

23 April 2024

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 three (3) notified draft technical regulations from Egypt and Thailand:

Document	Notifying	Relevant	Products	Summary
Symbol	Member	Dates	Covered	
G/TBT/N/E GY/1/Add.2 4	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	General standard for bottled / packaged drinking waters (other than natural mineral waters) - 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 1589 "General standard for bottled/ packaged drinking waters (other than natural mineral waters) " (21 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 Dec 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 227-2001 Adopted in 2001, Amended in 2019 Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standard through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.
<u>GY/464</u> <u>GY/464</u>	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 02 June 2024	Non-woven plastic shopping sacks	This draft Egyptian standard specifies the requirements and methods for sampling and testing of multi-use plastic shopping bags made of non-woven polypropylene, which are used for carrying various types of products. Worth mentioning is that this draft standard complies with the following : • Uganda Standard (US) 2244: 2020 • KNWA 2884:2019 • TZS 2303: 2020
<u>G/TBT/N/T</u> <u>HA/730</u>	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 04 April 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Extraction solvent for use in food production	It is deemed appropriate to establish the regulation to control the use of Extraction Solvent in food production for consumer protection. The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) therefore proposes the draft Notification of the Ministry of Public Health

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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

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		shall be complied with the Notification of the
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		labelling of food product which extraction
		solvent used during production shall comply
		with the Notification of the Ministry of Public
		Health on labelling of prepackaged food.
		Clause 9. The product containers shall
		follow the Notification of the Ministry of
		Public Health (No. 92) B.E. 2528 (1985) Re:
		Prescription of Quality or Standard for Food
		Containers, Use of Food Containers and
		Prohibition of Materials Used as Food
		Containers.
		Clause 10. Manufacturers or importers of
		the extraction solvents for food production
		shall follow the notification of the Ministry of
		Public Health (No. 420) B.E. 2563 (2020)
		Issued by the Virtue of the Food Act of B.E.
		2522 Title: Food Production Processes,
		Processing Equipment/ Utensils and
		Storage Practices.
		Clause 11. This notification shall come into
		force from the day following date of its
		publication in the Thai Royal Gazette.
		This draft MOPH Notification was also
		notified under the SPS Agreement.

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Sincerely,

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