

23 February 2023

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 11 to 17 February 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the 23 notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BRA/1284/Add.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 16 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Bacon - Addendum	MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 449, 18 November 2021, which opened public consultation on a proposal of technical regulation of identity and quality for bacon, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/1284 was adopted as MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 748, 8 February 2023.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1474	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 16 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Products of animal origin	MAPA Ordinance No. 744, 25 January 2023, approves nomenclature of products of animal origin, not formulated, in nature and edible, for butcher species.
G/TBT/N/CHL/622	Chile	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Cocoa butter acidity	This proposal has been prepared by MINSAL in order to update and harmonize cocoa and chocolate regulations with regulations International. It was noted that Codex Alimentarius had modified the parameter of acidity of cocoa butter, as noted in Codex Stan 86 - 1981, also Codex Stan 33-1981 Standard for Olive Oil and Olive Pomace Oil was revised, Therefore, the following changes are necessary in the second paragraph of article 248 of the Food Health Regulations.
G/TBT/N/ECU/490/Add.3	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 13 February 2023	Processed foods, processing plants, establishments for the	Substitute technical-sanitary standard for processed foods, processing plants food processing, distribution, marketing and transportation

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		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	distribution, marketing and transportation of processed foods and mass food establishments - Addendum	establishments processors and mass food establishments
G/TBT/N/ECU/490/Add.4	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Processed foods, processing plants, distribution, marketing and transportation establishments for processed foods and collective feeding - Addendum	Partial Reform of Substitute Sanitary Technical Regulations for Food processed, processing plants, distribution, marketing and transportation establishments of processed foods and collective feeding.
G/TBT/N/MWI/80	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Cider and perry	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for cider and perry for human consumption
G/TBT/N/MWI/81	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Maize grain	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for maize grains (corn) of varieties grown from common maize grains, <i>Zea mays indentata</i> L., and/or <i>Zea mays indurata</i> L., or their hybrids intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/MWI/82	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Dry split peas	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for dry split peas of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Pisum sativum</i> L. and <i>Pisum sativum</i> var. <i>arvense</i> L. intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/MWI/83	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments:	Pearl millet grains	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for whole and decorticated pearl millet grains of the species <i>Pennisetum glaucum</i> (L.) R.Br.

		14 April 2023		intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/MWI/84/Corr.1	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Pearl millet grains of the species Pennisetum glaucum (L.) - Corrigendum	The notification G/TBT/N/MWI/84 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.
G/TBT/N/MWI/85	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 16 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 April 2023	Opaque beer	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for opaque beer.
G/TBT/N/MWI/86	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Sorghum grains	This draft Malawi standard specifies the quality and grading requirements and methods of sampling and test for sorghum grains of varieties (cultivars) grown from Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench intended for human consumption, i.e., ready for its intended use as human food, presented in packaged form or sold loose from the package directly to the consumer. It does not apply to other products derived from sorghum grains.
G/TBT/N/MWI/87	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Synthetic (flavoured) syrups	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for synthetic (flavoured) syrups.
G/TBT/N/MWI/88	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Kombucha drink	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for kombucha drinks.
G/TBT/N/MWI/89	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023	Fruit syrups	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for fruit syrups intended for direct human consumption as a ready

		Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023		to drink beverage after dilution with potable water.
G/TBT/N/MWI/90	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Fruit syrups	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for fruit crush intended for direct human consumption as a ready to drink beverage after dilution with potable water.
G/TBT/N/MWI/91	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Lentils	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for shelled whole lentils of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Lens culinaris Medic. Syn. Lens esculenta Moench.</i> intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/MWI/92	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Spirit cooler	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for ready to drink spirit based alcoholic beverages.
G/TBT/N/TPK M/513		Date of Distribution: 14 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 April 2023	Infant and follow-up formula (including infant formula, follow-up infant formula and infant formula for special medical purposes) and milk powder	This draft regulation specifies the use restrictions and labeling requirements for the 2'-fucosyllactose produced by genetically modified <i>Escherichia coli</i> strain K-12 MG1655 INB000846 for food purposes.
G/TBT/N/TPK M/514	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 16 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 April 2023	Hen egg white lysozyme hydrolysate	This draft regulation specifies the use restrictions and labeling requirements for the hen egg white lysozyme hydrolysate for food purposes.
G/TBT/N/TPK M/515/Corr.1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan,	Date of Distribution: 17 February 2023	Hen egg white lysozyme hydrolysate - Corrigendum	The notification G/TBT/N/TPKM/515 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.

	Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		
G/TBT/N/UKR/244	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 15 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 April 2023	Materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended for contact with foodstuffs	Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Order of the Ministry of Health No. 2374 "On approval of the Requirements for materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended for contact with foodstuffs" of December 29, 2022 that establishes the requirements for materials and articles made of regenerated cellulose film intended for contact with food.
G/TBT/N/UKR/223/Add.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 13 February 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Ceramic articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs - Addendum	Ukraine notifies the adoption on 29.12.2022 of the Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine No 2373 "On approval of the Requirements for ceramic articles intended to come into contact with

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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