

03 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) from 21 to 27 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eighteen (18) notified draft technical regulations from eight (8) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/A/RE/593	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 23 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 21 December 2023	Dried garlic	This standard applies to garlic in its dried or dehydrated form as spices or culinary herbs, offered for direct consumption, as an ingredient in food processing, or for repacking if required. This standard does not apply to products intended for industrial processing.
G/TBT/N/BDI/245/Add.1	Burundi	Date of Distribution: 26 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Peanut butter - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the East African Standard EAS 60:2022 DEAS 60:2022 Peanut butter — Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/245, G/TBT/N/KEN/1264, G/TBT/N/RWA/675, G/TBT/N/TZA/785, G/TBT/N/UGA/1599 as DEAS 60:2022 was amended to adjust total aflatoxin limit from 10 to 15 ppb by the Technical Committee (TC) during the SMC meeting held on 6th - 8th and 15th September 2023 (SMC Report dated 06 – 08 and 15th September 2023).

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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/BRA/1270/Add.2	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Ground beef - Addendum	MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 664, 30 September 2022 that approves technical regulation defining identity and quality for minced beef, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/1270/Add.1 was amended by MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 916, 20 October 2023.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1275/Add.2	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Hamburgers - Addendum	MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 724, 23 December 2022 that approves technical regulation on the identity and quality requirements for hamburgers, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/1275/Add.1 was amended by MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 916, 20 October 2023.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1474/Add.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Meat of bovine animals - Addendum	MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 744, 25 January 2023 that approves nomenclature of products of animal origin, not formulated, in nature and edible, for butcher species, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/1474 was amended by MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 916, 20 October 2023
G/TBT/NEU/1024	European Union	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2023	Protein-related requirements for infant and follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates	This delegated Regulation aims to amend Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/127 by amending the compositional requirements set out by that Regulation for the protein content, protein source, protein processing and protein quality for infant and follow-on formula manufactured from protein hydrolysates based on the relevant EFSA scientific opinion.
G/TBT/NEU/1025	European Union	Date of Distribution: 27 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2023	Health claim made on foods	This draft Commission Regulation concerns the refusal of authorisation of a health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health in accordance with Article 18(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006

				on nutrition and health claims made on foods.
G/TBT/N/EU/1026	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2023</p>	Health claim made on foods	This draft Commission Regulation concerns the refusal of authorisation of a health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health in accordance with Article 18(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods.
G/TBT/N/EU/1027	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 27 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 25 December 2023</p>	Health claim on monacolin K from red yeast rice	This draft Commission Regulation concerns the revocation of authorisation of a health claim made on foods, in accordance with Article 13(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods.
G/TBT/N/TPKM/530	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	<p>Date of Distribution: 25 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 23 December 2023</p>	Health food, food supplement, dietary supplement	The Ministry of Health and Welfare proposes to revise the "Regulations for Application of Health Food Permit" in order to ensure a smooth and efficient application procedure for examination of health food registration. These revisions include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. adding directions of online application for registration; 2. revising rules of the health food permit, such as extension, changes of the registered items, transfer, replacement as well as reissuance; and 3. integrating the existed standards of examinative registration.

G/TBT/N/U GA/1849	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 23 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 21 December 2023	Packaged fresh and frozen whole and gutted fish	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to packaged fresh and frozen whole and gutted fish excluding those species covered by Part 2 of this standard or any other specific fresh or frozen product standard take to the general requirement
G/TBT/N/U GA/1850	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 23 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 21 December 2023	Smoked, smoke-flavoured and smoke-dried fish products	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies quality and safety requirements, test methods and sampling for smoked, smoke-flavoured and smoke-dried fish products. It includes whole fish, fillets, and sliced fish. The standard applies to fish, either for direct human consumption, further processing, or for addition into speciality or minced products where fish constitutes only part of the edible contents.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1853	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 24 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 December 2023	Quick frozen prawns or shrimps	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies Quality and Safety requirement, sampling and Test method for quick and frozen prawns or shrimps intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1854	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 24 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 December 2023	Handling and processing of prawns or shrimps	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies guidelines for handling and processing of prawns or shrimps intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1855	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 24 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 December 2023	Salted boiled dried anchovies	This Draft Uganda Standard shall apply to all commercial species of anchovies belonging to the family Engraulidae that have been boiled in brine, and dried. This product is intended for consumption after cooking and for further processing. This Standard shall not cover products that have undergone heat treatment prior to drying; It does not also cover

				products which have undergone an enzymatic maturation in brine. The product shall be prepared from fresh or frozen split or whole fish of the family Engraulidae with some of the species listed, but not limited in Annex A
G/TBT/N/U GA/1856	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 24 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 22 December 2023	Dried small sardine and sardine-type pelagic fish	This Draft Uganda Standard shall apply to all commercial species of anchovies belonging to the family Engraulidae that have been boiled in brine, and dried. This product is intended for consumption after cooking and for further processing This Standard shall not cover products that have undergone heat treatment prior to drying. The product shall be prepared from fresh or frozen split or whole fish of the family Engraulidae with some of the species listed, but not limited in Annex A
G/TBT/N/U KR/219/Rev.1/Add.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 25 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Foods and food ingredients treated with ionising radiation - Addendum	Ukraine notifies the adoption of the Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine No. 1280 "On Approval of the Requirements for Foods and Food Ingredients Treated with Ionising Radiation" on July 15, 2023.
G/TBT/N/Z AF/88/Rev.1/Add.3	South Africa	Date of Distribution: 23 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Maize, maize seed - Addendum	Regulations relating to the grading, packing and marking of maize products intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa in terms of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990)

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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