

21 December 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 03 to 09 December 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the nine (9) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/553</a>	United Arab Emirates	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 06 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 February 2023	Fermented soybean paste	This technical regulation applies to the product defined in Clause 3 of the document, offered for direct consumption including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/554</a>	United Arab Emirates	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 06 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 February 2023	Shea butter	This standard applies to unrefined shea butter intended for direct consumption, or as an ingredient in the manufacture of food products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/555</a>	United Arab Emirates	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 06 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 February 2023	Quinoa (Chenopodium quinoa Willd.)	This Technical Regulation applies to quinoa (Chenopodium quinoa Willd.) processed as defined in Section 2.2, suitable for human consumption, packaged or in bulk. It does not apply to quinoa used as seeds for propagation, products derived from quinoa (e.g., flour, flakes).
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1291/Add.1</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	Ham - Addendum	MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 495, 27 December 2021,

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		09 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated		which opened public consultation on a proposal of technical regulation of identity and quality of ham, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/1291 was adopted as MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 706, 28 November 2022.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1425/Corr.1</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Food additives - Flavoring - Corrigendum	The Resolution - RDC number 725, 1 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1425 - was rectified and republished. The rectified and republished texts are available only in Portuguese and can be downloaded at: <a href="https://www.in.gov.br/en/web/dou/-/retificacao-448597582">https://www.in.gov.br/en/web/dou/-/retificacao-448597582</a>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/939</a>	European Union	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 08 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 05 February 2023	Organic pet food	The proposal proposes to establish detailed production rules for organic sea salt and other salts for food and feed. It includes, in particular, detailed requirements for the operators, a list of prohibited practices, processes, treatments and techniques and labelling rules for the organic salt.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/1343</a>	Kenya	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 14 February 2023	Sugar industry	This Kenya Standard provides guidelines for achieving requirements for food safety and quality; worker health, safety and welfare; environmental protection and sustainability by value chain actors during primary production of sugar in Kenya. It applies to all players in the primary production including but not limited to growers, millers, harvesters, transporters, county governments and relevant government agencies

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KO/R/1122</a>	Republic of Korea	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 06 February 2023	Labelling and advertising of foods	The proposed amendment is to: Prohibit the use of the term narcotics or similar terms prescribed in the 'Narcotics Control Act' when labeling and advertising the name of food, etc.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/867</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 07 December 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 04 February 2023	Frozen cuttlefish and squid	This Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for frozen cuttlefish and squid.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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