

14 November 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 04 to 10 November 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the seven (7) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/CA/N/708	Canada	Date of Distribution: 08 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 02 February 2024	Food additives	The proposed regulations would amend Part B of the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR), along with targeted amendments to Parts A and D of the FDR. In particular, the proposed amendments include introducing modernized frameworks for setting, and updating the regulations for food compositional standards, microbiological criteria and methods of analysis, as well as continuing the modernization of the food additives framework that was initiated in 2012. Consequential amendments would also be made to certain regulations under the Cannabis Act, Excise Act, 2001, Pest Control Products Act, and Safe Food for Canadians Act.
G/TBT/N/CH/L/625/Add.4	Chile	Date of Distribution: 08 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Alcoholic Beverages - Addendum	The Ministry of the Interior and Public Security informs that by virtue of the obligations of the implementation of Decree No. 98/2023, the Ministry of Health has published the Manual of Standards Graphics for Messages and Graphs of Warning and Energy Value of Alcoholic Beverages according to the Regulation on Consumer Information and Advertising of Alcoholic Beverages.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/936	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 07 November 2023	Feta cheese	This Working Draft specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for feta cheese intended for direct human consumption or for further processing.

BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS

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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)

		Deadline for Comments: 05 January 2024		
G/TBT/N/RW/A/937	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 07 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 05 January 2024	Breast milk substitutes	This Draft Rwanda Standard applies to the marketing and practices concerning breast milk substitutes when marketed or recommended or otherwise presented for use as partial or total replacement of breast milk. These breast milk substitutes include infant formula, milk products, other complementary foods and beverages marketed, presented or recommended as breast milk substitutes. This standard applies to feeding bottles and teats.
G/TBT/N/RW/A/938	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 07 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 05 January 2024	Processed meat products	This draft Rwanda Standard covers the minimum requirements of hygienic practices at reception, handling, processing, packaging, storage and transportation of quality and safe processed meat products.
G/TBT/N/AR/E/596	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 06 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 January 2024	Labeling of non-retail containers of foods	This Gulf technical regulation is concerned with the explanatory data that must be available on the labels of food packages not intended for direct retail sale to the consumer, as well as the data that must be available by any other means such as attached documents, as well as the requirements related to the way they are presented and does not include data of food additives and manufacturing aids.
G/TBT/N/US/A/2063	United States	Date of Distribution: 06 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 November 2023	Phthalates and intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in food packaging	The purpose of this rulemaking proposal is to update the existing Chapter 80 in accordance with changes in the law and to update language and formatting. The proposed changes include the incorporation of an existing statutory sales prohibition on the use of phthalates in food packaging. The proposal also adds a new section 5, establishing a sales prohibition on the use of specific applications of intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to certain types of food packaging. The addition of the new section 5 is major substantive rulemaking.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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