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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 22 to 28 April 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the twelve (12) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/US/155	Australia	Date of Distribution: 25 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 07 July 2023	Infant formula	Proposal P1028 proposes to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to ensure that infant formula products are safe and suitable while also taking account of the latest scientific evidence, market developments, changes in the international regulatory context, and revised Australian and New Zealand policy guidance.
G/TBT/NB/RA/1482	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 28 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 31 July 2023	Novel foods and novel ingredients	This Draft Resolution contains provisions on proof of safety and authorization for the use of novel foods and novel ingredients. This regulation will be also notified to the SPS Committee.
G/TBT/NE/U/969	European Union	Date of Distribution: 26 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2023	Fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, and Bananas	The draft delegated act supplements Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 by merging and amending rules on marketing standards currently contained in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1333/2011 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1666/1999, by aligning these rules to market development and to the Farm to Fork Strategy. It repeals Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1333/2011

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				<p>and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1666/1999.</p> <p>This draft delegated act aligns market development with the objectives of the Farm to Fork Strategy, regarding in particular increased information for consumers and reduction of food waste.</p> <p>It modernises and simplifies the rules by merging fruit and vegetables legislation with banana and dried grapes legislation, and deleting obsolete provisions.</p> <p>Some amendments align with recent changes in quality standards adopted by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).</p>
G/TBT/N/EU/970	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 26 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2023</p>	Fruit and vegetables, processed fruit and vegetables, and bananas	The implementing act supplements Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 by merging and amending rules on the control of marketing standards currently contained in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1333/2011 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1666/1999.
G/TBT/N/EU/971	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 26 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2023</p>	Eggs for human consumption	The proposal aims at revising common rules for egg marketing standards.
G/TBT/N/EU/972	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 26 April 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2023</p>	Eggs for human consumption	The draft Regulation introduces obligatory marking of eggs at the production site.

G/TBT/N/E/U/973	European Union	Date of Distribution: 26 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2023	Eggs for human consumption	The draft Regulation introduces obligatory marking of eggs at the production site.
G/TBT/N/E/U/974	European Union	Date of Distribution: 26 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2023	Poultry meat	The delegated regulation aims at revising common rules for poultrymeat marketing standards.
G/TBT/N/E/U/975	European Union	Date of Distribution: 26 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2023	Poultry meat	The (Implementing) Regulation aims at revising common rules for poultrymeat marketing standards.
G/TBT/N/E/U/976	European Union	Date of Distribution: 26 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2023	Honey, fruit juices, fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and sweetened chestnut purée, partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk	The proposal proposes to revise common rules for honey origin labelling, revise the nutrition claims regarding sugar content that can be made on fruit juices and certain similar products, create a new category for fruit juices whose naturally occurring sugars have been partially removed, revise the minimum quantity of fruit to be used in the manufacture of jam, jelly, extra jam or extra jelly, and authorise a treatment to produce lactose-free milk products.
G/TBT/N/N/ZL/122	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 28 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 26 June 2023	Food, beverages, plant and animal products labelled as organic products	The proposed national organic standard establishes requirements for the production and processing of food, beverages, plant and animal products labelled as organic products. This operationalises aspects of the Organic Products and Production Act 2023.

G/TBT/N/P AN/127	Panamá	Date of Distribution: 26 April 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 June 2023	Live animals and animal products	Establish general requirements for production national, export and import of food for human consumption, which are, contain or are derived from Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), including their labeling or complementary label, within the national market, with the purpose of guarantee the right to information of consumers and due protection to the Human health.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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