages, in Arabic).</p> <p>It should be noted that the Ministerial Decree No. 515/2005 (10 pages, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/2 dated 14 December 2005 mandated among others the earlier version of this Standard.</p> <p>This standard cancels and supersedes its last edition ES 1472:2005.</p>
G/TBT/N/JOR/55	Jordan	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 01 April 2024	Energy drinks	<p>This Technical regulation specifies the requirements that must be met in non-alcoholic energy drinks ready for human consumption and does not include drinks for athletes</p>
G/TBT/N/RUS/156	Russian Federation	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 29 April 2024	Poultry meat and poultry processed products	<p>The draft amendments envisage the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - correction of the names of subjects of technical regulation in the EAEU TR 051/2021; - expanding the EAEU TR 051/2021 with classification groups of various types of poultry meat products depending on the mass fraction of meat ingredients; - correction of concepts relating to poultry canned meat (offal), poultry canned meat (offal) for baby food and boneless poultry meat; - revision of labeling requirements and expanding the scope of application of the safety indicators established by the EAEU TR 051/2011 in relation to poultry meat (offal) products, taking into account its new classification features
G/TBT/N/TUR/209	Turkey	Date of Distribution: 30 January 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Organic, mineral and microbial fertilizers	<p>Amends the production of NP and NPK Organomineral Fertilizers without the use of basic slag, partially soluble phosphate rock, partially soluble magnesium</p>

		26 February 2024		phosphate rock, dicalcium phosphate, calcined phosphate, aluminium calcium phosphate and ground soft phosphate rock. As the season of use of the fertilizer in question is approaching, this measure needs to be taken quickly.
G/TBT/N/TZA/1097/Corr.1	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 30 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Milled maize (corn) products - Corrigendum	The aim of this corrigendum is to inform WTO members that the notification DEAS 44:2023, was issued in error and it is null and void.
G/TBT/N/TZA/1098	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 30 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 29 March 2024	Milled maize (corn) products	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for whole maize meal, granulated maize meal, sifted maize meal, maize grits and maize flour from the grains of common maize (Zea mays L.) intended for human consumption. This standard does not apply to fortified milled maize (corn) products and maize grits intended for brewing, manufacturing of starch and any other industrial use.
G/TBT/N/UKR/270/Add.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Plastic materials and articles intended for contact with foodstuffs - Addendum	Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine No. 2104 "On Approval of Special Requirements for Plastic Materials and Articles Intended to Come into Contact with Foodstuffs" of 11 December 2023. The Order was registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 27 December 2023 and will enter into force on 19 November 2025 - simultaneously with the entry into force of the Law of Ukraine No 2718-IX "On Materials and Articles Intended to Come into Contact with Food" of 03 November 2022 (document G/TBT/N/UKR/165/Rev.1/Add.1). The Order stipulates that products made of plastic materials and articles intended for come into contact with food, manufactured

				before the entry into force of this Order, may be in circulation until their expiry date.
G/TBT/N/USA/2095	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 29 March 2024</p>	Labeling and advertising of wine, distilled spirits, and malt beverages with alcohol content	The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) is announcing virtual listening sessions to receive input from the public on labeling of wine, distilled spirits, and malt beverages to disclose per-serving alcohol and nutritional information, major food allergens, and/or ingredients. The Department of the Treasury's February 2022 report on "Competition in the Markets for Beer, Wine, and Spirits" recommended that TTB revive or initiate rulemaking in these areas. These listening sessions are intended to engage the public, including consumers, public health stakeholders, and industry members of all sizes, and facilitate the public's ability to provide input to inform rulemaking. This notice sets forth the dates and times of the virtual listening sessions and instructions for registration. It also opens a docket for submitting written comments on the issues to be discussed in the listening sessions.
G/TBT/N/PRY/140	Paraguay	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 February 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 02 March 2024</p>	Composition and labelling of gluten-free packaged foods	The Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare (MSPB), through the National Institute of Food and Nutrition (INAN), presents for consultation the Draft Decree, "Whereby the Technical Regulations on the composition and labelling of Gluten-Free Packaged Foods marketed in the national territory."

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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