

15 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 25 February to 03 March 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the twenty-three (23) notified draft technical regulations from seven (7) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/329</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 May 2023	Natural vanilla extract	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for natural vanilla extract products obtained from pods of <i>V. planifolia</i> . A, <i>V. tahitensis</i> and <i>V. pompona</i> species of vanilla orchid for use for use as a flavouring agent in food products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/330</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 May 2023	Natural orange extract	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and sampling and test methods for natural orange extract obtained from the peels of <i>Citrus sinensis</i> L. and/or <i>Citrus aurantium</i> L. for use as a flavouring agent in food products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/331</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 May 2023	Natural coffee extract	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for natural coffee extract obtained from <i>Coffea arabica</i> and <i>Coffea robusta</i> for use as a flavouring agent in food products. This standard does not apply to liquid coffee concentrates.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/332</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 March 2023	Natural cinnamon extract	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for natural cinnamon extract obtained

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		<b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 May 2023		from the bark of cinnamon species namely Cinnamomum verum, Cinnamomum zeylanicum or Cinnamon aromaticum for use for use as a flavouring agent in food products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/333</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 May 2023	Food grade acesulfame potassium	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for food grade acesulfame potassium intended for use in food products.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1439/Corr.1</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Food additives and technology aids in various food categories - Corrigendum	The text of the resolution previously notified was rectified and, therefore, it is necessary to change the link to text on the notification G/TBT/N/BRA/1439.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1476</a>	Brazil	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Applicable	Egg products not submitted to heat treatment	MAPA Ordinance No. 747, 6 February 2023, approves standardisation of egg nomenclature in nature and egg products not submitted to heat treatment
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NZL/118/Add.1</a>	New Zealand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 February 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 20 March 2023	Energy labelling on alcoholic beverages - Addendum	There has been an extension of 3 weeks to the consultation period for P1059 - Energy labelling on alcoholic beverages.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/518</a>	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 03 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 01 May 2023	Trans-resveratrol produced by genetically modified saccharomyces cerevisiae strain EFSC4687	This draft regulation specifies the use restrictions and labeling requirements for trans-resveratrol produced by genetically modified Saccharomyces cerevisiae strain EFSC4687 for food purposes.

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/899</a>	Tanzania	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023</p>	Table grapes	This standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of table grapes grown from <i>Vitis vinifera</i> L., of the Vitaceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Grapes for industrial processing are excluded.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/900</a>	Tanzania	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023</p>	Pomegranate	This standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of pomegranate fruits grown from <i>Punica granatum</i> L. of the Punicaceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Pomegranates for industrial processing are excluded.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/901</a>	Tanzania	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023</p>	Litchi	This standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of litchis grown from <i>Litchi chinensis</i> Sonn., of the Sapindaceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Litchis for industrial processing are excluded.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/902</a>	Tanzania	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023</p>	Leeks	This standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and tests of leeks varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Allium ampeloprasum</i> L. of the family Alliaceae to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Leeks for industrial processing are excluded.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/903</a>	Tanzania	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023</p>	Kiwifruit	This Standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of kiwifruit of varieties (cultivars) derived from <i>Actinidia chinensis</i> Planch and <i>A. deliciosa</i> (A. Chev.) C.F. Liang & A.R. Ferguson and hybrids derived from at least one of them, of the Actinidiaceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Kiwifruit for

				industrial processing are excluded
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/904</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023	Green beans	This standard specifies requirements quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of green beans of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L. and <i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> L. to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Beans for shelling or industrial processing are excluded.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/905</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023	Fresh bitter gourd	This standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of bitter gourd ( <i>Mormodica charantia</i> L.) to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Bitter gourds for industrial processing are excluded.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/906</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023	Packaging and transport of fresh fruits and vegetables	This code recommends proper packaging and transport of fresh fruits and vegetables in order to maintain produce quality and safety during storage, distribution and marketing. It intends to assist value chain actors in handling produces to ensure quality and safety against all the associated hazards.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/907</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023	Cucumbers	This standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of cucumber varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Cucumis sativus</i> L. to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Cucumbers for industrial processing and gherkins are excluded.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/908</a>	Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023	Cauliflower	This standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of cauliflower grown from <i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>botrytis</i> L. of the family Brassicaceae to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Cauliflower for industrial processing are excluded.

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/909</a>	Tanzania	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023</p>	Cape gooseberry	This standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of cape gooseberries grown from <i>Physalis peruviana</i> (L.), of the Solanaceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Cape gooseberries for industrial processing are excluded.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/910</a>	Tanzania	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 April 2023</p>	Broccoli	This standard specifies quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of broccoli varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Brassica oleracea</i> var.italica Plenck to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Broccoli for industrial processing are excluded.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/URY/73</a>	Uruguay	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 28 February 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 28 April 2023</p>	Imported food and beverages	The procedure for obtaining the marketing certificate provided for in Decree No. 338/982 of 22 September 1982, 1982, considering the dynamics of current international trade and ensuring the Safety and equality in marketing conditions that apply to food in the country.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/119/Add.3</a>	United States	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 02 March 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated</p>	Foods for human consumption in the United States, except for meat, poultry and egg products - Addendum	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) (jointly, we) are announcing the withdrawal of the proposed rule entitled "General Principles and Food Standards Modernization," which published in the Federal Register of 20 May 2005 (notified in G/TBT/N/USA/119). FDA and FSIS are taking this action in response to comments received in 2005 and in 2020 after FDA reopened the comment period for the proposed rule.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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