

31 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) from 18 to 24 March 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the nine (9) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/RG/440	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 24 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 May 2023	Silicones used in materials, packaging, coatings and equipment intended to come into contact with food	The MERCOSUR Technical Regulation Project applies to silicones used in materials, containers, coatings and equipment intended for to come into contact with food. Coatings intended for use are excepted. Cellulosic materials which must comply with the MERCOSUR Technical Regulations specific
G/TBT/NB/HR/661	Kingdom of Bahrain	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2023	Declaration of allergens on food establishments	1.1 This standard is concerned with the disclosure of allergen causing ingredients in the establishments meal list Food that provides food to the consumer outside the home. 2.1 This standard applies to all food establishments, Such as (a chain of restaurants, cafes Ice cream shops, fresh fruit juice shops, bakeries, pastries, cafeterias, chain Restaurants, cafes, fresh fruit juice shops, and bakeries inside the shops supermarkets, amusement parks, and in colleges, universities, and government agencies).
G/TBT/NB/HR/662	Kingdom of Bahrain	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2023	Putting calories on food establishments menu's	1.1 This standard is concerned with the requirements for placing calories in the list of meals for food establishments that provide food to the consumer outside the home. 2.1 This standard applies to all food establishments, Such as (a

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G/TBT/N/BHR/663	Kingdom of Bahrain	Date of Distribution: 21 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 19 May 2023	Halal certification bodies	This document is concerned with the requirements that must be met by issuing authorities Halal certificates It also specifies the requirements necessary to implement the procedures for issuing a Halal certificate for the product /for service/systems.
G/TBT/N/BRA/639/Add.3	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 24 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Prepared or preserved fish - Addendum	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply – MAPA issued Ordinance No. 570, 23 March 2023, which amends MAPA Normative Instruction No. 53, 1 September 2020, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/639/Add.2.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1474/Corr.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 24 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Meat of bovine animals - Corrigendum	Rectification of Ordinance SDA No. 744, 25 January 2023, published in the DOU on 30 January 2023, Edition 21, Section 1, page 1, as specified, remaining unchanged the other items.
G/TBT/N/KNA/2	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Date of Distribution: 23 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Pre-packaged foods	This regulation applies to the labelling of all pre-packaged foods to be offered for sale to the consumer or for catering purposes. This regulation is not applicable to food: sold unpackaged, or in an open or uncovered package; weighed or measured in or counted into the package; intended for export only, which comply with the requirements of standards or laws on labelling of the country to which they are being exported; or gift wrapped for personal use
G/TBT/N/TUR/136/Rev.1	Turkey	Date of Distribution: 23 March 2023	Olive oil and olive-	This Communiqué covers methods of analysis of olive oil and olive-pomace oil.

		Deadline for Comments: 01 June 2023	pomace oil - Revision	The previous draft which was notified under G/TBT/N/TUR/136 has not been enacted and the new Draft Communiqué has been prepared in line with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2105.
G/TBT/N/URY/74	Uruguay	Date of Distribution: 20 March 2023 Deadline for Comments: 18 May 2023	Silicones intended for the manufacture of materials, packaging, linings and equipment in contact with food	The notified draft MERCOSUR Technical Regulation regulate the use of silicones in materials, packaging and equipment intended to come into contact with food, with the exception of linings intended for cellulosic materials. In particular, the draft document establishes the various conditions that must be met by silicone materials, packaging, linings and equipment intended to come into contact with food.

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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