

07 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 27 July to 02 August 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Ukraine, Chili, Egypt, India, Cambodia, Thailand, Australia, Cambodia and New Zealand:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U KR/304</a>	Ukraine	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 2 August 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 1 October 2024	Sugar	The draft Order aims to supplement the Requirements, approved by the Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine No. 592 of 02 November 2017 with provisions on the labelling of the types of sugar covered by Requirements, as well as provisions on methods for determining the quality of sugar.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/C HL/695</a>	Chili	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 1 August 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 September 2024	Coffee grinders, grain mills	This protocol establishes the procedure for certification for coffee grinders whose hopper capacity does not exceed 500 g (coffee mills not exceeding 500 g hopper capacity) and grain grinders with a hopper capacity that does not exceed 3 l (grain grinders). not exceeding 3 l hopper capacity), for domestic use and similar purposes in accordance with the scope and field of application of Standard IEC 60335-2-14:2019-03. Note. - Included are those products that with the same device can perform the functions of grinding coffee and beans, for which specific tests must be applied to evaluate both functions.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/E GY/212/Ad d.8</a>	Egypt	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 1 August 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Dairy and its products which are refrigerated - Addendum	Worth mentioning is that this standard has been partially modified in table (1), table (2), table (3) as the following items: The shelf life of plain and flavoured yogurt is 30 days instead of 15 days. The shelf life of beef and buffalo liver is 12 months instead of 7 months. The shelf life of frozen fish is 10 months instead of 6 months. Worth mentioning is that this standard has been formulated according to National Studies and its updates. Producers and importers are kept informed of any amendments in the Egyptian standards through the publication of administrative orders in the official gazette.

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<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IN/D/337</a>	India	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 31 July 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 29 September 2024	Ethyl acetate content in fruit wine	The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Amendment Regulations, 2024 is related to revision of standards of Esters expressed as ethyl acetate content in fruit wine.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K/HM/23/Add.1</a>	Cambodia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 31 July 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 30 August 2024	Methanol in rice wine products - Addendum	This technical regulation shall apply to rice liquor containing methanol at levels less than or equal to 2,000 mg per liter of alcohol. This regulation mandates that any person who produces, processes, imports, advertises, or sells rice wine must comply with this requirement.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/723/Add.1</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 31 July 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Edible fats and oils - Addendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled "Edible Fats and Oils" (No.2) previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/723 dated 26 January 2024 was published in the Royal Gazette dated 30 July 2024 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 451. Date of entry into force: 31 July 2024 (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
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/724/Add.1</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 31 July 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Fish oils - Addendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled "Fish oils" (No.2) previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/724 dated 26 January 2024 was published in the Royal Gazette dated 30 July 2024 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 452. Date of entry into force: 31 July 2024 (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)
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/AUS/172</a>	Australia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 July 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 28 September 2024	Genetically modified foods and foods derived from new breeding techniques (NBTs)	Proposal P1055 proposes to amend the definitions for 'food produced using gene technology' and 'gene technology' in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to ensure it is clear what foods are genetically modified (GM) for Code purposes, while also ensuring that foods are regulated according to the risk they pose.

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<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K HM/23</a>	Cambodia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 July 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 29 August 2024	Methanol in rice wine products	This technical regulation shall apply to rice wine products containing methanol at levels less than or equal to 2,000 mg per liter of alcohol. This regulation mandates that any person who produces, processes, imports, advertises, or sells rice wine must comply with these technical standards.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/N ZL/136</a>	New Zealand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 29 July 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 28 September 2024	Genetically modified foods and foods derived from new breeding techniques (NBTs)	Proposal P1055 proposes to amend the definitions for 'food produced using gene technology' and 'gene technology' in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to ensure it is clear what foods are genetically modified (GM) for Code purposes, while also ensuring that foods are regulated according to the risk they pose.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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