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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 07 December to 13 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from: Tanzania, Uganda, and Ecuador

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1225	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 13 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2025	Roasted coffee beans and roasted ground coffee -	This Draft African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for roasted coffee beans and roasted ground coffee intended for human consumption. This standard also applies to decaffeinated roasted ground coffee.
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1226	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 13 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2025	Instant (soluble) coffee -	This African Standard specifies requirements, sampling, and test methods for instant (soluble) coffee for human consumption. This standard also applies to decaffeinated instant coffee.
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1229	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 13 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2025	Liquid coffee -	This Draft African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for liquid coffee intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1230	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 13 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2025	Green coffee beans -	This Draft African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for green coffee beans. This standard applies to both Arabica (<i>Coffea arabica</i> L.) and Robusta (<i>Coffea canephora</i>) coffee.
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1231	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 13 December 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Herbal and fruit infusions -	This draft African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for herbal and fruit infusions intended for human consumption. Any use for medicinal purposes is not within the scope of this standard.

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G/TBT/N/UG A/2058	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2025	Processed tomato concentrates -	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for processed tomatoconcentrates (paste and puree).Note: This Draft Uganda Standard was also notified to the SPS Committee.
G/TBT/N/UG A/2059	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2025	Dried vegetables and herbs for food use	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for dried vegetables and herbs for food use, offered for direct consumption or further processing, including for catering purposes or for repackaging, if required. This standard does not apply to vegetables powder/flour and herbs for which specific standards have been declared.
G/TBT/N/UG A/2060	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2025	Hibiscus drink -	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for non-alcoholic hibiscus drink intended for direct human consumption.
G/TBT/N/UG A/2061	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 February 2025	Ginger drink -	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for non-alcoholic ginger drink intended for direct human consumption. Ginger drink that is carbonated or alcoholic is excluded from the scope of this standard.
G/TBT/N/EC U/490/Add.5	Ecuador	Date of Distribution: 12 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 February 2025	Processed foods, processing plants, distribution establishments , marketing and transportation of processed foods and collective food - Addendum	Proyecto de Reforma parcial a la Resolución ARCSA-DE-2022-016-AKRG “Normativa Técnica Sanitaria Sustitutiva para alimentos procesados, plantas procesadoras, establecimientos de distribución, comercialización y transporte de alimentos procesados y de alimentación colectiva”En cumplimiento con lo estipulado en el Acuerdo de Obstáculos Técnicos al Comercio AOTC y a la Decisión 827 de la Comunidad Andina CAN, Ecuador tiene a bien informar la notificación para la recepción de observaciones hasta el 10 de febrero de 2025, al Proyecto de reforma parcial a la Normativa técnica sanitaria sustitutiva para alimentos procesados, plantas procesadoras, establecimientos de distribución, comercialización y transporte de alimentos procesados y de alimentación colectivaTexto disponible en el Ministerio de Producción, Comercio Exterior, Inversiones y Pesca, Subsecretaría de Calidad, Organismo Nacional de Notificación:Punto de Contacto OTC: Eduardo YépezPlataforma

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G/TBT/N/TZ A/1224	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 10 December 2024 Deadline for Comments: 8 February 2025	Cocoa press cake	This Draft African Standard specifies quality and safety requirements, sampling and test methods, packaging and labelling for cocoa press cake for use in the manufacture of cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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