

22 November 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.epingalert.org) from 12 to 18 November 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the five (5) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/DEU/18	Germany	Date of Distribution: 18 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 16 January 2023	Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen	The draft law regulates the introduction of labelling of fresh, unprocessed pork meat that is sold in Germany. Animal husbandry labelling is mandatory for fresh (unprocessed) pork meat that has been fully manufactured in Germany. Foreign products can voluntarily take part in labelling. In addition to the requirements of the different types of husbandry, specifications for labelling as well as notification and recording obligations of the food business are stipulated.
G/TBT/N/EGY/337	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 17 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 15 January 2023	Organic fertilizers	This draft of Egyptian standard specifies requirements, sampling, test methods for organic fertilizers. Worth mentioning is that this draft standard has been formulated and complies with : Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 - - Directive 2008/98/EC - Regulation EC 1069/2009 - ARSO standard No. 1490/2020
G/TBT/N/EGY/338	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 17 November 2022	Fertilizers	This draft of Egyptian standard specifies requirements, sampling, test methods for compost.

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Membership:

- 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)

		Deadline for Comments: 15 January 2023		Worth mentioning is that this draft standard complies with : - Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 - IS 16556 /2016
G/TBT/N/THA/690	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 17 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: 15 January 2023	Kratom leaves	The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH Notification concerning " Re: Criteria and method for posting a notice or informing the purchaser about rules of prohibition to sell kratom leaves or food containing kratom leaves as raw materials or ingredients to legally protected persons.
G/TBT/N/USA/1829/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Organics; farming and forestry - Addendum	This rule amends the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) section of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) organic regulations to implement recommendations submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). This rule allows low-acyl gellan gum, a food additive used as a thickener, gelling agent, and stabilizer, as an ingredient in processed organic products

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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