

04 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 25 to 31 May 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Chile, Tanzania, Canada, Egypt, Brazil, United States, United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen and El Salvador:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/NC/HL/662/Ad.d.1	Chile	Date of Distribution: 31 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Meat and names associated with products of animal origin - Addendum	Publication of Law No. 21.664 of 10 May 2024 of the Ministry of Agriculture amending the Health Code to define the concept of meat and prohibit non-animal products from being labelled as such.
G/TBT/NT/ZA/1135	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 31 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 30 July 2024	Kombucha	This draft Zanzibar National Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for Kombucha.
G/TBT/NC/AN/724	Canada	Date of Distribution: 30 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 June 2024	Prepackaged fruits or vegetables packaged in non-retail containers	Under the current requirements, only certain fresh fruits or vegetables packaged in non-retail containers can use numerical count for the net quantity declaration. Units of measurement for certain foods are prescribed in an incorporated by reference (IbR) document titled "Units of Measurement for the Net Quantity Declaration of Certain Foods", incorporated into the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR). CFIA is proposing to allow the unit of measure for these fresh fruits or vegetables to be declared by either weight, volume or numerical count. CFIA is also proposing revisions to the wording of item 50 of Table 1 and item 1 of Table 3 to clarify the current requirement.
G/TBT/NE/GY/475	Egypt	Date of Distribution: 30 May 2024 Deadline for	Fermented milks	The Ministerial Decree No.143/ 2024 gives the producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian standard ES 8042 which specifies the essential requirements and

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		Comments: 29 July 2024		descriptive criteria of fermented milks , which include fermented milks, heat-treated fermented milks, concentrated fermented milks, and complex dairy products, with the exception of labneh, which depend on the use of these milks and are prepared for direct consumption or for other manufacturing processes and which are consistent with the definitions stated in Clause 2.
G/TBT/N/BRA/826/Add.7	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 29 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Organic production - Addendum	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock – MAPA, issued the Ordinance 685, 27 May 2024 amending MAPA Ordinance No. 52, 15 March 2021, that establishes Technical Regulation for Organic Production Systems and the lists of substances and practices permitted for use in organic production.
G/TBT/N/USA/1937/Add.3	United States	Date of Distribution: 29 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 27 June 2024	Color additive Addendum	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is extending the comment period for the reopening notice entitled “Color Additive Certification; Increase in Fees for Certification Services; Reopening of the Comment Period” that appeared in the Federal Register of 26 April 2024. We are taking this action in response to a request for an extension to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments.
G/TBT/N/BRA/1464/Corr.1	Brazil	Date of Distribution: 28 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Packaging, coatings, utensils, lids and metallic equipment in contact with food - Corrigendum	Resolution 854, 04 April 2024 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1464/Add.1 - which proposes the modification of the current regulatory framework regarding the technical regulation on provisions for packaging, coatings, utensils, lids and metallic equipment in contact with food, was rectified.
G/TBT/N/ESLV/148/Add.2	El Salvador	Date of Distribution: 28 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 15 June 2024	Pre-packaged foods - Addendum	The Government of the Republic of El Salvador hereby advises that it notified, on 15 March 2024, draft Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.01.60:23: Nutrition labelling of pre-packaged foods for human consumption for adults and children of over three years of age, in document
G/TBT/N/AE/612	United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain, The State of Kuwait,	Date of Distribution: 27 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 26 July 2024	Labelling of prepackaged food stuffs	GSO 9:2022 for Labelling of Prepackaged Food Stuffs will be amendment to include statement to ability to adds electronic code as additional with card label and to modify the general requirements item No.1.4.

	Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Yemen			
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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