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## 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 07 to 13 January 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eighteen (18) notified draft technical regulations from eleven (11) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/569</a>	United Arab Emirates	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 March 2023	Canned sardines	This standard applies to canned sardines and sardine-type products, it does not apply to specialty products where fish content constitutes less than 50% m/m of the net contents of the can.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/570</a>	United Arab Emirates	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 March 2023	Butter	This standard is concerned with butter intended for direct consumption or for further processing.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/AUS/153</a>	Australia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2023	Labelling for seafood	The Australian Government has released a discussion paper seeking feedback on how to implement mandatory Country of Origin Labelling for seafood (seafood CoOL) in hospitality settings. The discussion paper outlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>objectives to guide the development of seafood CoOL</li> <li>a proposed model for seafood CoOL</li> <li>information on existing origin labelling schemes for hospitality.</li> </ul>

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<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1206/Add.1</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Sugarcane brandy and cachaça - Addendum	MAPA Ordinance No. 339, 28 June 2021, which opened public consultation on a proposal of technical regulation of identity and quality of sugarcane brandy and Cachaça, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/1206 was adopted as MAPA Ordinance No. 539, 26 December 2022.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1470</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Pasteurized whole egg and dehydrated egg	MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 728 approves the Technical Regulation of Identity and Quality of pasteurized whole egg and dehydrated egg. Revokes the Resolution CIPOA/SDA/MAPA No. 5, 5 July 1991.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/517</a>	European Union	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Processed foods	The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that the Sanitary Technical Regulation on the simplified process for obtaining sanitary notifications for processed foods has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. ARCSA-DE-2022-019-AKRG of 2 December 2022 by the National Agency for Sanitary Regulation, Control and Surveillance (ARCSA, Doctor Leopoldo Izquieta Pérez). This notification concerns processed foods that are manufactured in the national territory to be marketed and sold and therefore does not affect trade. It has been submitted for transparency purposes.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/FRA/227</a>	France	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2023	Fruits and legumes	In order to support manufacturers in the implementation of the ban on present for sale unprocessed fresh fruit and vegetables in packaging plastic, the French government has adopted decree no. 2021-1318 of October 8, 2021 which provided for a gradual entry

				into force between 2022 and 2026 of these bans for the most fragile fruits and vegetables.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/1367</a>	Kenya	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2023	Jelly powder and jelly crystals	This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements, sampling, and methods of test for jelly powder, liquid jelly and jelly crystals to be dissolved in potable water to form a solution which is left to set in a cool place.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/1124</a>	Republic of Korea	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2023	Labelling and advertising of foods	<p>MFDS is proposing to amend the Standard for False Labeling or Advertising in Food, etc. as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Extend the list of herbal medicines and its similar names that could be misinterpreted as medicinal products</li> <li>2) Add new provision that prohibits the labeling and advertising of names or content of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or Cannabidiol (CBD) in food, etc.</li> <li>3) Among food labeling and advertising that emphasize its compliance to the standards and specification of residues and contaminants and leading consumers to think other products are relatively not compliant, exempt labeling and advertising that disclose the full Certificate of Laboratory Testing of the product from the scope of false labeling and advertising</li> </ol>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1280</a>	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b>	Older Infants and young children food	This technical regulation is concerned with the requirements that must be met in complementary foods intended for older infants and young children starting from the age of six months. This regulation does

		11 March 2023		not apply to infant formula, follow-up milk, and milk intended for special medical uses, nor to food used for special medical purposes.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TUR/205</a>	Turkey	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 March 2023	Foodstuffs	<p>This Regulation covers the microbiological criteria for foodstuffs and the rules that food business operators must comply with. The Regulation includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Annex I Food safety criteria</li> <li>· Annex II Process hygiene criteria</li> <li>· Annex III Limits of Pathogenic Microorganisms</li> <li>· Annex IV Rules for sampling and preparation of test samples</li> </ul> <p>With the enactment of the new Regulation, Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Microbiological Criteria published in the Official Gazette dated 29/12/2011 and numbered 28157 shall be repealed.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/445/Add.1</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 09 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Vanilla - Addendum	<p>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Tanzania Standard; AFDC07 (6576) P3 Vanilla — Specification notified in G/TBT/N/TZA/445 entered into force on 01 April 2022 as Tanzania Standard, TZS 1735:2021, Vanilla — Specification. This specification can be purchased by contacting the TBT NEP through <a href="mailto:nep@tbs.go.tz">nep@tbs.go.tz</a></p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/884</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 10 March 2023	Dried raw seaweed	<p>This draft standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test of dried raw seaweeds of the class Rhodophyceae (red seaweed) such as, but not limited to Cottonii (Kappaphycus spp.) and Spinosum (Eucheuma spp) intended for human</p>

				consumption or for industrial use.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/885</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 10 March 2023	Seaweed powder	This draft standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test of Seaweed powder intended for human consumption or for industrial use.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/886</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2023	Seaweed	This Code of good aquaculture practices specifies the general guidelines for practices and hygienic requirements of seaweed production and handling.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/887</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2023	Dried sea cucumber	This draft standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test of dried sea cucumber of species <i>Holothuria scabra</i> intended for human consumption and/or for further processing.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/888</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2023	Halwa	This draft standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test for halwa intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/1013/Add.3</a>	Uganda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Chewing gum - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 352:2018, Chewing gum — Specification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1013, G/TBT/N/UGA/1013/Add.1 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1013/Add.2 has been amended.

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Thank you.

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