

15 May 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 29 April to 05 May 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the thirteen (13) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/UKR/245/Ad d.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 03 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Bioresources and products produced from aquatic bioresources - Addendum	Ukraine notifies amendments made to the Chapter VIII "Traceability in export/import operations and re-export" of the draft Law. Thus, in this Chapter drafted the conditions for obtaining catch and re-export certificates as well as document on the processing of traceable aquatic bioresources and/or products from them, which are required for customs clearance of traceable aquatic bioresources and/or products from them.
G/TBT/N/AUS/112/Ad d.3	Australia	Date of Distribution: 02 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Pregnancy warning labels on packaged alcoholic beverages - Addendum	Following the gazettal of requirements for pregnancy warning labels on alcoholic beverages on 31 July 2020, industry identified a technical issue with the printing of the pregnancy warning mark on corrugated cardboard packaging when using a post-print (flexographic) printing process and made an application to amend Standard 2.7.1 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code
G/TBT/N/GHA/49	Ghana	Date of Distribution: 01 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 June 2023	Cocoa farming management system that ensures production of sustainable	The purpose of this document is for use as a guideline for establishing and implementing a cocoa farming management system that ensures production of sustainable and traceable cocoa beans. It also gives guidance to

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- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

			and traceable cocoa beans	certification bodies and scheme owners on implementing a certification scheme and auditing the cocoa farm management system to ensure compliance to regulatory and other quality requirements.
G/TBT/N/G HA/50	Ghana	Date of Distribution: 01 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 June 2023	Cocoa quality and traceability	The purpose of this document is for use as a guideline for establishing and implementing a cocoa farming management system that ensures production of sustainable and traceable cocoa beans. It also gives guidance to certification bodies and scheme owners on implementing a certification scheme and auditing the cocoa farm management system to ensure compliance to regulatory and other quality requirements
G/TBT/N/G HA/51	Ghana	Date of Distribution: 01 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 June 2023	Cocoa certification schemes	The purpose of this document is for use as a guideline for establishing and implementing a cocoa farming management system that ensures production of sustainable and traceable cocoa beans. It also gives guidance to certification bodies and scheme owners on implementing a certification scheme and auditing the cocoa farm management system to ensure compliance to regulatory and other quality requirements.
G/TBT/N/N ZL/99/Add. 1	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 01 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Organic products - Addendum	<p>The Organic Products and Production Act 2023 was Assented on 5 April 2023, giving effect to the Organic Products Bill (notified as G/TBT/N/NZL/99). The Act is not expected to become fully operational until three years from when the national organic standard comes into effect.</p> <p>The Organic Products and Production Act 2023 provides a framework for regulating organic products. The Act:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requires all organic businesses who make organic

				<p>claims to be approved by meeting all the requirements in the relevant standards set forth in regulations.</p> <p>2. Allows for the development of regulations and national organic standards detailing production and processing requirements for certain products. The Act will not be effective until after the national organic standard is developed.</p> <p>3. Allows for the establishment of conformity and assessment procedures and requirements to be set for third parties who will check organic businesses and take part in ongoing compliance.</p>
G/TBT/N/NZL/123	New Zealand	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 May 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 30 June 2023</p>	Infant formula	<p>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. The proposed draft variation to the Code will amend infant formula regulation. Relevant aspects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-drafting of Standard 2.9.1 and related provisions in Schedule 29 to reflect the differing requirements for subcategories of infant formula products (infant formula, follow-on formula and special medical purpose products for infants (SMPPi); - Revised nutrient composition values; - Revised permissions for food additives, contaminants and processing aids; - Addition of a definition for SMPPi, and associated revisions on nutrient composition, restriction of sale and standalone labelling permissions reflective of

				<p>Standard 2.9.5 - Foods for Special Medical Purpose (FSMP)</p> <p>- Amendments and new provisions regarding safety-related labelling (including directions for use and storage, warning statements and age-related statements), provision of information (including nutrition information, stage labelling and a prohibition of proxy advertising), and labelling for SMPPi.</p> <p>- Amendments to clarify the requirements for novel foods when added to infant formula products.</p> <p>A five year transition period, inclusive of stock-in-trade, is proposed.</p>
G/TBT/N/PAN/128	Panama	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 May 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 02 July 2023</p>	Vitamin, dietary and food supplements with therapeutic properties	It is a Resolution that will regulate the registration of vitamin, dietary and food supplements with therapeutic properties against the National Directorate of Pharmacy and Drugs.
G/TBT/N/TZA/954	Tanzania	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 May 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 02 July 2023</p>	Halal food	<p>This Tanzania Standard specifies general requirements for the halal food industry.</p> <p>This draft standard does not contain all requirements stipulated on relevant food product which may be required for government certification. Halal certification may be sought by arrangement with the competent authority in Tanzania</p>
G/TBT/N/TZA/955	Tanzania	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 May 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 02 July 2023</p>	Almond flour	This Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for almond flour obtained from sweet almond kernels of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Prunus amygdalus</i> Batsch, syn. <i>Prunus dulcis</i> (Mill.) intended for human consumption

G/TBT/N/T ZA/963	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 04 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 02 July 2023	Raw and roasted hazelnut kernels	This Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for raw and roasted hazelnut kernels derived from hazelnut fruit (<i>Corylus avellana</i> L.) intended for human consumption
G/TBT/N/T ZA/964	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 04 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 02 July 2023	Raw Brazil nut kernels	This Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for raw Brazil nut kernels derived from Brazil nut tree (<i>Bertholletia excelsa</i> L.) intended for direct human consumption
G/TBT/N/U KR/186/Re v.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 04 May 2023 Deadline for Comments: 02 July 2023	Grapes and viticulture products, grape wine - Revision	<p>The draft Law provides for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · to bring the terms and definitions, classification of grape varieties and requirements for the production of viticulture and winemaking products, flavoured wine products, as well as some oenological practices and restrictions in line with requirements adopted in the EU countries; · to introduce requirements for the production and circulation of wines, viticulture and winemaking products, flavoured wine products with geographical indications similar to the current rules in the EU; · to define the mechanism of protection of geographical indications in Ukraine; · to introduce new terms and definitions in accordance with the categories of European legislation; · to establish a unified state information system "Viticulture and Winemaking Register"; · to provide for the possibility of state support for viticulture and winemaking; · to implement rules of labelling and presentation of wine products; · to establish principles for inspections of the production of wine products from the vineyard

				<p>to the final product, to determine the controlling institutions and their powers,</p> <p>to specify sanctions for violation of the requirements established by law.</p> <p>This draft Law is also notified in accordance with the provisions of the SPS Agreement.</p>
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