

14 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 29 October to 04 November 2022.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the 13 notified draft technical regulations from seven (7) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PHL/277/Add.1</a>	Philippines	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 November 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Processed prepackaged food products containing trans-fatty acids (TFA) - Addendum	The FDA Circular (FC) No. 2021-028 was issued on 31 December 2021 to provide guidelines for the implementation of the Department of Health Administrative Order (AO) No. 2021-0039 entitled "National Policy on the Elimination of Industrially-Produced Trans-Fatty Acids for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases," with the purpose of eliminating the industrially-produced Trans-Fatty Acids (TFA) in the Philippines food supply chain by 18 June 2023.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1456</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 04 November 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Cellulose films in contact with food	This Resolution contains provisions on technical regulation on regenerated cellulose films in contact with food. This regulation will also be notified to the SPS Committee.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/280</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 November 2022	Fresh bitter cassava roots	This Draft East Africa Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for fresh cassava leaves of <i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz, or <i>Manihot</i>

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  - National Notification Authority (NNA)

		<b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 January 2023		glaziovii, for preparation before human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/281</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 November 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 January 2023	Fresh roots of varieties of bitter cassava, Manihot esculenta Crantz	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for fresh roots of varieties of bitter cassava, Manihot esculenta Crantz for preparation before human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/282</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 November 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 January 2023	Fresh cassava root Manihot esculenta Crantz	This Draft East African Code provides recommended practices for the production, storage, packaging and transportation of fresh cassava root Manihot esculenta Crantz intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/283</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 November 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 January 2023	Ware potato tuber (Solanum tuberosum L.)	This Draft East African Standard provides recommended practices for the production, storage, packaging and transportation of ware potato tuber (Solanum tuberosum L.) intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/284</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 November 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 January 2023	Fresh sweet potato (Ipomoea batatas (L.) Lam)	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for fresh sweet potato (Ipomoea batatas (L.) Lam). to be supplied fresh and either packaged or sold loose for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/285</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 November 2022  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 January 2023	Fresh sweet cassava roots of Manihot esculenta Crantz	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for varieties of fresh sweet cassava roots of Manihot esculenta Crantz intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/LKA/52</a>	Sri Lanka	<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	Food additives	Information on new food additives permitted for use in

		31 October 2022 <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 November 2022	permitted for use in milk-added beverages	milk-added beverages under the Codex General Standard on Food Additives.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/616/Add.1</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 November 2022 <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Fluoro polymer coated utensils in contact with food - Addendum	The ministerial regulation on fluoro polymer coated utensils in contact with food to conform with the standard, B.E. 2565(2022). The regulation will enter into force on 2 April 2024.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UKR/234</a>	Ukraine	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 01 November 2022 <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 December 2022	Quick-frozen food products	The draft Order: 1) introduces the definition of quick-frozen food products in the legislation of Ukraine; 2) establishes general principles that have to be met by quick-frozen food products; 3) determines the level of temperature that has to be maintained at the facilities engaged in handling, storage, warehousing, transportation and/or circulation of quick-frozen food products; 4) establishes the requirements for freezing equipment and the list of cryogenic substances (liquids) allowed to be used for quick freezing of food products; 5) establishes the peculiarities of labeling of quick-frozen food products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1937</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 November 2022 <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 03 January 2023	Color additive	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is proposing to amend the color additive regulation to increase the fee for certification services. The change in fees will allow FDA to continue to maintain an adequate color certification

				program as required by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act). The fees are intended to recover the full costs of operation of FDA's color certification program.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZAF/159/Add.1</a>	United States	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 November 2022</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled, meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen; pig fat, free of lean; meat poultry fat - Addendum	Enable local meat traders to describe their product in simple terms when purchasing and selling carcasses. Enable the industry to utilize a variety of meat quality and prices in the market with optimum consumer satisfaction.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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