

28 February 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 17 to 23 February 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the seven (7) notified draft technical regulations from five (5) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/ARE/601	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 20 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 April 2024	Wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) grains	This Technical regulation is concerned with minimum specifications for wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) grains intended for human consumption, which are the subject of international trade. It is also applicable to the local wheat trade. the document is an identical adoption of ISO 7970:2021
G/TBT/N/ARE/602	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 20 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 April 2024	Nutritional labelling data	This draft technical regulation applies to the regulation to control the nutritional labelling data, and it shall apply to all packaged food products, with the exception of the products mentioned in this regulation.
G/TBT/N/ARE/603	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 22 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 April 2024	Cumin	This Technical regulation is concerned with cumin offered for direct consumption, as an ingredient in food processing, or for repackaging if required. It excludes cumin intended for industrial processing document is identical adoption of codex standard CXS 327-2017
G/TBT/N/MWI/95	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 23 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 22 April 2024	Cake	This draft Malawi standard provides the requirements, sampling and test methods for cakes intended for human consumption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer transition periods for all amendments, including addition of specific dates for import/manufacture, supply, and disposal of cosmetic products. • Removal of zinc pyrithione from Schedule 4 for banned substances and retained in Table 2 of Schedule 5 and

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				Schedule 7 for New Zealand restrictions and preservatives, respectively. Removal of the duplication of 3 and 4-hydroxyisohexyl 3-cyclohexene carboxaldehyde (HICC) from Schedule 5 and retained as a banned substance is Schedule 4.
G/TBT/N/TPK/M/469/Add.2	The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	Date of Distribution: 23 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Prepackaged food products - Addendum	The purpose of this notification is to provide the final texts of the "Revised Regulations on Nutrition Claims for Prepackaged Food Products" and relevant dates of its implementation.
G/TBT/N/UKR/270/Add.1/Corr.1	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 20 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Plastic materials and articles intended for contact with foodstuffs - Corrigendum	Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine No. 2104 "On Approval of Special Requirements for Plastic Materials and Articles Intended to Come into Contact with Foodstuffs" of 11 December 2023
G/TBT/N/ZAF/254	South Africa	Date of Distribution: 20 February 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 April 2024	Mayonnaise, salad cream, salad dressing, salad oil dressing	This is a revision of the present quality regulations (published in 2000) that prescribe the classification of mayonnaise, salad cream, salad dressing and salad oil dressing based on the vegetable oil content thereof, for example salad dressing is classified as Salad Oil Dressing (>52%) Salad Dressing (>12%-52%), Reduced Oil Salad Dressing (0.5%-12%) and Oil Free Salad Dressing (<0.5%). The labelling requirements are prescribed based on this classification. These regulations do not address food safety or nutritional issues.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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