

19 October 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 07 to 13 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the ten (10) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/C/OL/118/Ad d.2	Colombia	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 11 December 2023</p>	Energy drinks - Addendum	The Republic of Colombia informs all members of the World Organization of Commerce - WTO, that the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Colombia, has generated a new Draft Resolution with the aim of updating the technical regulations through which point out the requirements that energy drinks for human consumption must meet, whose Scope of Application is as follows: Article 2. Scope of application. The provisions contained in the technical regulations established by this Resolution apply to: 2.1. The energy drinks and mixtures for the preparation of energy drinks for human consumption in the national territory, classified in subheading 2202.10 of the current National Customs Tariff. 2.2. All establishments where they are manufactured, processed, packaged, stored, distributed, market and sell (traditional and digital channels) or import energy drinks with destination for human consumption and transportation associated with said activities. 23. The activities of inspection, surveillance and control exercised by health authorities over the

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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

				manufacturing, processing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution, marketing, sale and import of energy drinks for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/KOR/1174	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 11 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 09 December 2023	Sodium content comparison label on simple cooking sets	The proposed amendment is to: - Establishment of new regulations mandating Sodium Content Comparison Label on simple cooking sets.
G/TBT/N/KOR/1176	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 12 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 December 2023	Food and drug testing	In case of unsatisfactory test result, the suitability of the entire testing and inspection procedure shall be verified with a checklist for confirmation of the performed test, and the reliability of testing and inspection result shall also be secured by expanding the range of applying compliances to testing and inspection agencies when transporting samples.
G/TBT/N/TPKM/526/Add.1	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 11 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Liquid mycelia culture powder of morel mushroom (Morchella esculenta) - Addendum	The purpose of this notification is to provide the final texts of "Use Restrictions and Labeling Requirements of Liquid Mycelia Culture Powder of Morel Mushroom (Morchella esculenta) as a Food Ingredient" and relevant dates of its implementation.
G/TBT/N/TZA/1039	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 December 2023	Food grade monosodium L- glutamate	This draft Zanzibar national standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test for food grade monosodium L- glutamate
G/TBT/N/TZA/1040	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2023	Canned peas (Pisum sativum L.)	This draft Zanzibar standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test for canned peas (Pisum sativum L.) intended for direct human consumption

		Deadline for Comments: 08 December 2023		
G/TBT/N/T ZA/1041	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 December 2023	Seaweed-based chilli sauce	This draft Zanzibar national standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test for seaweed-based chilli sauce intended for direct human consumption
G/TBT/N/T ZA/1042	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 December 2023	Seaweed-based pickles	This draft Zanzibar national standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test of seaweed-based pickles intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/T ZA/1043	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 10 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 08 December 2023	Seaweed based jam	This draft standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test for seaweed based jam intended for direct human consumption
G/TBT/N/US/1398/R ev.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 12 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 11 December 2023	Pecans - Revision	The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing to revise the U.S. Standards for Grades of Pecans in the Shell and the U.S. Standards for Grades of Shelled Pecans by replacing the current grades with U.S. Extra Fancy, U.S. Fancy, U.S. Choice, and U.S. Standard grades. The proposal also includes updating terminology, definitions, and defect scoring guides.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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