

10 October 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 24 to 30 September 2022.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/928</a>	European Union	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 September 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 November 2022	Pesticides - Captan	This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance captan is renewed with restriction to uses in greenhouses, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. EU Member States shall amend/withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing captan as an active substance.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NZL/109/Add.2</a>	New Zealand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 30 September 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Smoked tobacco products - Addendum	As per G/TBT/N/NZL/109/Add.1, the Smoke free Environments and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill was introduced on 21 June 2022. The Bill gives effect to the key regulatory measures agreed under the Smoke free Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan. This includes proposed new requirements for smoked tobacco products that were previously notified to the TBT Committee in December 2021, such as limits on the quantity of nicotine and other constituents of smoked tobacco products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PER/145</a>	Peru	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 September 2022	Rice fortification	The notified draft regulation aims to establish the terms and conditions for the application of the Law No. 31348 on rice fortification in Peru; these terms

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		<b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 November 2022		and conditions apply to persons natural and legal, national or foreign (millers, importers, suppliers of social food programs, etc.), which intervene on the production chain and consumption of rice, within the framework of their competences.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZAF/248</a>	South Africa	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 September 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 November 2022	Dried fruits	The proposed regulations set minimum quality standards for the grading of dried fruit and prescribe the labelling of such products when presented for sale as well as the control system to ensure compliance to the standards. Food safety issues are excluded from the proposed regulations.

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 [bps.smd@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps.smd@dti.gov.ph).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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