

30 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 17 to 23 August 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Thailand, Türkiye, Philippines, Australia and New Zealand:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/A/RE/623	United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen	Date of Distribution: 23 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 22 October 2024	Processed tomato concentrates	The standard is concerned with processed tomato concentrates and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. The Standard does not include products that contain seeds and skins and it does not include tomato (ketchup), tomato sauce, or similar products, which are highly seasoned products of varying concentrations, containing ingredients such as pepper, onions vinegar, sugar, etc. in quantities materially alter the flavour, aroma and taste of the tomato component.
G/TBT/N/THA/739/Ad d.1	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 22 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Young child food - Addendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled " Young Child Food Subject to Ministerial Marketing Promotion Control B.E", previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/739 dated 19 June 2024, was published in the Royal Gazette dated 6August 2024 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health entitled "Young Child Food Subject to Ministerial Marketing Promotion Control B.E 2567".SPS/TBT (Agricultural Commodity and Foods) Thailand Contact PointE-mail: spsthailand@gmail.com Websites: http://www.acfs.go.th https://spsthailand.acfs.go.th/th/main
G/TBT/N/TUR/219	Türkiye	Date of Distribution: 21 August 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Eggs	The purpose of this Communiqué is to determine the features to be taken into account in packaging, preservation, storage, transportation and marketing of shell eggs obtained from laying hens in a technical and hygienic manner.This Communiqué covers eggs obtained from chicken (<i>Gallus gallus var. domesticus</i>). It

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		20 October 2024		does not cover eggs and egg products from other poultry and incubated and cooked eggs. The Communiqué is largely compatible with the relevant EU legislation. This Communiqué repeals the Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Eggs (Communiqué No: 2014/55) published in the Official Gazette dated 20.12.2014 and numbered 29211.
G/TBT/N/P/HL/336	Philippines	Date of Distribution: 20 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 4 September 2024	Ready-to-use therapeutic foods	This Circular aims to adopt the Codex Guidelines for RUTF. Specifically, it aims to: A. Provide guidelines to all Food Business Operators (FBOs) on the use of the revised Codex Guidelines for RUTF. 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 Guidelines for RUTF and existing national policies.
G/TBT/N/A/RE/376/Add.1	United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen	Date of Distribution: 19 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Salad dressing - Addendum	Amendment for GSO 2198:2021 'Salad Dressing'
G/TBT/N/A/RE/618	United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen	Date of Distribution: 19 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 October 2024	Prepacked foodstuffs labelling via electronic commerce store	This draft technical regulation applies to labels of food products offered for sale in electronic commerce stores within the geographical scope, the method of displaying them to the consumer, and the requirements related to the electronic store.
G/TBT/N/A/RE/619	United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State	Date of Distribution: 19 August 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Labeling of food allergens on prepackaged food	The declaration of allergens on pre-packaged food

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G/TBT/NA/RE/620	United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen	Date of Distribution: 19 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 October 2024	Caffeine	Declaration of caffeine content of drinks on Food Establishment Menu's Selling Away-From-Home Foods either paper or electronic platforms menus.
G/TBT/NA/US/173	Australia	Date of Distribution: 19 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 October 2024	Novel food : D-allulose from enzymatic conversion of fructose by D-psicose 3-epimerase contained in microbacterium folio	FSANZ has assessed an application to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit the sale of D-allulose from enzymatic conversion of fructose by D-psicose 3-epimerase contained in Microbacterium foliorum as a novel food in Australia and New Zealand. The relevant aspects of this application are to amend the Code to: permit D-allulose in certain foods to maximum permitted levels. For details, refer to Attachment A in the Approval Report (refer to the link provided in 5 above); include an energy factor of 2 kJ/g for D-allulose for nutrition information labelling purposes; require the label of a food containing D-allulose to carry an advisory statement about the risk of a laxative effect from high intakes of some food classes; and permit foods containing D-allulose to make nutrition content claims about sugars including no added sugar(s), provided existing claim conditions are met.
G/TBT/N/NZL/137	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 19 August 2024 Deadline for Comments: 18 October 2024	Novel food : D-allulose from enzymatic conversion of fructose by D-psicose 3-epimerase contained in	FSANZ has assessed an application to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit the sale of D-allulose from enzymatic conversion of fructose by D-psicose 3-epimerase contained in Microbacterium foliorum as a novel food in Australia and New Zealand. The aspects of this application that are relevant to the TBT Committee are to amend the Code to: permit D-allulose in

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			microbacterium foliorum	certain foods to maximum permitted levels. For details, refer to Attachment 1 in the Approval Report (refer to the link provided in 11 below);include an energy factor of 2 kJ/g for D-allulose for nutrition information labelling purposes;require the label of a food containing D-allulose to carry an advisory statement about the risk of a laxative effect from high intakes of some food classes; andpermit foods containing D-allulose to make nutrition content claims about sugars including no added sugar(s), provided existing claim conditions are met.
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To access the notification form, right click the document symbol to open the hyperlink. Should you have any queries on this matter or request for full text of draft regulation in English, please do not hesitate to email us at BPS@dti.gov.ph copy bps.smd@dti.gov.ph.

Thank you.

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