

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) from 24 to 30 September 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the 21 notified draft technical regulations from 11 WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/RG/300/Ad d.3	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Algae - Addendum	It is communicated that by Joint Resolution SCS and SAByDR No. 20/2021 the Joint Resolution Project SCS and SAByDR "Modification of the Argentine Food Code - Chapter XI Vegetable Foods – Incorporation of Article 923 Tris: Red coralline algae (<i>Phymatolithon calcareum</i> (Pallas) or <i>Lithotamnium calcareum</i>)" (EX 2019-67075448)
G/TBT/NA/RG/364/Ad d.3	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 29 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Dietary Supplements - Addendum	It is reported that by Joint Resolution SCS and SAByDR No. 3/2020, the Draft Joint Resolution "Extension of the adaptation period provided for in Resolution Joint SCS and SAByDR No. 3/2020 for a term of THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE (365) days" (EX 2021-73717254)
G/TBT/NA/RG/382/Ad d.1	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 29 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Labeling of alcoholic beverages: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) - Addendum	It is reported that by Joint Resolution SCS and SAByDR No. 18/2021 the Draft Joint Resolution "Argentine Food Code - Chapter V "Standards for the food labeling and advertising" - Art. 236: Labeling of Alcoholic Beverages - Syndrome of Fetal Alcohol (FAS). (EX-2019-91003490)

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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)

G/TBT/N/A RG/394/Ad d.1	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Kombucha-based drink - Addendum	Draft Joint Resolution "Argentine Food Code - Chapter XIII "Beverages Fermented" – Article 1084 Bis: Kombucha-Based Drink"
G/TBT/N/A RG/395/Ad d.1	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Bitter substances for use in the food industry - Addendum	Draft Joint Resolution "Argentine Food Code - Chapter XVI "Corrective and adjuvants" – Modification of Articles 1293 and 1294 in relation to bitter substances for use in the food industry"
G/TBT/N/A RG/396/Ad d.1	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Incorporation of ingredients for use in dietary supplements - Addendum	It is reported that by Joint Resolution SCS and SABYDR No. 27/2022 the SCS and SABYDR Joint Resolution Project "Argentine Food Code - Chapter XXII "Miscellaneous" – Art. 1417: Incorporation of ingredients for use in supplements
G/TBT/N/A RG/421/Ad d.1	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Salicornia (sarcocornia perennis (Miller) A.J. Scott) - Addendum	It is reported that by Joint Resolution SCS and SABYDR No. 31/2021 the Draft Joint Resolution SCS and SABYDR "Argentine Food Code (CAA) - Chapter XI "Plant foods" Article 822"
G/TBT/N/B RA/922/Ad d.3	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 28 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Cream cheese - Addendum	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply – MAPA issued Ordinance SDA No. 653, 15 September 2022 that amends Normative Instruction No. 71 of 24 July 2020, which approves the technical regulation that establishes the identity and quality requirements for cream cheese.
G/TBT/N/B RA/966/Ad d.4	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 28 September 2022 Deadline for Comments:	Whey and acid whey, in liquid, concentrated and powder forms - Addendum	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA issued Ordinance SDA No. 658 of 21 September 2022, which amends annex I of the technical regulation of identity and quality of whey,

		Not Indicated		approved by Normative Instruction SDA No. 94, of 18 September 2020, notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/966/Add.2.
G/TBT/N/C/OL/246/Rev.1	Colombia	Date of Distribution: 28 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: 26 November 2022	Canned or packaged foods for human consumption - Review	The draft resolution modifies articles 2, 3, 16, 25, 32, 37, and Resolution 810 of 2021 that establishes the technical regulation on nutritional and front labeling requirements that packaged foods must meet or packaged for human consumption
G/TBT/N/IN/D/235	India	Date of Distribution: 28 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: 26 November 2022	Food safety and standards: labelling and display to indicate packaged food products high in fat, sugar and salt	The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Labelling & Display) Amendment Regulations, 2022 is related to Front of Pack Nutritional Labelling (FOPNL) to indicate packaged food products high in fat, sugar & salt.
G/TBT/N/J/PN/732/Add.d.1	Japan	Date of Distribution: 27 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Organic alcoholic beverages - Addendum	As the Act on Japanese Agricultural Standards has been amended, labelling requirements* of organic alcohol (alcoholic) beverages shall come into force in Japan from 1st October 2025. *In cases where "organic" or any other confusingly similar expressions are used in the labelling of the alcohol beverages, Organic JAS seals must be affixed to the relevant products, packages, containers or invoices by the organic JAS certified operators.
G/TBT/N/J/PN/740/Add.d.1	Japan	Date of Distribution: 27 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Organic alcoholic beverages - Addendum	Ministry of Finance (MOF) and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) have revised the JAS for Organic Processed Foods and incorporated new standards for organic alcohol (alcoholic) beverages
G/TBT/N/M/EX/506/Add.1	Mexico	Date of Distribution:	Coffee pen - Addendum	The response to the comments received on the Draft Official Standard is

		30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		published Mexicana PROY-NOM-255-SE-2021, Pluma coffee-Denomination-Specifications Commercial information and test methods, published on December 6, 2021
G/TBT/N/PH/L/294	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: 26 November 2022	Raw materials and prepackaged processed food	To comply with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11032, otherwise known as, the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018", there is a need to amend FDA Circular No. 2020-033 or the "Procedure for the Use of the Modified Electronic Registration System for Raw Materials and Prepackaged Processed Food Products", to include process steps for the correction of Certificate of Product Registration (CPR), additional guidelines in accomplishing online application form, to include the requirements stipulated in FC No. 2021-028, and express repeal of relevant FDA issuances for this purpose.
G/TBT/N/S/GP/65	Singapore	Date of Distribution: 28 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: 26 November 2022	Prepacked foods	The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) proposes amendments to the labelling requirements for prepacked food.
G/TBT/N/S/LV/223	El Salvador	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: 28 November 2022	Foods for special diets, nutritional supplements and probiotics	This RTS establishes the technical specifications, requirements health registration and labeling, of foods for special diets, nutritional supplements and probiotics, according to their respective classification. Applies to the classification, sanitary registration and labeling of foods for diets special, nutritional

				supplements and probiotics, manufactured in the country or imported, that are marketed nationally. Probiotics are excluded except for products combined with supplements nutritional or probiotics.
G/TBT/N/TP/KM/507	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: 28 November 2022	Food required to be registered with the central competent authority	The key features of the amendment are as follows: 1. Additional requirements for the online application platform; 2. Revisions to relevant requirements based on the practices of registration and review; 3. Additional requirements for the registration of food additives.
G/TBT/N/USA/1924	United States	Date of Distribution: 28 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: 22 November 2022	Alcohol	Notice of proposed rulemaking - Elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register, by means of a temporary rule, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) is implementing certain changes made to the Internal Revenue Code by the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020 (Tax Relief Act of 2020), which amended the Craft Beverage Modernization Act (CBMA) provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017
G/TBT/N/USA/1924/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022 Deadline for Comments: 22 November 2022	Alcohol - Addendum	This temporary rule amends the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) regulations to implement certain changes made to the Internal Revenue Code by the Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020 (Tax Relief Act), which amended the Craft Beverage Modernization Act (CBMA) provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.
G/TBT/N/USA/1926	United States	Date of Distribution: 30 September 2022	Food labeling	Proposed rule - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is proposing to update the definition for the implied nutrient content claim "healthy" to be consistent with

		Deadline for Comments: 28 December 2022	current nutrition science and Federal dietary guidance, especially the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (Dietary Guidelines), regarding how consumers can maintain healthy dietary practices. This action, if finalized, will revise the requirements for when the term "healthy" can be used as an implied claim in the labeling of human food products to indicate that a food's level of nutrients may help consumers maintain healthy dietary practices by helping them achieve a total diet that conforms to dietary recommendations
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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