

30 January 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 14 to 20 January 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the twelve (12) notified draft technical regulations from seven (7) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/AUS/154	Australia	<p>Date of Distribution: 16 January 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2023</p>	Energy labelling on alcoholic beverages	The proposal considers amending the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to require energy (kilojoule/kilocalorie) labelling information on packaged alcoholic beverages containing 0.5% or more ABV sold in Australia and New Zealand. FSANZ has undertaken an assessment and developed a proposed draft variation to the Code. Standards affected are: (a) Standard 1.1.2 Definitions used throughout the Code; (b) Standard 1.2.1 Requirements to have labels or otherwise provide information, and; (c) Standard 2.7.1 Labelling of alcoholic beverages and food containing alcohol.
G/TBT/N/CHL/619	Chile	<p>Date of Distribution: 19 January 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 19 March 2023</p>	Food for human consumption	This proposal has been prepared by MINSAL, with the objective of updating the graphic arrangement of labeling of more than one "STOP" symbol EN...", established in article 120 bis of the Food Sanitary Regulations, with the objective of making better use of the area of the main face of the food label and

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				facilitate the placement of the "STOP IN" symbols on imported products.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1370	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2023	Chicken eggs	This standard prescribes requirements and grading edible chicken eggs in-shell intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1371	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2023	Chicken essence	This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for chicken essence.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1373	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2023	Chicken eggs	This Kenya Standard specifies methods of sampling and test necessary to determine quality of fresh eggs. It includes external quality factors as they appear under direct examination and internal quality factors as they appear before candling light or when the egg is broken out and measured by Haugh units plus visual examination of the yolk portions.
G/TBT/N/NZL/118	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 16 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2023	Energy labelling on alcoholic beverages	The proposal considers amending the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to require energy (kilojoule/kilocalorie) labelling information on packaged alcoholic beverages containing 0.5% or more ABV sold in Australia and New Zealand. FSANZ has undertaken an assessment and developed a proposed draft variation to the Code. Standards affected are: (a) Standard 1.1.2 Definitions used throughout the Code; (b) Standard 1.2.1 Requirements to have labels or

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G/TBT/N/PHL/297	Philippines	<p>Date of Distribution: 20 January 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 18 March 2023</p>	Food additives	<p>These guidelines are meant to achieve the following objectives:</p> <p>A. To establish guidelines prescribing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The condition under which a food additive may be safely used; and 2. The maximum quantity of food additive which may be used or permitted to remain in or on such food. <p>B. To meet the demand for specific guidance on the use of food additives and ensure food safety, with the increasing awareness on safe food.</p> <p>C. To harmonize local food regulation with international food control laws, rules and regulations to ensure market access opportunities.</p> <p>D. To update the list of permitted food additives for their use and application in food distributed in the Philippines.</p>
G/TBT/N/PHL/298	Philippines	<p>Date of Distribution: 20 January 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 21 March 2023</p>	Nutrition information on the labels	This Circular aims to update the reference of dietary standard used in processed food products.
G/TBT/N/UKR/230/Add.1	Ukraine	<p>Date of Distribution: 19 January 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Meat of bovine animals aged up to 12 months - Addendum	Ukraine informs that the draft Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine "On approval of the Requirements for the marketing of meat of bovine animals aged up to 12 months" (G/TBT/N/UKR/230) was adopted on 05 December 2022 (Order No. 975), registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 20

				December 2022, published and entered into force on 13 January 2023. The Order will be enacted on 01 January 2026.
G/TBT/N/UKR/231/Add.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Meat of bovine animals aged up to 12 months - Addendum	Ukraine informs that the draft Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine "On Approval of Amendments to the Instruction on Valuation of Goods and Labeling of Meat" (G/TBT/N/UKR/231) was adopted on 05 December 2022 (Order No. 974), registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 21 December 2022, published and entered into force on 13 January 2023. The Order will be enacted on 01 January 2026.
G/TBT/N/USA/667/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Meat and poultry products - Addendum	FSIS is amending its regulations to expand the circumstances under which it will generically approve the labels of meat, poultry, and egg products. Also, as of the effective date of this final rule, FSIS will no longer evaluate generically approved labels that establishments and egg products plants voluntarily submit for FSIS review. FSIS is also announcing the availability of revised guidelines on the types of labels that must be submitted to FSIS for approval.
G/TBT/N/USA/1769/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 16 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Singani - Addendum	This final rule amends the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau regulations that set forth the standards of identity for distilled spirits to include "Singani" as a type of brandy that is a distinctive product of Bolivia. This amendment follows a joint petition submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Singani 63, Inc., and subsequent discussions with the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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