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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 30 March to 05 April 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the fourteen (14) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NE/CU/505/Add.2	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Food for special diets - Addendum	Draft partial reform of the technical health regulations for the obtaining the certificate of health notification and registration of processing plants certified in Good Food Manufacturing Practices for special regimes, distribution, marketing and marketing establishments transport
G/TBT/NE/GY/1/Add.2 1	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 03 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Refined sugar and white sugar - Addendum	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 358-1 " Refined sugar and white sugar and methods of analysis - part:1 refined sugar and white sugar"(10 pages, in Arabic). It should be noted that Ministerial Decree No. 130 /2005 (11 pages in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/1 dated 14 December 2005 mandated among others the earlier version of this Egyptian Standard. Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with modification with Codex Standard CXS 212, Adopted in 1999. Amended in 2019. Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.
G/TBT/NE/GY/1/Add.2 2	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Frozen poultry and rabbits - Addendum	This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 503/2023 (2 page, in Arabic) that gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 1090 for "Frozen Poultry and Rabbits " (partial amendment in 1 page, in Arabic).

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				<p>It should be noted that Ministerial Decree No. 1097/2019 (1 page, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/1/Add.9 dated 7 January 2020, mandated among others the earlier version of this Egyptian Standard. Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National studies.</p> <p>It is worth noting that this standard has been partially modified as the following: Amendment the note under clause (2) "Definition" It is contained "inedible parts are considered feathers, blood, and offal. Otherwise, they are considered edible parts".</p>
G/TBT/N/EGY/1/Add.23	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Wheat flour - 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 1251-1 "Wheat flour with its different extraction and methods of analysis and testing part: 1 wheat flour with its different extractions" (partial amendment in 2 pages, in Arabic).</p> <p>It should be noted that Ministerial Decree No. 130 /2005 (11 pages, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/1 dated 14 December 2005 mandated among others the earlier version of this Egyptian Standard. Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies.</p> <p>It is worth noting that this standard has been partially amended as following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add new item No. 2/3/8 "Wheat flour extract 85%: It is wheat flour that is 50% free of red tooth and fine and coarse germs." • Modify item No. 3/12 Ash percentages according to extraction calculated on dry weight. • Modify item No. 4/7 remainder after sieving. <p>Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian Standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.</p>
G/TBT/N/EGY/2/Add.24	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024</p>	Blend of skimmed milk and vegetable fat in	<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</p>

		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	powdered form - Addendum	transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 1768 for "blend of skimmed milk and vegetable fat in powdered form "(13 pages, in Arabic). 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. Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with modification with Codex Standard CXS 251-2006 Amendments 2022. Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.
G/TBT/NE/GY/2/Add.25	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Sterilized flavoured sweetened milk - Addendum	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 1641 "Sterilized flavoured sweetened milk "(11 pages, in Arabic). It should be noted that 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 Egyptian Standard. Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies. Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.
G/TBT/NE/GY/176/Add.1	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Milk powder and cream powder - Addendum	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 8073 for "Milk Powder and Cream Powder" (12 pages, in Arabic). It should be noted that the Ministerial Decree No. 1001/2017 (2 pages, in Arabic) which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/176 dated 11 January 2018, mandated among others the earlier version of this Standard. Worth mentioning is that this standard is

				technically identical with Codex Standard CXS 207 -1999 Amendment 2018 Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.
G/TBT/NE/GY/240/Add.1	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Chilled poultry and rabbits - 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 1651 for "Chilled poultry and rabbits" (partial amendment No. 1 in 1 page, in Arabic).</p> <p>It should be noted that the Ministerial Decree No.1096/2019 (1 page, in Arabic) that was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/240 dated 8 January 2020, mandated among others the earlier version of this Standard.</p> <p>Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies.</p> <p>It is worth noting that this standard has been partially modified as following: Amendment the note under clause (2) "Definition" It is contained "inedible parts are considered feathers, blood, and offal. Otherwise, they are considered edible parts".</p>
G/TBT/NE/GY/462	Egypt	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 02 June 2024</p>	Evaporated milks	<p>The Ministerial Decree No. 498/2023 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8739 which specifies the essential requirements and descriptive criteria of evaporated milks for the purpose of direct consumption or other manufacturing operations.</p> <p>Worth mentioning is that this standard is technically identical with the Codex Standard CXS 281 – 1971 , Amendment 2018.</p>
G/TBT/NT/UR/73/Add.2	Turkey	<p>Date of Distribution: 03 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 27 April 2024</p>	Food labelling - Addendum	<p>Several amendments have been made in "Turkish Food Codex - Regulation on Food Labelling and Information to Consumers" to ensure accurate consumer information and prevent consumer deception. The definition of the "principal field of vision" has been updated. It is now mandatory for the name of the food and the net quantity to be written in the principal field of vision. Additionally, to facilitate easier readability on labels and support food</p>

				literacy, updates have been made regarding the declaration of alcohol, sugar, sweetener, and ingredients from pork taking into account consumer sensitivities."
G/TBT/N/UR/212	Turkey	Date of Distribution: 02 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 05 June 2024	Butter and clarified butter	This Communiqué covers product characteristics of butter and clarified butter in order to ensure that they are produced, prepared, processed, transported, stored and supplied to the market.
G/TBT/N/US/2109	United States	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 03 June 2024	Whole live lobster of the species <i>Homarus americanus</i>	The current minimum size requirement for Lobster Conservation Management Area (LCMA) 1 of 3 1/4 inches (82.5 mm), is the smallest minimum size in effect for the U.S. lobster fishery. Addendum XXVII to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster, approved in May 2023, triggered changes to the current minimum size for lobsters caught in LCMA 1 (inshore Gulf of Maine) as of 16 October 2023. Therefore, a series of gradual changes to minimum size for lobsters caught in LCMA 1 will begin 1 January 2025, starting with an increase to the minimum size in LCMA 1 from 3 1/4 inches (82.5 mm) to 3 5/16 inches (84 mm) and to 3 3/8 inches (86 mm) on 1 January 2027. These increased minimum sizes will be the smallest minimum size in effect for American lobster harvested in the United States under the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American lobster. Draft Addendum XXX considers whether to apply the Addendum XXVII minimum size increase recommendation to possession of American lobster, which, under U.S. law, would mean that the smallest minimum size for imports would match the smallest minimum size in effect for American lobster harvested in the United States. Two public hearings have been scheduled to gather input on Draft Addendum XXX to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster. One general hearing will be conducted via webinar on 9 April 2024, and one hearing will be conducted in a hybrid format on 6 May 2024. Regardless of where the hybrid hearing is being conducted, all are

				welcome to participate in either the virtual or hybrid hearing.
G/TBT/N/V NM/293	Viet Nam	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 June 2024	Supplemented food, food additives, food storages, materials contact with food	The draft Circular promulgates the list of foods, food additives, tools, packaging materials, and food containers that have been identified with commodity codes according to Vietnam's list of exported and imported commodities that must undergo state food safety inspection under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health. This draft Circular replaces Circular 28/2021/TT-BYT dated 20/12/2021. This draft Circular is related to the Vietnam's Food Safety Law, which required all imported food products to be inspected at the border. This draft Circular provides a detailed list of food products that fall under the responsibilities of the Ministry of Health of Vietnam and must be inspected at the border. Other ministries involved in food safety control in Vietnam will issue their regulations along the same lines.
G/TBT/N/K AZ/29	Kazakhstan	Date of Distribution: 05 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 03 June 2024	Poultry meat and poultry processed products	The draft provides for: - 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.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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