

24 April 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 06 to 12 April 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the thirteen (13) notified draft technical regulations from seven (7) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/BRA/1270/Add.3	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 10 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Minced beef - Addendum	MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 664, 30 September 2022 that approves technical regulation defining identity and quality for minced beef, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/1270/Add.1 was amended by MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 1076, 14 March 2024.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1275/Add.3	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 10 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Hamburgers - Addendum	APA/SDA Ordinance No. 724, 23 December 2022 that approves technical regulation on the identity and quality requirements for hamburgers, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/1275/Add.1 was amended by MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 1076, 14 March 2024.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1464/Add.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 12 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Packaging, coatings, utensils, lids and metallic equipment in contact with food - Addendum	Draft Resolution number 1134, 23 December 2022 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1464 - was adopted as Resolution 854, 04 April 2024. The regulation proposes the modification of the current regulatory framework regarding the technical regulation on provisions for packaging, coatings, utensils, lids and metallic equipment in contact with food.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1474/Add.2	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 10 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Meat of bovine animals - Addendum	MAPA/SDA Ordinance No. 744, 25 January 2023 that approves nomenclature of products of animal origin, not formulated, in nature and edible, for butcher species, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/1474 was amended by MAPA/SDA N° 1076, 14 March 2024.
G/TBT/N/CAN/718	Canada	Date of Distribution: 09 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 29 April 2024	Meat and poultry products	The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is the Canadian competent authority responsible for the certification of meat and meat products exported from Canada. The CFIA is in the process of standardizing its official container seal. When required, meat products exported from Canada are sealed with CFIA's

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				<p>official container seal. The seal number is included on the official export health certificate.</p> <p>The CFIA is standardizing its official container seal to replace the old seal with a new seal that is more secure, durable, legible and reliable. The characteristics and pictures of the new official container seal adopted by the CFIA are presented in Annex A: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)'s New Official Container Seal (attached). "CFIA-ACIA" is printed on the body of the seal along with a 10-digit seal number, with serialization sequence starting from 1000000001.</p>
G/TBT/N/EU/1056	European Union	<p>Date of Distribution: 08 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 06 June 2024</p>	Plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food	<p>This Regulation aims to increase quality control under Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 on plastic food contact materials and articles (FCMs) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensuring alignment with Regulation (EU) 2022/1616 on recycled plastics and Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 on biocidal products; • introducing purity requirements for substances obtained from waste and natural materials; and • adapting migration testing of multi-layer materials and repeat testing. <p>It also adds quality control rules to Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006 on good manufacturing practice.</p>
G/TBT/N/ISR/1332/Rev.1	Israel	<p>Date of Distribution: 08 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 24 May 2024</p>	Food products - Revision	<p>The Israeli Parliament (The Knesset) approved the proposed amendment to the 'Protection of Public Health Law (Food) (Amendment No. 9 and Temporary Provisions) (Expanding the Adoption of European law and its streamlining and removing barriers to importing food through the European compliance route), 5784-2024' in the first reading. This amendment promotes and extends the food reform implemented in 2021, which aims to reduce the cost of living and is based on the European model.</p> <p>The major changes introduced in this amendment are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Simplifies and streamlines the procedures for updating changes in European law and delegates the updating authority to the Food Service Director; 2. Adopts an additional 24 European food Directives and Regulations, including food labeling, food additives,

				<p>and substances that come into contact with food, and creates harmonization and compatibility between Israeli and European food safety legislation (detailed in the Second Annex A) and details all the exclusions in Second Annex B;</p> <p>3. Promotes significant ease to the importation of food marketed in the EU for Authorized Economic Operator AEO ("Appropriate Importer");</p> <p>4. Extends the obligation to manage a self-safety system to all food distributors. This requirement is necessary to regulate food labeling similar to that in Europe, especially for labeling foods that cause allergy or intolerance.</p>
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1598	Kenya	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 09 June 2024</p>	Seeds for cucurbit vegetables	This Kenya standard prescribes requirements for certification of seeds for cucurbit vegetable crops that are locally produced or imported.
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1599	Kenya	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 09 June 2024</p>	Seeds for solanaceous vegetable crops	This Kenya standard prescribes requirements for certification for seeds of solanaceous vegetable crops that are locally produced or imported
G/TBT/N/K/EN/1600	Kenya	<p>Date of Distribution: 11 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 09 June 2024</p>	Seed for bulb vegetable crops	This Kenya Standard specifies minimum and quality field requirements in seed production and seed quality for bulb vegetable crops in the family Alliaceae that are locally produced or imported.
G/TBT/N/M/DA/58	Republic of Moldova	<p>Date of Distribution: 12 April 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 14 May 2024</p>	Chocolate and chocolate products	The inclusion of the requirement for a quality certificate issued by the producer. The repeal of Annex nr.3 "Declaration of Conformity." The given project transposes the EU Directive 2000/36/EC and incorporates: Codex Stan 87-1981 (amended in: 2016, 2022) concerning the standards for chocolate and chocolate products and Codex Stan 105-1981 (amended in: 2010, 2013, 2016, 2022) for cocoa powder and dry cocoa and sugar blends

G/TBT/NU SA/1794/R ev.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 08 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 20 May 2024	Acrylamide in food warnings - Revision	The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) proposes to amend Article 6 of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, section 25607.2. This proposed rulemaking would amend subsection (b) to provide an additional safe harbor warning option, for businesses that cause significant exposures to acrylamide in food products.
G/TBT/NU SA/2112	United States	Date of Distribution: 11 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 June 2024	Bioengineered food disclosure standard	The Agricultural Marketing Service of the USDA is soliciting information about potential amendments to the electronic or digital link disclosure option as it pertains to the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard (Standard).

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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