

05 August 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 20 to 26 July 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Perú, Canada, Thailand, New Zealand, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, China, Uruguay and Australia:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/PER/162	Perú	Date of Distribution: 26 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 24 September 2024	Adhesives for labels on food packaging and containers	This Draft Peruvian Technical Standard establishes specifications and quality characteristics for difficult-to-remove (or highly sticky) adhesives used in self-adhesive labels for food packaging and containers. This Draft Peruvian Technical Standard is applicable to adhesives that are difficult to remove (or highly sticky) that are used in various types of self-adhesive labels for food packaging and containers.
G/TBT/N/BDI/402/Add.1	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 25 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Raw macadamia nuts in shell - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1169:2023 Raw Macadamia nuts- inshell — Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/402, G/TBT/N/KEN/1497, G/TBT/N/RWA/926, G/TBT/N/TZA/1030 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1837 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 14 June 2024. A copy of the document can be obtained via the following link at a basic fee https://webstore.kebs.org
G/TBT/N/CAN/729	Canada	Date of Distribution: 25 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 20 October 2024	Fresh fruits and vegetables	The CFIA seeks feedback to inform decisions on selecting a new approach for developing and maintaining Canadian fresh fruit and vegetable grades.
G/TBT/N/THA/679/Add.1	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 25 July 2024 Deadline for	Labelling of pre-packaged foods - Addendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled "The Labelling of Pre-packaged foods ", previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/679 dated 17 October 2022, was published in the Royal Gazette

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		Comments: Not indicated		dated 18 July 2024 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 450. Date of entry into force: 19 July 2025 (This notification shall come into force after the day following date of its publication in the Royal Gazette.) Thailand TBT Enquiry Point for Agricultural Commodity and Food National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards (ACFS) 50 Phaholyothin Road, Ladyao Chatuchak, Bangkok 10900 Thailand Tel: +(662) 561 4204 Fax: +(662) 561 4034E mail: spsthailand@gmail.com Websites: http://www.acfs.go.th https://sps.thailand.acfs.go.th/th/main
G/TBT/N/BDI/405/Add.1	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 24 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Edible coconut oil - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1168:2023 Edible coconut oil – Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/405, G/TBT/N/KEN/1500, G/TBT/N/RWA/929, G/TBT/N/TZA/1033 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1840 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 14 June 2024. A copy of the document can be obtained via the following link at a basic fee; https://webstore.kebs.org
G/TBT/N/BDI/406/Add.1	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 24 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Crude and semi refined palm oil - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 887:2023, Crude and semi refined palm oil — Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/406, G/TBT/N/KEN/1501, G/TBT/N/RWA/930, G/TBT/N/TZA/1034 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1841 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 14 June 2024. A copy of the document can be obtained via the following link at a basic fee; https://webstore.kebs.org
G/TBT/N/NZL/134	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 24 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 20 September 2024	Native bee honey	FSANZ has assessed an application to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to accept honey produced by stingless bee species native to Australia as a standardised food. FSANZ has approved a new standard (Standard 2.8.3 – Native bee honey) which sets out compositional and labelling requirements for honey produced by bees native to Australia from the genera <i>Tetragonula</i> and <i>Austroplebeia</i> , which are not known as 'honeybees'. A food that is

				sold as native bee honey produced by stingless bees native to Australia will have to meet the definition of native bee honey and meet the compositional requirements of the standard. However, there is no requirement for native bee honey to be a product of Australia.
G/TBT/N/THA/747	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 24 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 22 September 2024	Alcoholic beverages	According to the Draft Notification of the Alcoholic Beverages Control, Re: Rules, Procedure and condition, on Packaging including warning statement of Alcoholic Beverages produced or imported, issued under B.E. The provisions of paragraph one do not apply to alcoholic beverages imported into the Kingdom as samples or not for trade or is it an alcoholic beverage of a person who has received privileges according to Thailand's obligations to the United Nations or according to international law or according to contract or agreement with foreign countries or diplomatic or alcoholic beverages produced or imported for export.
G/TBT/N/BDI/403/Add.1	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 23 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Cashew flour - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1170:2023 Cashew Flour – Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/403, G/TBT/N/KEN/1498, G/TBT/N/RWA/927, G/TBT/N/TZA/1031 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1838 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 14 June 2024. A copy of the document can be obtained via the following link at a basic fee; https://webstore.kebs.org
G/TBT/N/BDI/404/Add.1	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 23 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Peanut / groundnut flour from the varieties of Arachis hypogaea L. - Addendum	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft East African Standard; DEAS 1171:2023 Peanut/groundnut flour — Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/BDI/404, G/TBT/N/KEN/1499, G/TBT/N/RWA/928, G/TBT/N/TZA/1032 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1839 was adopted by the East African Community Council of Ministers on 14 June 2024. A copy of the document can be obtained via the following link at a basic fee; https://webstore.kebs.org
G/TBT/N/CAN/705/Add.1	Canada	Date of Distribution: 23 July 2024 Deadline for	Prepackaged and prepared foods - Addendum	The purpose of this notice is to inform consumers and interested stakeholders that Health Canada's Food and Nutrition Directorate has modified the Directory of Nutrition Symbol Specifications and the

		Comments: Not indicated		Directory of Supplemented Food Caution Identifier Specifications. This modification permits the front-of-package (FOP) nutrition symbol and the supplemented food caution identifier (SFCI) to be displayed with no buffer between them where they share a border (that is, where they are contiguous).
G/TBT/NC/HN/1827/Add.1	China	Date of Distribution: 23 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Labelling requirements for prepackaged foods - Addendum	Based on document G/TBT/N/CHN/1827 that notified on _February 12, 2024, the standard has 1. Removed the requirements for font height, the producer information for domestically produced food, the net content, and the labeling requirements for multi-layer and combination packaging. The relevant content is proposed to be separately regulated by the SAMR. 2. Deleted the definitions of attribute names, use-by date and food claims, as well as the specific requirements for food claims in Appendix E. 3. The labeling requirements for the production date have been modified. For pre-packaged foods with a shelf life of more than 1 year and a maximum surface area of the packaging not exceeding 20 cm ² , just indicate the shelf life and the expiration date, and there is no need to indicate the production date. The detailed modification content is provided in the standard text.
G/TBT/NU/R/27/Rev.1/Add.2	Uruguay	Date of Distribution: 23 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	All wine products - Addendum	The Resolution of the Board of INAVI dated 27 June 2024 repeals the Resolution of the Board of INAVI of 14 February 2019. Accordingly, from 1 July 2024, there will no longer be a requirement, in the import procedure for wine products, for an accredited laboratory in the country of origin to provide proof that the shipment contains no percentage of exogenous water. This information can be provided by including a website address, a PDF attachment, or other information on where the text of the final measure/change to the measure/interpretative guidance can be obtained.
G/TBT/NA/US/171	Australia	Date of Distribution: 22 July 2024 Deadline for Comments: 20	Native bee honey	FSANZ has assessed an application to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to accept honey produced by stingless bee species native to Australia as a standardised food. FSANZ has approved a new standard (Standard 2.8.3 – Native bee honey) which sets out compositional and labelling

		September 2024		requirements for honey produced by bees native to Australia from the genera Tetragonula and Austroplebeia, which are not known as 'honeybees'. A food that is sold as native bee honey produced by stingless bees native to Australia will have to meet the definition of native bee honey and meet the compositional requirements of the standard. However, there is no requirement for native bee honey to be a product of Australia.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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