

24 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 14 to 20 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the ten (10) notified draft technical regulations from nine (9) WTO Members:

| Document Symbol | Notifying Member | Relevant Dates | Products Covered | Summary |
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| G/TBT/N/BRA/821/Add.9 | Brazil | Date of Distribution: 18 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated | Nutrition labelling - Addendum | Resolution 429, 8 October 2020 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/821/Add.7 - which establishes nutrition labelling for packaged food, was changed by Resolution 819, 09 October 2023. |
| G/TBT/N/EU/1020 | European Union | Date of Distribution: 20 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 18 December 2023 | Food supplements : iron milk caseinate | This draft Commission Delegated Regulation concerns the authorisation of the addition of iron milk caseinate, as a source of iron to foods and food supplements in line with EFSA's relevant scientific opinion. |
| G/TBT/N/EU/1021 | European Union | Date of Distribution: 20 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 18 December 2023 | Iron milk caseinate | This draft Commission Delegated Regulation concerns the authorisation of the addition of iron milk caseinate, as a source of iron to total diet replacement for weight control and food for special medical purposes in line with EFSA's relevant scientific opinion. |
| G/TBT/N/GM/13 | Gambia | Date of Distribution: 20 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Applicable | Onions of varieties (cultivars) grown from Allium cepa L | This Draft Gambian standard applies to onions of varieties (cultivars) grown from Allium cepa L. Cepa Group to be supplied to the consumer in the natural state, green onions with full leaves and Onions for industrial processing being excluded. |

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 - National Notification Authority (NNA)

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| G/TBT/N/JAM/119 | Jamaica | Date of Distribution: 16 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 November 2023 | Ackee | This standard specifies requirements for the processing of ackee, the fruit of the <i>Blighia sapida</i> (ackee) plant. This standard does not include requirements for fermented ackee products |
| G/TBT/N/MYS/119 | Malaysia | Date of Distribution: 19 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 17 December 2023 | Prepackaged and prepared foods | The proposed amendments to Table II, IV and V of the Fifth A Schedule of the Food Regulations 1985 [P.U.(A) 437/1985] are as follows: i. to amend Table II of the Fifth A Schedule on Conditions For Nutrient Contents For Use of Nutrition Claims by inserting a new nutrient of docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and its condition. ii. to amend Table IV of the Fifth A Schedule on Conditions For Other Function Claims by replacing the minimum amount required for arachidonic acid (ARA) in infant formula product. iii. to substitute Table V of the Fifth A Schedule on Conditions For Claims Related to Added Nutrient. |
| G/TBT/N/KOR/1177 | Republic of Korea | Date of Distribution: 16 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 14 December 2023 | Organic foods | The main amended contents in this document are as follows: A. Improvement of certification criteria for organic foods, etc. (Annex 4 and 14 of the draft) 1) Revised the pesticide detection standard for environment-friendly agricultural products from "non-detection" to 1/20 or below of MRLs set for general agricultural products, and if the MRLs are not set, the standard is revised to 0.01mg/kg or below. 2) Added conditions for certified business entities to raise the effectiveness of conserving agricultural environment and to prevent unintended contamination. B. Rationalization of criteria for administrative dispositions |

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| | | | | <p>against business entities of organic agricultural materials who have obtained public disclosures (Annex 20 of the draft)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administrative dispositions are applied to the products of the business entities that have obtained public disclosures that have failed to comply with the certification criteria, if there are problems in raw materials or ingredients, the administrative dispositions would be applied to the inappropriate raw materials or ingredients. <p>C. Change of templates (templates in Appendix 35, Appendix 42 and Appendix 45)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revised the template to ensure the public disclosure of organic agricultural materials is easily readable and easy to write (Appendix 35) and deleted from the templates items that may be changed frequently (Appendix 42 and 45). |
| G/TBT/N/U GA/1848 | Uganda | <p>Date of Distribution: 20 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 18 December 2023</p> | Canned shrimp or prawn in hermetically sealed | This Draft African Standard applies to canned shrimp or prawn in hermetically sealed containers and prepared from species of any of the following families: penaeidae, pandalidae, crangonidae and palaemonidae. It does not apply to specialty products where shrimp or prawn constitutes less than 50% m/m of the contents. |
| G/TBT/N/U KR/146/Rev.1/Add.1 | Ukraine | <p>Date of Distribution: 16 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p> | Fruit juices and certain similar products - Addendum | Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine No. 1450 "On Approval of Requirements for Fruit Juices and Certain Similar Products" of 31 July 2023. The Order was registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on 14 August 2023 and published on 05 October 2023. |
| G/TBT/N/U SA/1028/Rev.1/Add.1 | United States | <p>Date of Distribution:</p> | Raisins - Addendum | The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) has revised |

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| | | 18 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated | | the U.S. Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins. AMS is modifying two references to the allowances for capstems within the standards to modernize the standards to reflect current industry practices. The revision also includes minor editorial changes to the table headings to align with updated Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) formatting requirements and correction of a typographical error from a previous revision. |
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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