

13 December 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 02 to 08 December 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from four (4) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ARG/150/Add.6	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 05 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Dietetic foods or foods for special dietary uses and gluten-free foods - Addendum	Please be advised that draft Resolution "Argentine Food Code - Health foods or food for special dietary uses - Gluten-free foods" (G/TBT/N/ARG/150/Add.5) has been approved under Joint Resolution No. 32/2023 of the Secretariat for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the Secretariat of Health Quality.
G/TBT/N/ARG/448/Add.1	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 05 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Hemp seeds and their derivatives - Addendum	Please be advised that the "Draft Joint Resolution on the incorporation into the Argentine Food Code of hemp seeds and derivative products" has been approved under Joint Resolution No. 31/2023 of the Secretariat of Health Quality and the Secretariat for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.
G/TBT/N/EGY/313/Add.7	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 08 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Meat, poultry and their products, milk and dairy products - Addendum	This addendum concerns the extension of the time period during which imports of milk and dairy products that are not accompanied by a Halal certificate are allowed to enter into Egypt. The time period has been extended until December 31, 2024 (date of arrival at Egyptian ports) as a trade facilitating measure.
G/TBT/N/ESW/21	Eswatini	Date of Distribution: 06 December 2023	Fortified wheat flour	This standard gives specifications for the rational addition of essential micro nutrients to wheat flour.

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Membership:

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
 - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

		Deadline for Comments: Not applicable		
G/TBT/NS/WZ/22	Eswatini	Date of Distribution: 07 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not applicable	Peanut butter	This standard covers peanut butter of two types: a) smooth textured; and b) "crunchy" textured.
G/TBT/NT/TKM/507/A/1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 06 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Food required to be registered with the central competent authority - Addendum	The purpose of this notification is to provide the final texts of "Amendment of the Regulations Governing the Management of the Review, Registration and Issuance of Permit Documents for Food and Related Products" and relevant dates of its implementation. The draft texts notified in "G/TBT/N/TPKM/507" were adopted with minor changes.

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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