

29 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 09 to 15 September 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the twelve (12) notified draft technical regulations from eight (8) WTO Members:

| Document Symbol | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates | Products Covered | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/A/US/161 | Australia | Date of Distribution: 11 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 November 2023 | Voluntary nutrition content claims about added sugars | <p>The proposal considers amending the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to define and clarify added sugars for the purposes of making voluntary nutrition content claims about added sugars. Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has undertaken an assessment and developed a proposed draft variation to the Code. Standards affected are:</p> <p>(a) Schedule 4 Nutrition, health and related claims, table to section S4—3.</p> <p>The proposed draft variation amends the required conditions for making permitted 'no added sugar(s)' and 'unsweetened' nutrition content claims by defining added sugar and clarifying what ingredients disqualify a food from making such claims when added. Upon adoption, a two year transition period is proposed.</p> |
| G/TBT/N/B/DI/402 | Burundi | Date of Distribution: 15 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 13 November 2023 | Raw macadamia nuts - inshell | <p>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for raw macadamia nuts- inshell of varieties grown from <i>Macadamia integrifolia</i>, and <i>Macadamia tetraphylla</i>, and their hybrids whose kernels are intended for human consumption.</p> |

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| G/TBT/N/B/DI/403 | Burundi | Date of Distribution: 15 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 13 November 2023 | Cashew flour | This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for cashew flour obtained from milling of cashew kernels derived from nuts of cashew tree (of varieties of <i>Anacardium occidentale</i> L.) intended for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/B/DI/404 | Burundi | Date of Distribution: 15 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 13 November 2023 | Peanut / groundnut flour from the varieties of <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L. | This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling, and test methods for peanut/groundnut flour from the varieties of <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L. intended for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/B/DI/405 | Burundi | Date of Distribution: 15 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 13 November 2023 | Edible coconut oil | This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for virgin and refined coconut oil derived from the kernel of the coconut (<i>Cocos nucifera</i> L.) intended for human consumption. |
| G/TBT/N/B/DI/406 | Burundi | Date of Distribution: 15 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 13 November 2023 | Crude and semi refined palm oil | This East African standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for crude and semi refined (neutralized and/or bleached) palm oil derived from the fleshy mesocarp of the fruit of oil palm (<i>Elaeis guineensis</i>) intended for further processing. |
| G/TBT/N/G/RD/31 | Grenada | Date of Distribution: 11 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 07 December 2023 | Wheat flour (also called flour, white flour, or enriched flour) for human consumption prepared from <i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. (common wheat) or, <i>Triticum compactum</i> Host (club wheat) | This draft standard applies and specifies the characteristics of wheat flour (also called flour, white flour, or enriched flour) for human consumption prepared from <i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. (common wheat) or, <i>Triticum compactum</i> Host (club wheat) or mixtures thereof which is pre-packaged for sale or sold in bulk. It is applicable to self-rising flour. The draft standard is not applicable to any product made from durum wheat (hard wheat, <i>Triticum durum</i> Desf.), singly or in |

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| | | | wheat) or mixtures thereof which...ckage d for sale or sold in bulk | combination with other wheat, whole meal, whole wheat flour or semolinas, farina milled from Triticum aestivum L. (common whet), Triticum compactum Host (club wheat), or mixtures thereof, wheat flour to be used in brewing, forthe production of starch or gluten, or for non-food industrial use, wheat flour in which the protein content has been reduced, wheat flour after the milling process which has been subjected to special treatments other than bleaching or drying and wheat flour which has added ingredients other than those stipulated in this standard. |
| G/TBT/N/K/EN/1502 | Kenya | Date of Distribution: 15 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable | Sugar and sugar products | Pursuant to paragraphs 7(2) and 9(2) of Legal Notice 78 of 2020 read together with Paragraph 3(3) of Legal Notice 212 of 2020, KEBS wishes to inform all stakeholders and the general public that all sugar being imported during the duty-free window established under Gazette No.10358 dated 9th August 2023 will be handled as follows: 1. All imported sugar accompanied with Certificates of Conformity (CoCs) will be reinspected and tested at the Ports of Entry free of charge. 2. The sampling will take place in the presence of the importer or appointed agent and will be subjected to tests to verify compliance with the relevant requirements of the standards. 3. ALL imported sugar consignments shipped from countries where KEBS has appointed inspection companies and are not accompanied by Certificates of Conformity (CoCs) will be inspected upon arrival at a fee equivalent to five percent (5%) of the approved customs values. |

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| | | | | 4. All sugar imports originating from countries where no inspection agent has been contracted by KEBS, will continue being subjected to destination inspection upon payment of an inspection fee equivalent to zero-point six percent (0.6%) of the approved customs value and testing fee (where applicable). |
| G/TBT/N/MUS/16 | Mauritius | Date of Distribution: 12 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 November 2023 | Food control framework | <p>The Draft Food Regulations 2023 are intended to replace the Food Regulations of 1999, with the overarching aim of fortifying food control framework in Mauritius to align with international food standards. These regulations specify the requirements for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Food composition and labelling, including labelling requirements for pre-packed food; · Packages for food, including standards for food grade material, which can be used for packaging; · Pre-approval permit for any novel food, food produced using gene technology and irradiated food; · Examination and sampling of food for clearance at border level as well as surveillance at domestic level; · Food hygiene pertaining to building and facilities, food handling practices and personal hygiene of food handlers; · Contaminants levels to protect the market from the sale of unsafe food; · Chilled and frozen food to enable the transport, storage, display and sale of perishable food safely; · Food additives, which can be used in specific food and at which level; · Salt, which is allowed for sale; · Cereal and cereal product for the sale of fortified flour; |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Egg and egg product to ensure their safe consumption; · Special purpose food for the health protection of infants and children; · Edible oil or fat concerning saturated fat and trans-fat; · Mayonnaise and sauce for its their production; · Milk and milk product to ensure their safety and nutritional quality; · Meat and meat product processing and sale; · Fish and fish product, which are safe for human consumption; · Packaged water and natural mineral water for its their production and sale; · Food safety management system requirement for food establishments involved in specific types of food, mayonnaise, fish and fish product, meat and meat product, and packaged water and natural mineral water; and food prohibited for sale in educational institutions, such pre-primary, primary and secondary school. |
| G/TBT/N/NIC/71/Add.4 | Nicaragua | <p>Date of Distribution: 11 September 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 07 November 2023</p> | Chicken - Addendum | <p>The Republic of Nicaragua advises that the Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard on slaughtered, ready-to-cook chickens (raw), whole or cut in pieces, and chicken offal, notified on 11 July 2006 in document G/TBT/N/NIC/71, with addenda issued on 23 August 2006 (G/TBT/N/NIC/71/Add.1), 6 March 2013 (G/TBT/N/NIC/71/Add.2) and 14 May 2013 (G/TBT/N/NIC/71/Add.3), is to be replaced by NTON No. 03003:2023 on meat and meat products.</p> <p>Meat of poultry (<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>), prepared whole or cut in pieces, and the offal thereof, for human consumption. Sanitary and safety requirements. The purpose of the notified</p> |

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| | | | | regulation is to "establish the safety requirements that must be met for poultry (Gallus gallus domesticus) that is prepared whole or cut in pieces, and the offal thereof, and intended for human consumption, and to set out the sanitary requirements that must be met by processing establishments". |
| G/TBT/N/N ZL/127 | New Zealand | Date of Distribution: 12 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 10 November 2023 | Voluntary nutrition content claims about added sugars | <p>The proposal considers amending the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to define and clarify added sugars for the purposes of making voluntary nutrition content claims about added sugars.</p> <p>Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has undertaken an assessment and developed a proposed draft variation to the Code. Standards affected are:</p> <p>(a) Schedule 4 Nutrition, health and related claims, table to section S4—3.</p> <p>The proposed draft variation amends the required conditions for making permitted 'no added sugar(s)' and 'unsweetened' nutrition content claims by defining added sugar and clarifying what ingredients disqualify a food from making such claims when added. Upon adoption, a two year transition period is proposed.</p> |
| G/TBT/N/USA/2042/Corr.1 | United States | Date of Distribution: 11 September 2023 Deadline for Comments: 24 November 2023 | Canned tuna - Corrigendum | <p>The following communication, dated 11 September 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America</p> |

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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