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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 21 to 27 January 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the thirty-three (33) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/AR/G/405/Add.1	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 26 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Spirits, alcohols, distilled alcoholic beverages and liqueurs - Addendum	It is reported that by Joint Resolution SAGyP and SCS 1/2023 the Draft Joint Resolution "Argentine Food Code (CAA) - Chapter XIV Beverages Spirits, Alcohols, Distilled Alcoholic Beverages and Liqueurs" Art. 1116: "Whisky or Whiskey" (File No. EX-2019-113500069).
G/TBT/N/ISR/1277	Israel	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Labelling of pre-packaged food that causes allergy or intolerance	New proposed regulations published by the Ministry of Health named "Protection of Public Health (Food) (Labelling of pre-packaged food that causes allergy or intolerance), 5782-2023". This draft adopts the European method of labeling food allergens as required by "Protection of Public Health Law (Food) 5775-2015" and by "Israel's Economic Policy Law (Legislation Amendments for the Implementation of the Economic Policy for Budget years 2021 and 2022), 5781-2021" (notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/1218).
G/TBT/N/ISR/1278	Israel	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments:	Labeling of pre-packaged food without gluten	Now proposed regulations named "Protection of Public Health (Food) (Labeling of pre-packaged food without gluten) 5783-2022" announced by the Israel Ministry of Health. This draft will replace previous regulations named "Public Health Regulations (Food)

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		23 March 2023		(Gluten Labeling), 5756-1996". It will apply to labeling food that does not contain gluten and will require marking with the words 'gluten-free' or 'inherently gluten-free', as required by the draft.
G/TBT/N/PHL/254/Add.1	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 26 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Quality of processed food products - Addendum	This Circular was issued to make it relevant with innovations in food processing by adding new food categories and repealing FDA Circular No. 2013-010. This aims to revise and update the guidance document in the assessment of the microbiological quality of prepackaged processed food products. Likewise, this also aims to align the guidelines on the microbiological requirements and assessment of processed food products with local and international standards.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/762	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 25 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 February 2023	Compostable drinking straws	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for compostable drinking straws. It covers drinking straws made from natural plant material, such as plant fibers or Corn PLA. It will also cover drinking straws made from papers.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/767	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Fish seeds and fingerling	This Working Draft Standard specifies the certification requirements for the production of fish seed production, rearing, stocking, transport of fish seed and its monitoring. It includes requirements for eligible varieties/species, farm standards, farm inspections, laboratory standards, certificates, packaging and labelling, storage and transportation.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/768	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 February 2023	Vegetable juices and nectars	This Working Draft Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for vegetable juices and nectars intended for direct human consumption or for further processing.

G/TBT/N/RW/A/769	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Vegetable jams and jellies	<p>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for jam and jelly intended for direct human consumption.</p> <p>This standard does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) products when indicated as being intended for further processing such as those intended for use in the manufacture of fine bakery wares, pastries or biscuits; b) products which are clearly intended or labelled as intended for special dietary uses; c) reduced sugar products or those with a very low sugar content; and d) products where the foodstuffs with sweetening properties have been replaced wholly or partially by e) food additive sweeteners.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/770	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Eggs	This Working Draft applies to the primary production, sorting, grading, storing, and distribution of table eggs produced by domesticated chicken intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/771	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 February 2023	Poultry : broiler and layers	This Working Draft specifies the general principles of good practice and minimum requirements for the production, handling, transportation and storage of chicken and its products within the farm, in the commercial or backyard rearing/farming of broiler and layer chickens for food use.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/783	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Processed chili	This Working Draft Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for processed chili intended for direct human consumption excluding chilli oil and chilli sauce.

G/TBT/N/RW/A/785	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Carbonated soft drinks	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for carbonated soft drinks.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/786	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Plain cake, fruit cake, sponge cake and speciality cake	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cakes intended for human consumption. This standard applies to plain cake, fruit cake, sponge cake and speciality cake.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/787	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Flavoured soft drinks	1.1 This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for flavoured soft drinks. 1.2 This standard applies to soft drinks flavoured with fruits, plant parts or their extracts other than fruits, or other food flavourings (natural/synthetic). 1.3 This standard does not apply to soft drinks covered by specific individual standards
G/TBT/N/RW/A/788	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Cookies	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cookies intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/789	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Fresh tofu	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for fresh tofu intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/790	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 25 January 2023	Cooked packaged beans	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cooked packaged beans

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G/TBT/N/RW/A/791	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Cooked packaged maize	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cooked packaged maize (<i>Zea mays indentata</i> L. and/or <i>Zea mays indurata</i> L. or their hybrids) intended for human consumption. This standard does not include corn-on-the-cob.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/793	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Chilli oil	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for chilli oil intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/794	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Food safety system based on HACCP as a systematic preventative system of controlling food safety hazards so as to ensure the safety of food at the time of human consumption	This Draft Rwanda standard specifies the requirements for a food safety system based on HACCP as a systematic preventative system of controlling food safety hazards so as to ensure the safety of food at the time of human consumption. The requirements enable an organization: a) to plan, implement, maintain and update a HACCP based food safety system aimed at providing products that, according to their intended use, are safe for the consumer, b) to effectively communicate food safety issues to their suppliers, customers and relevant interested parties in the food chain, c) to ensure that it conforms to its stated food safety policy, d) to demonstrate such conformity to relevant interested parties, and e) to seek certification or registration of its HACCP based food safety system by an external organization, or make a self-assessment of conformity based

				on auditing technique and not on inspection or testing
G/TBT/N/RW/A/796	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Mixed dry beans	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for mixed dry common beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> Linn.) intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/799	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Banana based alcoholic beverages (BBAB)	This Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Banana Based Alcoholic Beverages. This standard does not apply to urwagwa, banana wine and plant flavoured alcoholic beverages
G/TBT/N/RW/A/800	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Plant flavoured alcoholic drinks	This Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for plant flavoured alcoholic drinks.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/801	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Iron bio-fortified dry beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.)	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for iron bio-fortified dry common beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) intended for human consumption
G/TBT/N/RW/A/802	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Popcorn	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for popcorn of <i>Zea mays everta</i> variety intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/803	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023	Roasted soybean flour made from varieties	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for roasted soybean flour made from

		Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	(cultivars) grown from Glycine max (L.) Merr.	varieties (cultivars) grown from Glycine max (L.) Merr. intended for human consumption
G/TBT/N/RW/A/804	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Fresh garlic	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, classification and sampling for fresh garlic. It applies to fresh garlic of varieties (cultivars) grown from Allium sativum var. sativum L. to be supplied fresh, semidry or dry to the consumer and to be used for industrial processing.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/805	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Mayonnaise	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for mayonnaise intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/806	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Edible ice lollies	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for edible ice lollies intended for human consumption. It does not apply to ices from milk and milk products.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/808	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 23 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 23 March 2023	Spirulina	This Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for spirulina.
G/TBT/N/TZA/889	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 24 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2023	Chevdo (cheuro)	This Tanzania Standard specifies safety and quality requirements, sampling and methods of test for Chevdo (cheuro) intended for human consumption. Note: also known as chevda, chidwa

G/TBT/N/TZA/890	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 24 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 March 2023	Manda (dough sheets)	This Tanzania standard prescribes safety and quality requirements, sampling and tests method for Manda (dough sheets) intended for further processing to render it suitable for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/USA/1937/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 25 January 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 March 2023	Color additive - Addendum	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is reopening the comment period for the proposed rule, "Color Additive Certification; Increase in Fees for Certification Services," which published in the Federal Register of 2 November 2022. We are taking this action in response to a request from stakeholders to extend the comment period to allow additional time for interested parties to collect, analyze, and incorporate data to develop comments for this proposed rule.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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