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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 22 to 28 June 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Sri Lanka, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, European Union, Japan, United States, Chile and Brazil:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/L/KA/59	Sri Lanka	Date of Distribution: 28 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Products covered	Under the Compulsory Import Inspection Scheme of Sri Lanka operated by Sri Lanka Standards Institution, importers are not permitted to import the specified items to Sri Lanka unless they conform to the relevant Sri Lanka Standards. The list of items specified under this scheme have been revised and the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2384/35 dated 17 May 2024 has been published indicating a total of 161 items.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/485	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 August 2024	Fish sausages	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for fish sausages intended for human consumption. This standard applies to fresh fish sausage, cooked fish sausage, smoked fish sausage, dried fish sausage and fermented fish sausage
G/TBT/N/B/DI/486	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 August 2024	Fish protein concentrate	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for fish protein concentrate intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/487	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Frozen lobster tails	This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for frozen lobster tails of all the species of the genera Panulirus, Homarus and Peurulus intended for human consumption

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G/TBT/N/B/DI/488	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 August 2024	Fish flour	This draft East African standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for fish flour, obtained from all types of fish intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/489	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 August 2024	Fresh / frozen fish roe	This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for fresh/frozen fish roe intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/490	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 August 2024	Dried fish maws	This draft East African standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for dried fish maws intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/E/U/1071	European Union	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 August 2024	Oenological practices	Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/934 supplements Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 as regards rules that are necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the internal market for grapevine products. In particular, it defines in a clear and precise manner the permitted oenological practices including the methods for sweetening wines, the limits on the use of certain substances that may be used for wine-making and the conditions for using some of those substances for wine-making.
G/TBT/N/E/U/1072	European Union	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 August 2024	Bisphenols or bisphenol derivatives	This Regulation prohibits the use of bisphenol A (BPA) in the manufacture of those food contact materials and articles of which it may be a component, including adhesives, rubbers, ion-exchange resins, plastics, printing inks, silicones and varnishes and coatings.
G/TBT/N/J/PN/817	Japan	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024	Foods with function claims	To prevent the recurrence of the health damage caused by Foods with function claims like that which occurred at the end of March 2024, when a notifier(food

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G/TBT/N/USA/1398/R ev.1/Add.1	United States	Date of Distribution: 27 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Pecans - Addendum	The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is revising the U.S. Standards for Grades of Pecans in the Shell and the U.S. Standards for Grades of Shelled Pecans by replacing the current grades with U.S. Extra Fancy, U.S. Fancy, U.S. Choice, and U.S. Standard grades. In addition, AMS is updating terminology, definitions, and defect scoring guides.
G/TBT/N/CHL/686	Chile	Date of Distribution: 26 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: 25 August 2024	Sweeteners	In response to the recent evidence presented by the World Health Organization (WHO) on the negative effects of the consumption of sweeteners, as well as national data that show high consumption by the child population, the Ministry of Health (MINSAL) considers it imperative that mothers, fathers and caregivers of girls and boys have the necessary information to make informed decisions about the consumption of these products. For this reason, the MINSAL has considered it necessary to develop, in national regulation, a precautionary legend on the front labeling of foods that contain such substances.
G/TBT/N/BRA/764/Add.5	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 25 June 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Agriculture and livestock products - Addendum	This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock – MAPA, issued the Ordinance SDA/MAPA No. 1,134, 20 June 2024, to amend Annex XXVI of Normative Instruction No. 39, 27 November 2017, which provides for the functioning of the International Agricultural Surveillance System - Vigiagro, its rules and the technical, administrative and operational control and inspection procedures carried out in operations international trade and transit of products of agricultural interest.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1551	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 25 June 2024	Food additives	This draft resolution proposes the establishment of technological functions, maximum limits and conditions of use for food additives and technology aids

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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