

21 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 11 to 17 November 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the six (6) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/NK/GZ/54</a>	Kyrgyz Republic	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 17 November 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 15 January 2024	Fish and fish products	The draft amendments propose the introduction of the following clarifications of: - certain provisions of the technical regulation, - requirements for handling live trepangs ( <i>Holothuria edulis</i> ) if live trepangs are handled live; - requirements for parasitological safety of fish products; - additions to the provisions of the technical regulation on specifying the country of origin of raw materials when labeling caviar (for black caviar/sturgeon fish species); - adjustments to the table on microbiological safety indicators of fish products, taking into account the updated provisions in the draft amendments to the technical regulation; - inclusion of tables on criteria for assessing the quality of fish and fish products during parasitological control related to paragraph 19 of the technical regulation
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/R/US/152</a>	Russian Federation	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 November 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 31 January 2024	Fish products	The draft amendments propose the introduction of the following clarifications of: - certain provisions of the technical regulation, - requirements for handling live trepangs ( <i>Holothuria edulis</i> ) if live trepangs are handled live; - requirements for parasitological safety of fish products; - additions to the provisions of the technical regulation on specifying the

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				<p>country of origin of raw materials when labeling caviar (for black caviar/sturgeon fish species);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- adjustments to the table on microbiological safety indicators of fish products, taking into account the updated provisions in the draft amendments to the technical regulation;</li> <li>- inclusion of tables on criteria for assessing the quality of fish and fish products during parasitological control related to paragraph 19 of the technical regulation</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/R/US/153</a>	Russian Federation	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 November 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 15 January 2024</p>	Food products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- bringing the provisions of CU TR 021/2011 in line with the provisions of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014;</li> <li>- clarification of the provisions of article 4 "Definitions", Article 5 "Rules of market circulation", Article 6 "Identification of food products" of the CU TR 021/2011;</li> <li>- from Chapter 4 "Conformity assessment" of the CU TR 021/2011, all articles not related to conformity assessment of food products have been moved to other chapters of the technical regulation;</li> <li>- establishing the procedure for carrying out conformity assessment procedures in Chapter 4 of the CU TR 021/2011 "Conformity assessment" based on standard conformity assessment schemes approved by the Decision of the Council of the Commission dated April 18, 2018 No. 44.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/R/WA/941</a>	Rwanda	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 14 November 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 12 January 2024</p>	Hygiene provisions for raw meat, meat preparations and manufactured meat	This Rwanda standard covers hygiene provisions for raw meat, meat preparations and manufactured meat from the time of live animal production up to the point of retail sale. It further develops 'The Recommended Rwanda Code of Practice: General Principles of Food Hygiene' in respect of these products
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/T/ON/1</a>	Tonga	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 15 November 2023</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not applicable</p>	All goods (food)	This regulation makes provisions for the protection of the consumer and establishes product safety and labelling standards for all goods imported, manufactured or traded in Tonga.

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/A RE/597</a>	United Arab Emirates	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 15 November 2023  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 13 January 2024	Single & double reduced three piece round steel cans (tin coated or tin free steel) used for canning food stuffs	This standard is concerned with the single & double reduced three piece round steel cans (tin coated or tin free steel) used for canning food stuffs
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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