

23 June 2022

## 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.tbts.wto.org](http://www.tbts.wto.org)) from 11 to 17 June 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the nine (9) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Member Countries:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/541</a>	Kingdom of Bahrain	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 15 June 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 14 August 2022	Health and nutrition claims on food products	This standard is concerned with the permitted health, and nutrition claims and the conditions applying to them if being considered for use in the labeling or advertising of foods to be delivered to the final consumer.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/118</a>	Panama	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 June 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 August 2022	Paddy rice	The purpose of the notified Technical Regulation is to establish the terminology, characteristics and qualities of paddy rice for commercial transactions
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/119</a>	Panama	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 June 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 August 2022	Milled rice	The purpose of this technical regulation is to establish the terminology, characteristics and qualities of paddy rice, for your commercial transactions.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/119/Corr.1</a>	Panama	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Arroz pilado - Corrigendum	The purpose of this technical regulation is to establish the terminology, characteristics and qualities of paddy rice, for your commercial transactions.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/120</a>	Panama	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 13 August 2022	Milled rice	The purpose of this technical regulation is to establish the definitions, classification, requirements and levels of fortification for the commercialization of rice ( <i>Oryza sativa</i> ) fortified white pilado

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<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1212/Add.1</a>	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 16 June 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Traffic light labelling - Addendum	The technical regulation draft "Traffic Light Labelling" will be on hold for further revision
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/550/Add.2</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 17 June 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Genetically modified foods - Addendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled "Genetically Modified Foods (GMFs)", previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/550 dated 5 July 2019, was adopted and published in the Royal Gazette dated 7 June 2022 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 431
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/558/Add.1</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 17 June 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Labelling of genetically modified foods - Addendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled " The Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods (GMFs)", previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/558 dated 30 October 2019, was adopted and published in the Royal Gazette dated 7 June 2022 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 432.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1876</a>	United States of America	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 June 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 August 2022	Wine	The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) proposes to amend its wine labeling and advertising regulations to remove an existing regulatory prohibition against statements which indicate that a wine contains distilled spirits.

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](mailto:BPS@dti.gov.ph), copy Mrs. Catherine Antonio-Paguinto ([CatherineAntonio@dti.gov.ph](mailto:CatherineAntonio@dti.gov.ph)) and Ms. Jasmin E. Metre ([JasminMetre@dti.gov.ph](mailto:JasminMetre@dti.gov.ph)).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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