

21 September 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 September 2023.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/HR/678	Kingdom of Bahrain	Date of Distribution: 04 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 02 November 2023	Halal accreditation bodies accrediting halal certification bodies	This standard is concerned with the requirements that must be provided in the accreditation bodies that evaluate and accredits the halal certification bodies.
G/TBT/N/G/BR/68	United Kingdom	Date of Distribution: 05 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 November 2023	Ice wine	These measures introduce into Great Britain (GB) law a prohibition on the marketing of ice wine unless the definitions, detailed in the Regulations, are met. The ice wine provisions as follows - No person may market a product using a term mentioned below unless the product is a wine made exclusively from grapes naturally frozen on the vine. The terms referred to above are: (a) 'ice wine'; (b) 'icewine'; (c) 'ice-wine'; (d) a term similar to a term mentioned in point (a), (b) or (c); (e) a term having the same meaning as a term mentioned in point (a), (b) or (c) in a language other than English; (f) a term having a similar meaning to a term mentioned in point (a), (b) or (c) in a language other than English.

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- 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)

G/TBT/N/IDN/113/Ad d.2	Indonesia	Date of Distribution: 05 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable	Tuna, sardines and mackerel in cans - Addendum	<p>The revised technical regulation simplifies and integrates several related regulations (i.e. regulation on the mandatory implementation of SNI for Tuna, Sardine, and Mackerel in canned packaging; regulation on Procedures for issuing SPPT SNI Tuna, Sardine, and Mackerel in canned packaging) into one regulation. The main modifications of this amended regulation draft are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establishing detailed HS Code of products that are covered by the regulation • updating the reference standard • updating the conformity assessment procedure on the surveillances phase.
G/TBT/N/TUR/135/Ad d.1	Turkey	Date of Distribution: 04 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 01 November 2023	Plastic materials and articles in contact with food - Addendum	<p>The purpose of this draft Communiqué is to amend the Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food in line with the amendments 2020/1245/EU and 2023/1442/EU of the EU regulation 10/2011/EU.</p> <p>This amendment covers revisions of some monomers and starting substances to be used in the production of food contact plastic materials and articles and changes to migration test rules.</p> <p>This regulation enters into force on the date of its publication. However, transitional period has been provided in Provisional Article 2.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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