

27 June 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 15 to 21 June 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Argentina, Rwanda, South Africa, Thailand, and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/A/RG/403/Ad d.2	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 21 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Cellulosic materials, packaging and equipment that come into contact with food - Addendum	Draft Resolution No. 02/24 "Modification of GMC Resolution No. 40/15 - MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on Cellulose Materials, Packaging and Equipment Intended to be in Contact with Foods" is notified, through which the update of the aforementioned Resolution with regard to the restriction established for diisopropylnaphthalene in cellulosic material for contact with food that uses recycled fibers in its production.
G/TBT/N/A/RG/455	Argentina	Date of Distribution: 21 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 20 August 2024	Regenerated cellulose film intended to come into contact with food	Draft Resolution No. 01/24 corresponds to the update of GMC Resolution No. 55/97 and aims to establish the requirements that regenerated cellulose films intended to come into contact with food must meet.
G/TBT/N/R/WA/1032	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 20 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 August 2024	Sugarcane wine	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for sugarcane wine prepared from sugarcane juice.
G/TBT/N/R/WA/1033	Rwanda	Date of Distribution: 20 June 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Urwagwa	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Urwagwa.

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		19 August 2024		
G/TBT/N/Z AF/255	South Africa	Date of Distribution: 20 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 August 2024	Frozen fish, marine molluscs, and products derived therefrom	This amendment requires that frozen fish, marine molluscs, and products derived therefrom, for human consumption, which are to be offered for sale, comply with this amended compulsory specification which introduces that imported products are produced in food handling/manufacturing facilities that comply with Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) that are approved/certified by Competent Authorities in their country of origin.
G/TBT/N/Z AF/256	South Africa	Date of Distribution: 20 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 August 2024	Frozen shrimps (prawns), langoustines and crabs, and products derived therefrom	This amendment requires that frozen shrimps (prawns), langoustines and crabs, and products derived therefrom, for human consumption, which are to be offered for sale, comply with this amended compulsory specification which introduces that imported products are produced in food handling/manufacturing facilities that comply with Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) that are approved/certified by Competent Authorities in their country of origin.
G/TBT/N/Z AF/257	South Africa	Date of Distribution: 20 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 August 2024	Dried abalone	The harvest, manufacture, processing, transport, handling and treatment of dried abalone, as well as the requirements for the ingredients, shall comply with the requirements of the latest edition of SANS 2329.
G/TBT/N/Z AF/258	South Africa	Date of Distribution: 20 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 19 August 2024	Chilled smoked finfish and smoke-flavoured finfish	This Compulsory Specification requires that chilled smoked finfish and smoke-flavoured finfish (VC8021), which are to be offered for sale, comply with this Compulsory Specification and the requirements of the latest edition of the South African National Standard (SANS) 2877 that apply to the handling, preparation, processing, packing, transportation, storage and quality of smoked finfish, smoke-flavoured finfish and products derived therefrom, as well as the requirements for the ingredients of the products covered by this specification.
G/TBT/NT HA/739	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 19 June 2024	Young child food	According to Section 3 of the Act on the Marketing of Infant and Young Child FoodControl B.E. 2560 (A.D.2017), the term "young child food" is defined by the

		Deadline for Comments: 18 August 2024		Minister of Public Health, based on the recommendations of the Infant and Young Child Food Marketing Control Committee. The following notification is issued to specify the young child food subject to ministerial marketing promotion control.
G/TBT/N/US/2064/A/td.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 17 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 28 June 2024	Products sold on the internet and in catalogs - Addendum	The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is providing notice of changes to the proposed regulatory action to amend, Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, Article 6, Clear and Reasonable Warnings – Safe Harbor Methods and Content, Sections 25601, 25602, 25603, and 25607.2 and adopt new Sections 25607.50, 25607.51, 25607.52, and 25607.53. The public comment period begins 13 June 2024, and ends 28 June 2024. 15-day Notice of Modification 15-day Proposed Modified Regulatory Text Unofficial Regulatory Text as Amended.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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