

18 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 30 September to 06 October 2023.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eleven (11) notified draft technical regulations from eight (8) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/A RG/450	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 04 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 November 2023	Alcoholic beverages	The notified draft proposes the replacement of the article 236 of the Argentine Food Code for modification of the pictogram currently required on labels of alcoholic beverages and inclusion of the legend "Do not drink alcohol during pregnancy or breastfeeding." Likewise, it incorporates article 237 for inclusion of the legend "If you are going to drive, do not drink alcohol." The project provides for granting companies a period of 2 (two) years to adapt.
G/TBT/N/A RG/451	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 04 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 15 November 2023	Pink rock salt	The notified project incorporates article 1264 quater to the Argentine Food Code for inclusion of pink rock salt, noting that it is will designate Pakistani pink rock salt exclusively as that extracted in the formation of the salt mountain range in pakistan. The project provides for permission to mention from any other country in which the extraction of this rock salt has recognition of origin.

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/BRA/1427/Add.1	Brazil	<p>Date of Distribution: 04 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	<p>Sugar, invert liquid sugar, confectionery sugar, table sweetener, candy, bonbon, cocoa powder, soluble cocoa, chocolate, white chocolate, chewing gum, cocoa butter, cocoa mass, molasses, molasses and rapadura (panela) - Addendum</p>	<p>Resolution - RDC number 723, 01 July 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1427 - contains provisions on health requirements of sugar, invert liquid sugar, confectionery sugar, table sweetener, candy, bonbon, cocoa powder, soluble cocoa, chocolate, white chocolate, chewing gum, cocoa butter, cocoa mass, molasses, molasses and rapadura (panela), was changed by Resolution 818, September 2023. This regulation will also be notified to the SPS Committee</p>
G/TBT/N/CAN/705	Canada	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 08 December 2023</p>	<p>Prepackaged and prepared foods</p>	<p>Health Canada's Food Directorate has concluded that the Directory of Nutrition Symbol Specifications and Directory of Supplemented Food Caution Identifier Specifications should be amended to permit displaying the front-of-package (FOP) nutrition symbol and supplemented food caution identifier (SFCI), or two nutrition symbols, with no buffer between them where they share a border (i.e., are contiguous).</p>
G/TBT/N/ISR/1292/Corr.1	Israel	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	<p>Vitreous and porcelain enamels - Corrigendum</p>	<p>This declaration is in-line with the mandatory standardization objective to protect public health. This standard adopts the International Standard ISO 4531 -First Edition: 2018-09 with a few necessary national deviations. This document specifies a simulating method of test for determination of metal-ions from enamelled articles, which are intended to come into contact with food. It also specifies limits for amelled</p>

				articles, which are intended to come into contact with food. It is applicable to enamelled articles, including tanks
G/TBT/N/C/HE/282	Switzerland	<p>Date of Distribution: 06 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 04 December 2023</p>	All composed food and all food bearing a health claim	According to the Swiss regulation, the origin of the main ingredient is only required if it is present in significant quantities and if otherwise the consumer could be misled about the true origin of this ingredient. The proposed regulation aims to reduce barriers to trade by permitting the indication of larger geographical areas (e.g. "EU") as indication of origin. However, this regulation applies to voluntary indications only.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1507	Kenya	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 03 December 2023</p>	Varieties blend milled rice	This Kenya Standard specifies requirements, classification, grading and prescribes methods of tests for varieties blend milled rice (<i>Oryza Spp</i>) for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1508	Kenya	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 03 December 2023</p>	Pishori milled rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>)	This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements, classification, grading and prescribes methods of tests for Kenya pishori milled rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>) intended for human consumption
G/TBT/N/P/HL/298/Add.1	Philippines	<p>Date of Distribution: 05 October 2023</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated</p>	Nutrition information on the labels - Addendum	The following communication, dated 5 October 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.
G/TBT/N/U/KR/268	Ukraine	<p>Date of Distribution: 02 October 2023</p>	Materials and articles intended to come into	The draft Order is developed in order to confirm by the market operator of materials and articles intended for contact with food compliance with the

		Deadline for Comments: 30 November 2023	contact with foodstuffs	requirements for the relevant material or article, as well as to implement the provisions of the EU food legislation.
G/TBT/N/U KR/270	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 06 October 2023 Deadline for Comments: 04 December 2023	Plastic materials and articles intended for contact with foodstuffs	The draft Order provides for the approval of special requirements for plastic materials and articles intended for contact with food, as well as a list of substances authorized for use in the production of such materials and articles. It's also established that products made of plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs produced before the entry into force of this Order may be in circulation until their expiry date.

To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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