

24 March 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 11 to 17 March 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the seven (7) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/134/Add.1</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Fresh papaya (pawpaw) - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 47: 2021, Fresh papaya (pawpaw) — Specification, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/134, G/TBT/N/KEN/1116, G/TBT/N/RWA/513, G/TBT/N/TZA/623 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1375 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/135/Add.1</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Fresh mushrooms - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 56: 2021, Fresh mushrooms — Specification, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/135, G/TBT/N/KEN/1117, G/TBT/N/RWA/514, G/TBT/N/TZA/624 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1376 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/137/Add.1</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 March 2023	Citrus fruits - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 330: 2021, Citrus fruits —

### 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)

		<b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated		Specification, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/137, G/TBT/N/KEN/1119, G/TBT/N/RWA/516, G/TBT/N/TZA/626 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1378 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/138/Add.1</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Fresh chilli peppers - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 332: 2021, Fresh chilli peppers — Specification, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/138, G/TBT/N/KEN/1120, G/TBT/N/RWA/517, G/TBT/N/TZA/627 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1379 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NZL/111/Add.1</a>	New Zealand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 17 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Recycling : beverage container return - Addendum	This addendum notification advises that the proposals notified under G/TBT/N/NZL/111 to establish a Container Return Scheme in New Zealand have been deferred.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/932</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 13 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 May 2023	Plastics infant feeding bottles	This standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for infant plastic feeding bottles and receptacles.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1973</a>	United States	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 15 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 May 2023	Voluntary food labelling	FSIS is proposing to amend its regulations to define the conditions under which the labeling of meat, poultry, and egg products, as well as voluntarily-inspected products, may bear voluntary label claims indicating that the product is of United States origin. The Agency is taking this action to resolve consumer confusion surrounding current voluntary label claims related to the origin of FSIS

				regulated products in the U.S. marketplace. Under this proposal, establishments would not need to include these claims on the label, but if they chose to include them, they would need to meet the requirements in this rule.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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