

19 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 06 to 12 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the eighteen (18) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/444</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2024	Edible insects	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for dried whole edible insect and its powder intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/445</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2024	Meat sausages	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for meat sausages intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/446</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2024	Marinated meat	This draft East African Standard Specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for marinated meat intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/447</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2024	Edible natural casings	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements sampling and test methods for edible natural casings fit for human consumption. Edible natural casings shall be derived from gazetted food animals in the EAC partner states and presented as wet, dried and/or salted dried. This standard does not cover the casing from cellulose and collagens
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/448</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2024	Handling, storage and transport of slaughterhouse by-products	This draft East African Standard provides guidelines for proper handling, storage and transport of by-products of slaughterhouses and meat processing factories.

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- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
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<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/449</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 10 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2024	Edible offal	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for edible offal intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/450</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2024	Yoghurt	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for yoghurt, alternate culture yoghurt and acidophilus milk
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/451</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 09 March 2024	Fermented (cultured) milk	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for fermented (cultured) milk for human consumption. This standard does not apply to yoghurt covered in EAS 33.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/452</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 10 March 2024	Flavoured milk	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for flavoured milk for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/453</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2024	Reduced fat dairy ice cream and dairy ices	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for reduced fat dairy ice cream and dairy ices intended for human consumption. This standard does not apply to the product covered in EAS 70.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/454</a>	Burundi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2024	Lactose free milk	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for lactose free milk intended for direct human consumption or for further processing.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/887/Add.1</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 08 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Microbiology test methods for foodstuffs - Addendum	The requirements of the 14 different parts of the Israel Standard SI 885 series, which were due to be replaced with SI 885 part 20, were declared voluntary. Therefore, the revision process was revoked on 3 January 2024 and should not be followed through the TBT.

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SA/U/1319</a>	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 10 March 2024	Food catering	Food that is served in places that prepare and serve food catering meals, and includes the hygienic requirements that must be met in all stages of preparing, transporting, handling, displaying and serving food, such as airports, flights, trains, hotels, ships, hospitals, and food serving companies in Hajj and Umrah, universities, schools and other entities that provide this service.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PH/L/321</a>	Philippines	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 11 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 15 March 2024	Vitamins and minerals in food dietary supplements	The establishment of limit of vitamins and minerals in food/dietary supplements aims to ensure that the manufacturers use safe levels of vitamins and minerals in their products. Thus, use of the products under the instruction or direction for use provided by the manufacturers will be safe for the consumers. Accordingly, with the aim to provide coherence in the regulation of food/dietary supplements containing vitamins and minerals under the FDA-Center for Food Regulation and Research, the issuance of this Circular is deemed imperative.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RW/A/993</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2024	Bee bread	This Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for bee bread intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RW/A/994</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2024	Bee products collection centre	This working draft provides requirements for premises, utilities, equipment, personnel, operations and management of bee products collection centre.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RW/A/995</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2024	Bread	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for bread improver used in bread making.

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GB/R/71</a>	United Kingdom	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 12 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 11 March 2024</p>	Alcoholic beverages	<p>This measure will amend the Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) Order 1988, which regulates the quantities in which certain alcoholic beverages can be sold in Great Britain.</p> <p>The Statutory Instrument will allow prepacked still and sparkling wine to both be sold in 200ml and 500ml quantities (currently still wine cannot be sold in 200ml, and sparkling wine cannot be sold in 500ml). This will bring more alignment between the two drinks.</p> <p>The changes will also enable a new 568ml 'pint' quantity of still and sparkling wine to be sold. Please see Annex A for a diagram of the current permitted sizes and the proposed new sizes. There is no legal obligation for businesses to sell in the new sizes. New quantities will be able to be sold in Northern Ireland via the NI Retail Movement Scheme.</p> <p>Quantities of non-prepacked alcohol sold in pubs and restaurants (drinks served by the glass) are outside the scope of this proposal.</p>
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Thank you.

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