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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 10 to 16 August 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Republic of Korea, Philippines, Türkiye, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Paraguay, Uruguay and Macao, China:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/K/OR/1224	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 16 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 15 October 2024	Labeling and advertising of foods	The proposed amendment is to: Expand the list of items subject to mandatory nutritional information labeling, establish a new high caffeine warning label for solid foods containing guarana, improve the warning labeling for products containing sugar alcohol, and deregulate on the consumer safety precautions labeling for frozen foods which are not supposed to be defrosted before consumption.
G/TBT/N/K/OR/1225	Republic of Korea	Date of Distribution: 16 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 15 October 2024	Regulations on functional labelling or advertising of foods that are not considered false labeling or advertising	The proposed amendment to the “Regulations on Functional Labeling or Advertising of Foods that are not Considered False Labeling or Advertising” is as follows: a. clarification of requirements, labeling guidelines, etc. of foods for functional labeling or advertising related to easing hangover.
G/TBT/N/P/HL/335	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 16 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 October 2024	Follow up formula and product for young children	This Circular aims to adopt the revised Codex Standard for Follow Up Formula and Product for Young Children. Specifically, it aims to: A. Provide guidelines to all Food Business Operators (FBOs) on the use of the revised Codex Standard for Follow Up Formula and Product for Young Children in the regulation of follow up formula and product for young children. B. To set limits on consumption and quality factors, purity requirements, food additives, contaminants, hygiene, labeling and methods of analysis sampling based on the revised Codex Standard for Follow Up Formula and Product for Young Children and existing national policies

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G/TBT/N/TUR/16/Add.1	Türkiye	Date of Distribution: 15 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Meat and meat products - Addendum	Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Meat and Meat Products published in the official gazette dated 5/12/2012 and numbered 28488 (Communiqué No: 2012/74) which was notified through (G/TBT/N/TUR/16) was repealed by Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Meat, Meat Preparations And Meat Products (Communiqué No: 2018/52) dated 29/01/2019 and numbered 30670. The updating studies on the Turkish Food Codex Meat, Meat Preparations and Meat Products (Communiqué No: 2018/52) is in progress. It will be notified to the TBT Committee separately.
G/TBT/N/TUR/218	Türkiye	Date of Distribution: 15 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 October 2024	Raw meat, minced meat, poultry minced meat, prepared meat preparations, mechanically separated poultry meat and meat products	This Communiqué sets provisions regarding the production, packaging and placing on the market of raw meat, minced meat, poultry minced meat, prepared meat preparations, mechanically separated poultry meat and meat products. The Communiqué covers product definitions and product specifications.
G/TBT/NA/RE/350/Add.1	United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen	Date of Distribution: 14 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Peanut butter Addendum	Amendment to GSO 787:2021 'PEANUT BUTTER'
G/TBT/NA/RE/617	United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen	Date of Distribution: 14 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 29 August 2024	Jams, jellies and marmalade	This Technical Regulation applies to Jams, Jellies and Marmalade, offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required.
G/TBT/NA/RE/376/Add.1	United Arab Emirates,	Date of Distribution: 13 August	Salad dressing Addendum	Amendment for GSO 2198:2021 'Salad Dressing'

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	Kingdom of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen	2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated		
G/TBT/N/B/DI/491	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Frozen octopus	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for frozen octopus intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/492	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Dried and salted dried fish	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for dried and salted dried fish and fish products excluding dried freshwater sardines and smoked fish.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/493	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Quick frozen prawns or shrimps	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for quick frozen prawns and shrimps.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/494	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Processing and handling of prawns or shrimps	This Draft East African standard prescribes guidelines for processing and handling of prawns or shrimps intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/495	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Frozen tuna loins	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for frozen tuna loins intended for human consumption.

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G/TBT/N/B DI/496	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Dried fish : silver cyprinid (<i>Rastrineobola argentea</i>)	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for dried freshwater sardines species like <i>Rastrineobola argentea</i> , <i>Stolothrissa tanganicae</i> , <i>Limnothrissa miodon</i> , and <i>Engraulicypris sardella</i> , <i>Engraulicypris bredoi</i> , <i>Brycinus nurse</i> intended for human consumption. NOTE: This includes common names used in EAC such as 'Dagaa, Indagala, Isambaza' Mukene, Muziri), Omena, Ragogi and Usipa.
G/TBT/N/P RY/141	Paraguay	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Food additives	The purpose of the notified draft Resolution is to amend GMC Resolutions Nos. 09/06 and 63/18 on food additives.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1979	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Fresh banana	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements of Banana varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Musa</i> spp. (AAA), of the <i>Musaceae</i> family, entering the domestic and international trade in the fresh and natural state. Bananas for industrial processing are excluded
G/TBT/N/U GA/1980	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Fresh broccoli	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to broccoli of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>italica</i> Plenck to be supplied fresh to the consumer, broccoli for industrial processing being excluded.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1981	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Fresh cauliflowers	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to cauliflowers of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>botrytis</i> to be supplied fresh to the consumer, cauliflowers for industrial processing being excluded.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1982	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Fresh brussels sprouts	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to Brussels sprouts being the axillary buds of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>gemmifera</i> DC. to be supplied fresh to the consumer, Brussels sprouts for industrial processing being excluded.

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G/TBT/N/U GA/1983	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Fresh chinese cabbages	This Draft Uganda Standard defines the quality requirements of chinese cabbages of varieties (cultivars) grown from Brassica rapa subsp. chinensis (Lour.) Hanelt of the long and the round types after preparation and packaging to be supplied fresh to the consumer, for industrial processing being excluded.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1984	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Fresh carrots	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to carrots of varieties (cultivars) grown from Daucus carota L. to be supplied fresh to the consumer, carrots for industrial processing being excluded. Carrots may be marketed with or without leaves
G/TBT/N/U GA/1985	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Pomegranate fruit	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to pomegranates of varieties (cultivars) grown from Punica granatum L. of Puniaceae family to be supplied fresh to the consumer, pomegranates for industrial processing being excluded.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1986	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Fresh watermelons	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to watermelons of varieties (cultivars) grown from Citrullus lanatus (Thunberg) Matsumura & Nakai (also called C. vulgaris) to be supplied fresh to the consumer, watermelons for industrial processing being excluded.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1987	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Passion fruit	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to commercial varieties of passion fruit from the species golden passion fruit/sweet granadilla (<i>Passiflora ligularis</i> Juss), purple passion fruit (<i>Passiflora edulis</i> Sims forma <i>edulis</i>), yellow passion fruit (<i>Passiflora edulis</i> Sims forma <i>flavicarpa</i>) and their hybrids grown from the Passifloraceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer after preparation and packaging. Passion fruits for industrial processing are excluded.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1988	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for	Fresh papaya	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to fruits of commercial varieties of papayas grown from <i>Carica papaya</i> L., of the Caricaceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer, after preparation and

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G/TBT/N/U GA/1989	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Fresh mangoes	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to commercial varieties (cultivars) of mangoes grown from <i>Mangifera indica</i> L., of the Anacardiaceae family, to be supplied fresh to the consumer, after preparation and packaging. Mangoes for industrial processing are excluded.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1990	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Fresh avocados	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to avocados of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Persea americana</i> Mill to be supplied fresh to the consumer, parthenocarpic fruit and avocados for industrial processing being excluded. The standard also specifies the requirements for handling, grading and packaging of the produce up to the dispatching state.
G/TBT/N/U RY/96	Uruguay	Date of Distribution: 13 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 12 October 2024	Food additives : non alcoholic beverages, meat and meat products	The notified text updates the food additives and their maximum concentration levels for the following food categories: non-alcoholic beverages, meat and meat products
G/TBT/N/M AC/28	Macao, China	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Alcoholic beverages with an alcohol concentration higher than 1.2%	Under paragraph 1, Article 9 of Law No. 6/2023, it is mandatory to clearly and prominently label the alcohol content, expressed as a percentage by volume, on the largest surface area of individually packaged alcoholic beverages sold or provided in Macao, China. Furthermore, as stated in sub-paragraph 2, Article 2 of the same law, the term 'alcoholic beverage' refers to a drink that has undergone fermentation, distillation, or contains additives, with an alcohol concentration higher than 1.2%. However, this definition excludes registered proprietary Chinese medicines with specific therapeutic functions that are registered legally in Macao, China or are prescription-only.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1972	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Fresh kiwi fruit	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to kiwifruit (also known as actinidia) of varieties (cultivars) derived from <i>Actinidia chinensis</i> Planch and <i>A. deliciosa</i> (A. Chev.) C.F. Liang & A.R. Ferguson and hybrids derived from at least one of them, from the Actinidiaceae family, to be

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G/TBT/N/U GA/1973	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 October 2024	Fresh artichokes	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to artichoke heads of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Cynara cardunculus</i> L. <i>Scolymus</i> Group to be supplied fresh to the consumer, artichokes for industrial processing being excluded. The names 'Poivrade' and 'Bouquet' refer to young, cone-shaped artichokes of the violet type.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1974	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 October 2024	Fresh apples	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to apples of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Malus domestica</i> Borkh. to be supplied fresh to the consumer, apples for industrial processing being excluded.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1975	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 October 2024	Fresh dandelion greens	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to dandelion greens consisting of either plants or cut leaves of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> F.H. Wigg to be supplied fresh to the consumer, dandelion greens for industrial processing being excluded. The standard shall not be applicable to mixtures of plants and cut leaves in the same container.
G/TBT/N/U GA/1976	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 October 2024	African leafy vegetables	This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements of African leafy vegetables of varieties (cultivars) grown from the following species to be supplied fresh to the consumer, African leafy vegetables for industrial processing being excluded: Amaranth leaves (<i>Amaranthus</i> spp.); African nightshades (<i>Solanum scabrum</i> , <i>S. americanum</i> , <i>S. villosum</i> , <i>Solanum retroflexum</i> Dun.); African cabbage / Spider plant (<i>Cleome gynandra</i> L.); Leaves of cowpeas (<i>Vigna unguiculata</i> (L.) Walp.); Blackjack (<i>Biddens pilosa</i> , <i>B. biternata</i>); Jute leaves (Jew's Mallow) (<i>Mallow leaves</i>) <i>Corchorus tridens</i> ; Lamb's quarter (<i>Chenopodium album</i> L.); Tackweed (<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>); Pumpkin leaves (<i>Cucurbita maxima</i>); and African spinach (<i>Basella alba</i> L.)
G/TBT/N/U GA/1977	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for	Fresh romaine lettuce	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to romaine lettuce of the variety <i>Lactuca sativa longifolia</i> to be supplied fresh to the consumer. This standard does not apply to produce for industrial processing,

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G/TBT/NU/GA/1978	Uganda	Date of Distribution: 12 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 October 2024	Fresh lettuces, curledleaved endives and broadleaved (batavian) endives	This Draft Uganda Standard applies to lettuces of varieties (cultivars) grown from: <i>Lactuca sativa</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i> L. (head lettuces including crisphead and "Iceberg" type lettuces), <i>Lactuca sativa</i> L. var. <i>longifolia</i> Lam. (cos or romaine lettuces), <i>Lactuca sativa</i> L. var. <i>crispa</i> L. (leaf lettuces), crosses of these varieties, curled-leaved endives of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Cichorium endivia</i> L. var. <i>crispa</i> Lam and broad-leaved (Batavian) endives (escaroles) of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Cichorium endivia</i> L. var. <i>latifolium</i> Lam to be supplied fresh to the consumer. This standard does not apply to produce for industrial processing.

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Thank you.

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