

09 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 22 to 28 October 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the ten (10) notified draft technical regulations from nine (9) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ARG/435/Add.1	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Promotion of healthy eating: labels on the front of pre-packaged food - Addendum	The notified Joint SCS and SAGyP Resolution No. 7/2022 provides for the incorporation of Articles 225 and 226 into Chapter V, "Normas para la Rotulación y Publicidad de los Alimentos" (Standards for the labelling and advertising of foods), of the Argentine Food Code relating to "Rotulado Nutricional Frontal" (front-of-pack nutritional labelling) in accordance with Article 22 of Annex I of Decree No. 151/2022 (G/TBT/N/ARG/435; p. 14). This amendment supplements the notification in document G/TBT/N/ARG/435.
G/TBT/N/BWA/162	Botswana	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2022 Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2022	Sorghum grains	This Botswana Standard specifies classes and grades of sorghum grains intended for sale in Botswana.
G/TBT/N/BWA/163	Botswana	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2022 Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2022	Whole and dehulled sorghum grains	This Botswana Standard applies to whole and dehulled/dehulled/decorticated sorghum grains obtained from Sorghum bicolor (L). Moench.

BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS

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)

G/TBT/N/BDI/157/Add.1	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 October 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 24 November 2022</p>	Chewing gum - Addendum	Kenya, on behalf of EAC Countries would like to inform WTO Members that the EAS 352:2019 Chewing gum — Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/157, G/TBT/N/KEN/1149, G/TBT/N/RWA/548, G/TBT/N/TZA/645 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1463 has been amended as contained in EAS 352:2019: Amendment No. 1 Amendment to acid insoluble ash.
G/TBT/N/JPN/750	Japan	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 October 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2022</p>	Labelling for GM products and allergen labelling	(1) The Food Labelling Standards will be partially amended to add GM canola, which is genetically modified to produce Docosahexaenoic and Eicosapentaenoic acid, to "specific GM products", because distribution of products made from GM canola producing Docosahexaenoic and Eicosapentaenoic acid will be allowed. (2) The Food Labelling Standards will be partially amended to add walnuts to "specified ingredients" for allergen labelling and shall always be declared.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1307	Kenya	<p>Date of Distribution: 24 October 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 22 December 2022</p>	Edible water-based ices and mixes	This Kenya Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for edible Water-based ices and mixes — Specification Intended for direct consumption or further processing.
G/TBT/N/MYS/114	Malaysia	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 October 2022</p> <p>Deadline for Comments:</p>	Alcoholic beverages	The purpose of the notified draft Resolution is to update the food additives and their maximum concentration levels for categories 6 (cereals and cereal and/or cereal-based products) and 7 (bread and biscuits).

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G/TBT/N/PRY/136	Paraguay	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2022 Deadline for Comments: 27 December 2022	Food additives and their maximum concentration levels : cereals and cereal and/or cereal-based products and bread and biscuits	The purpose of the notified draft Resolution is to update the food additives and their maximum concentration levels for categories 6 (cereals and cereal and/or cereal-based products) and 7 (bread and biscuits).
G/TBT/N/KOR/1110	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2022 Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2022	Labelling and advertising of foods	The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) is proposing to amend the Act on Labeling And Advertising of Foods as follows: Prohibit the use of the term narcotic drugs and the defined terms of substances stipulated in Article 2 (Definitions) of the Narcotics Control Act when labeling and advertising the name of a food product.
G/TBT/N/ARE/551	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 26 October 2022 Deadline for Comments: 24 December 2022	Control on imported food and implementation mechanism	This draft guide lays down the conditions and requirements for exporting food to the GCC countries, the GCC approved inspection and monitoring procedures, and the framework for applying this guide to shipments and consignments arriving at GCC points of entry.

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 copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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