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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 28 October to 03 November 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the thirteen (13) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/CHL/ 662	Chile	Date of Distribution: 2 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 31 December 2023	Meat and designations associated with products of animal origin	The main idea of the bill is to incorporate into the Code Sanitary the definition of meat and establish the prohibition of calling meat any another product that does not meet the requirements established by law or is not of origin animal.
G/TBT/N/IDN/ 159	Indonesia	Date of Distribution: 2 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 31 December 2023	Products and services that mandatory to be halal certified	This draft regulation is intended to be guideline in the process of halal accreditation and/or conformity assessment of foreign halal certification bodies (LHLN). This guideline also provides the stages and processes for LHLN owned by the Government or Islamic Religious Institutions for submitting their applications to obtain halal accreditation and/or conformity assessment by BPJPH.
G/TBT/N/IDN/ 160	Indonesia	Date of Distribution: 2 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 31 December 2023	Foods and beverages products that are required to be halal certified	This draft regulation provides the list of HS codes for types of foods and beverages products that are required to be halal certified. The application for registration of foreign halal certification must include a list of goods to be imported which are completed with HS codes according to the attachments in this regulation.
G/TBT/N/IDN/ 161	Indonesia	Date of Distribution: 2 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 31 December 2023	Products and services that mandatory to be halal certified	This is the second amendments from Decree of Halal Product nAssurance Organizing Agency No. 141 of 2021 Regarding the Determination of General Services Rates of BPJPH. The amendments cover

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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)

<u>G/TBT/N/IDN/</u> 162	Indonesia	Date of Distribution: 2 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 31 December 2023	Products and services that mandatory to be halal certified	adjustment in the main services and supporting services rates, as described in Annexes 1,2,4,5 Annexes 1. General Services Rates of BPJPH - Annexes 2. Main Services Rates of BPJPH - Annexes 4. The Determination of Highest Cost Unit Limits Provided by Halal Inspection Agency (LPH) for Micro, Small, Medium, Large And/or Foreign Enterprises - Annexes 5. Man days Calculation Scheme Provided by Halal Inspection Agency for Micro, Small, Medium, Large And/or Foreign Enterprises This regulation is amendments from the Decree of Halal Product Assurance Organizing Agency No.57 of 2021 Regarding Criteria for Halal Product Assurance System (SJPH). The SJPH described requirements to be implemented by all business actors who are subject to halal certification obligation in accordance with statutory regulations.
G/TBT/N/IDN/ 164	Indonesia	Date of Distribution: 2 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 31 December 2023	Halal certification of food and beverages with processing	This regulation establishes guideline for halal certification of food and beverages with processing. This guideline contains information on the mechanism for implementing halal certification for the provision of food and beverages by processing, which consists of: 1. Types of food and beverage products with processing that require halal certification 2. Additional provisions in fulfilling the criteria for the Halal Product Assurance System for the provision of food and beverages with processing 3. General framework for halal certification
<u>G/TBT/N/KOR/</u> 1178	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 30 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 28 December 2023	Cell-based food ingredients	The proposed amendment is to: - Addition of approval procedure for cell-based food ingredients

G/TBT/N/SLV/ 170/Add.1	El Salvador	Date of Distribution: 31 October 20232 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Fruit and vegetables - Addendum	The Government of the Republic of El Salvador reports that it notified on November 19 of 2013, with the symbol G/TBT/N/SLV/170 the draft Salvadoran Technical Regulations -RTS67.04.01:13 GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, with the aim of "establish the technical specifications of Good Agricultural Practices relating to the production of fruits and vegetables."
1857		Distribution: 1 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 December 2023	sardine and sardine-type pelagic fish	specifies the requirements and methods of test for dried small freshwater sardine and sardine-type pelagic fish of the species; Rastrineobola argentea, Rastrineobola sardella, Stolothrissa tanganicae, Limnothrissa miodon, Poecilothrissa moeruensis and Engraulicypris bangweuluensis.
<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/</u> 1858	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 1 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 December 2023	Cooking banana (matooke)	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements for cooking banana (matooke) grown from Musa spp. (AAA-EAH) and of family Musaceae to be supplied raw to the consumer
<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/</u> 1859	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 1 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 December 2023	Plantain (gonja)	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements for plantain (gonja) (AAB genome) banana grown from Musa spp. (AAA-B) and of family Musaceae
<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/</u> <u>1860</u>	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 1 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: 30 December 2023	Banana (matooke) flour	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for EAH banana (matooke) flour for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/GBR/ 57/Add.1	United Kingdom	Date of Distribution: 1 November 2023 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Plastic plates etc. and polystyrene containers etc Addendum	These regulations will apply to all businesses that operate in England. These regulations will introduce a ban on the supply of: • single-use plastic cutlery • single-use plastic balloon sticks

• single-use expanded and extruded polystyrene food and beverage containers • single-use expanded and extruded polystyrene cups. • single-use plastic plates, bowls and trays that are not for packaging The restriction will not apply to: • plastic plates, bowls and trays that are used as packaging • other single use plastic food
other single use plastic food and beverage containers other single use plastic cups

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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