

24 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 13 to 19 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the nineteen (19) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ISR/1304	Israel	Date of Distribution: 17 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2024	Release of lead and cadmium from ceramic and glass tableware	First amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 1003 part 1.2. This amendment changes the labelling requirements based on Article 15 – Labelling of the European Regulation EC 1935/2004.
G/TBT/N/JAM/122	Jamaica	Date of Distribution: 15 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 March 2024	Coffee	This standard prescribes the requirements for local and imported "coffee" as defined below. Coffee is the fruits, products and by-products of (<i>coffea spp.</i>).
G/TBT/N/KEN/1560	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 15 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 March 2024	Cheese intended for direct human consumption or further processing	This Draft African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cheese intended for direct human consumption or further processing. This general standard applies in addition to any further specifications for individual varieties of cheese, or groups of varieties of cheese which is a subject of specific African Standard designated by a specific name.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1561	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 15 January 2024	Blend of skimmed milk and vegetable fat	This African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for a blend of skimmed milk and vegetable fat in powder

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G/TBT/N/K/EN/1562	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 15 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 March 2024	Extra hard grating cheeses	This Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for extra hard grating cheeses, intended for direct consumption or further processing.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1563	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 15 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 March 2024	Un-ripened cheese including fresh cheese	This Standard applies to the requirements, sampling and test methods for un-ripened cheese including fresh cheese, intended for direct consumption or further processing. Subject to the provisions of this Standard, ARSO Standards for individual varieties of un-ripened cheese may contain provisions, which are more specific than those in this Standard and in these cases; those specific provisions shall apply.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1564	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 15 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 March 2024	Cheeses in brine	This draft African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Cheeses in Brine, intended for direct consumption or further processing, in conformity with the description in Clause 3 of this Standard. Subject to the provisions of this Group Standard, African Standards for individual varieties of Cheeses in Brine may contain provisions which are more specific than those in this Standard.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1565	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 15 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 March 2024	Processed cheese	This African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for processed cheese intended for direct consumption or further processing
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1566	Kenya	Date of Distribution:	Evaporated milks	This African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for evaporated milks,

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G/TBT/N/K/EN/1567/Corr.1	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2024	Coco peat - Corrigendum	The notification contained in document G/TBT/N/KEN/1567 was distributed erroneously and therefore should be considered null and void.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1568	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 15 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 March 2024	Coco peat	This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements, test methods and sampling for coco peat for agricultural and industrial applications. • Coco peat products (also known as coir pith or coir peat) for use as a growing medium in various grades and finished products for horticultural/agricultural use e.g. grow slabs, grow bags, bales, blocks, discs, pots, starter cubes and small blocks. Coco peat as used in this standard includes the products known as "chips" and "crush", derived from the wholechopped and crushed husk pieces. Product may be compressed or non-compressed. This standard does not cover the requirements for importation of the following plant commodity classes
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1569	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 March 2024	Milk powders and cream powder	This African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for milk powders and cream powder, intended for direct consumption or further processing.
G/TBT/N/T/ZA/1091	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Good warehousing practice for bagged grains	This Code covers warehouse and warehousing practices relevant to handling, and storage and transport of bagged cereals and pulses specifically for food consumption. It also considers the provisions of the Good

		16 March 2024		Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) to ensure food safety, quality of produce and worker's health, safety and welfare.
G/TBT/N/T ZA/1092	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 March 2024	Warehouses for the storage of bagged grains	This standard specifies the requirements for warehouses for bag type storage of cereals and pulses. It does not include storage for seeds.
G/TBT/N/T ZA/1093	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 March 2024	Teff flour	This African standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for teff flour prepared from teff grains (<i>Eragrostis tef</i>) that include all the classifications magna (very white), nech (white), quey (brown) and sergegna (mixed) for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/T ZA/1094	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 March 2024	Teff grain (<i>Eragrostis tef</i>) for human consumption	This African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for teff grain (<i>Eragrostis tef</i>) for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/T ZA/1095	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 March 2024	Amaranth grains	This African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test of whole grains of amaranth (<i>Amaranthus hypochondaricus</i> and <i>A. cruentus</i> and any other variety duly approved as a grain amaranth species) intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/T ZA/1096	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 19 January 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 March 2024	Amaranth flour	This African standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for flour prepared from dried grain obtained from amaranth plant (<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i> , <i>A.hypochondaricus</i> , <i>A.cruentus</i> and any other variety duly approved as a grain amaranth species) intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/U KR/283	Ukraine	Date of Distribution:	Fruit jams, jellies, marmalades,	The draft Order provides for the approval of Requirements for fruit jams, jellies, marmalades and

		<p>17 January 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 16 March 2024</p>	<p>sweetened chestnut puree</p>	<p>sweetened chestnut puree, including the procedure of methods of preparation and processing of fruit raw materials for the production of fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and chestnut purees with added sugar intended for human consumption. According to these Requirements, certain quality indicators for fruit jams, jellies, marmalades, sweetened chestnut puree are established in order to ensure that consumers are properly informed about the properties of these food products, including their labelling, and to prevent business practices that mislead consumers. These Requirements do not apply to ingredients intended for the manufacture of bakery products, pastries or biscuits. The draft Order also stipulates that fruit jams, jellies, marmalades and sweetened chestnut puree that comply with the requirements in force before the entry into force of this Order, but do not meet the Requirements for fruit jams, jellies, marmalades and sweetened chestnut puree approved by this Order, may be placed on the market for three years from the date of entry into force of this Order. Such food products may be placed on the market until the final date of consumption or the expiry of the minimum shelf life. The draft Order developed in order to implement EU legislation. The draft Order is also notified under the SPS Agreement.</p>
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Sincerely,

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