

27 April 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 15 to 21 April 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the nineteen (19) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BRA/949/Add.3	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 17 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Gelatin, fish gelatin and hydrolyzed gelatin, collagen, skin, shavings and scrapes for gelatin and collagen production - Addendum	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply – MAPA issued SDA Ordinance No. 782, 6 April 2023 that extends the deadline for compliance with the arts. 6th and 15th of Ordinance SDA No. 384, of August 25, 2021, which approves the standards of identity and quality for gelatin, hydrolyzed gelatin and edible collagen.
G/TBT/N/BDI/352	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 20 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 18 June 2023	Basic design and operation of abattoir / slaughterhouses	This Draft East African Standard covers the typical layout plan, hygienic, sanitary, basic requirements for an abattoir or slaughterhouse for carrying out slaughter of food animals
G/TBT/N/BDI/198/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 18 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Cinnamon (Cinnamomum zeylanicum Blume) - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1076: 2021, Cinnamon (Cinnamomum zeylanicum Blume) — Specification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/198, G/TBT/N/KEN/1189, G/TBT/N/RWA/589, G/TBT/N/TZA/686, G/TBT/N/UGA/1529 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.

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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)

G/TBT/N/BDI/199/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 18 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Coriander (Coriandrum sativum L.) - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1077: 2021, Coriander (Coriandrum sativum L.) whole or ground (powdered) — Specification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/199, G/TBT/N/KEN/1190, G/TBT/N/RWA/590, G/TBT/N/TZA/687, G/TBT/N/UGA/1530 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/N/BDI/200/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 18 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Cumin (Cuminum cyminum L.) - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1078: 2021, Spices — Cumin (Cuminum cyminum L.) — Specification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/200, G/TBT/N/KEN/1191, G/TBT/N/RWA/591, G/TBT/N/TZA/688, G/TBT/N/UGA/1531 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/N/BDI/202/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 18 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Curry powder - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 98: 2021, Curry powder — Specification, Third Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/202, G/TBT/N/KEN/1193, G/TBT/N/RWA/593, G/TBT/N/TZA/690, G/TBT/N/UGA/1533 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.

G/TBT/N/B/DI/159/Add.1	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 19 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Distilled water - Addendum	Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 123: 2021, Distilled water — Specification, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/159, G/TBT/N/RWA/550, G/TBT/N/TZA/647, G/TBT/N/UGA/1466 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022
G/TBT/N/B/DI/351	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 20 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 18 June 2023</p>	Edible chickens' eggs in shell	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling, and test methods for edible chicken eggs in shell intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/170/Add.1	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 17 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Fish industry : operational cleanliness and hygiene - Addendum	Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 832: 2021, Fish industry — Operational cleanliness and hygiene — Guidelines, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/170, G/TBT/N/RWA/561, G/TBT/N/TZA/658, G/TBT/N/UGA/1490 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/171/Add.1	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 17 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Fresh and frozen whole fin fish - Addendum	Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 827: 2021, Fresh and frozen whole fin fish — Specification, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/171, G/TBT/N/RWA/562, G/TBT/N/TZA/659, G/TBT/N/UGA/1491 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.

G/TBT/N/BDI/169/Add.1	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 17 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Frozen fish fillets - Addendum	Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 831: 2021, Frozen fish fillets — Specification, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/169, G/TBT/N/RWA/560, G/TBT/N/TZA/657, G/TBT/N/UGA/1489 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/N/BDI/172/Add.1	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 17 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Frozen fish sticks (fish fingers), fish portions and fish fillets breaded or in batter - Addendum	Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 830: 2021, Frozen fish sticks (fish fingers), fish portions and fish fillets — Breaded or in batter — Specification, First Edition ; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/172, G/TBT/N/RWA/563, G/TBT/N/TZA/660, G/TBT/N/UGA/1492 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/N/BDI/350	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 20 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 18 June 2023</p>	Handling and transportation of slaughter animals	This draft East African Standard provide for the requirements for the handling and transportation of live terrestrial food animals for slaughter
G/TBT/N/BDI/201/Add.1	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 18 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Mustard seed - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1079: 2021, Mustard seed — Specification, First Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/201, G/TBT/N/KEN/1192, G/TBT/N/RWA/592, G/TBT/N/TZA/689, G/TBT/N/UGA/1532 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.

G/TBT/N/BDI/173/Add.1	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 17 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Processing and handling of dried fish and fish products - Addendum	Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 833: 2021, Processing and handling of dried fish and fish products — Code of practice, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/173, G/TBT/N/RWA/564, G/TBT/N/TZA/661, G/TBT/N/UGA/1493 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/N/BDI/174/Add.1	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 17 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Processing and handling of salted fish and fish products - Addendum	Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 834: 2021, Processing and handling of salted fish and fish products — Code of practice, Second Edition; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/174, G/TBT/N/RWA/565, G/TBT/N/TZA/662, G/TBT/N/UGA/1494 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 1 July 2022.
G/TBT/N/BDI/349	Burundi	<p>Date of Distribution: 20 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 18 June 2023</p>	Raw ground meat products	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for raw ground/minced meat products. These products include, but not limited to, meat balls, patties, meat burgers, meat rolls and ground kebabs that are intended for further processing before consumption. This standard does not include meat sausages.
G/TBT/N/ZAF/250	South Africa	<p>Date of Distribution: 21 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 19 June 2023</p>	Pre-packaged foodstuffs	The proposed Draft Regulation makes provision for the labelling and advertising of pre-packaged foodstuffs under the control of the Department of Health, in terms of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972).

G/TBT/N/USA/446/Add.4	United States	Date of Distribution: 17 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 May 2023	Milk and cream products and yogurt products - Addendum	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) published a final rule entitled "Milk and Cream Products and Yogurt Products; Final Rule To Revoke the Standards for Lowfat Yogurt and Nonfat Yogurt and To Amend the Standard for Yogurt," on 11 June 2021 (the 2021 final rule; notified in G/TBT/N/USA/446/Add.1). The International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) objected to the final rule's provision that yogurt have either a titratable acidity of not less than 0.7 percent, expressed as lactic acid, or a pH of 4.6 or lower before the addition of bulky flavoring ingredients. We are denying IDFA's request for a public hearing with respect to this objection and are issuing a final order to modify the final rule's provision with respect to both pH and titratable acidity.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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