

03 January 2024

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 16 to 22 December 2023.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NA/GO/1	Angola	Date of Distribution: 20 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 19 December 2023	Medicines, beverages, alcoholic liquids, tobacco and its manufactured substitutes	Considering that the smuggling and counterfeiting of alcoholic beverages and liquids, as well as tobacco and its manufactured substitutes have become a worldwide problem, also affecting the Republic of Angola. Given that such illegal practices can deprive the State of an important source of revenue and pose a threat to public health and well-being of citizens. There is a need to implement the High Security Tax Stamp Program, which appears to be a fundamental step to ensure the fight against counterfeit products, the collection of tax revenue, as well as ensuring the reliability of goods and products in the national market.
G/TBT/NA/US/161/Add.1	Australia	Date of Distribution: 20 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Voluntary nutrition content claims about added sugars - Addendum	Defining added sugars for claims considered 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.
G/TBT/NE/U/1041	European Union	Date of Distribution: 21 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 20 February 2024	Olive oil and olive-pomace oil	Limit values for the characteristics of olive oil set out in Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 are set in accordance with the IOC Trade Standard applying to olive oil and olive-pomace oil (IOC Trade Standard). The IOC Trade Standard changed with regard to one chemical parameter, Δ -7-stigmastenol, and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 should be amended accordingly.

BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS

Membership:

- 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)

G/TBT/N/P HL/319	Philippines	<p>Date of Distribution: 21 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 February 2024</p>	Distilled fermented coconut sap (lambanog)	The objectives of this Circular are: A. To prescribe the standard specifications for lambanog; B. To prescribe the recommended code of practice for processing, handling, and labelling of lambanog; and C. To provide guidelines in the inspection and application for FDA authorizations of lambanog manufacturers, traders and distributors.
G/TBT/N/K OR/1187	Republic of Korea	<p>Date of Distribution: 21 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 20 February 2024</p>	Foods	The proposed amendment is to: - When changes are made to the contents of food, new regulations are required to indicate the details of changes and impose fines, etc.
G/TBT/N/T HA/721	Thailand	<p>Date of Distribution: 19 December 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 18 February 2024</p>	Display of nutrition symbol on food label	The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH notification concerning "The Display of Nutrition Symbol on Food Label" as follows: Clause 1. Clause 2 of the notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.373) B.E. 2559 entitled "The Display of Nutrition Symbol on Food Label" dated 12th January B.E. 2559 (2016) shall be repealed and replaced with the following texts: "Clause 2 For any food Manufacturer and Importer for sale, or Food Distributor intending to display the nutrition symbol on food label, the food product attached by such label shall be initially inspected and certified by the Institute of Nutrition of Mahidol University, or other relevant agencies authorized by the Committee of Strategy mobilization in Building Linkages between Food and Nutrition for Good Quality of Life under the National Food Committee. After inspection and certification, the nutrition symbol subsequently can be displayed on food label." Clause 2. This Notification shall come into force as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette onwards.
G/TBT/N/T UR/203/Add.2	Turkey	<p>Date of Distribution: 20 December 2023</p>	Food supplements - Addendum	Regarding G/TBT/N/TUR/203/Add.1, Türkiye has decided to extend the final date for comments from 22 December 2023 to 28 January 2024.

		Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated		
G/TBT/N/US/2064/Add.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 21 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: 03 January 2024	Products sold on the internet and in catalogs - Addendum	The proposal intends to make the Proposition 65 short-form warning more informative to consumers, clarify existing safe harbor warning requirements for products sold on the internet and in catalogs, add signal word options for food warnings, clarify that short-form warnings may be used to provide safe harbor warnings for food products, and provide new tailored safe harbor warnings for passenger or off-highway motor vehicle parts and recreational marine vessel parts.
G/TBT/N/NZL/127/Add.1	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 20 December 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Voluntary nutrition content claims about added sugars - Addendum	Defining added sugars for claims considered 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.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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