

10 May 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 27 April to 03 May 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Canada, Uruguay and United States:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/B/DI/465	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 3 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 2 July 2024	Cereals, pulses and their products	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements for the dynamic or static sampling, by manual, electronic or mechanical means, for assessment of compliance to East African standards for cereals, pulses, and their products. It is not applicable to seed grain.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/466	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 3 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 2 July 2024	Brown rice	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for brown rice of the varieties grown from <i>Oryza</i> spp., intended for human consumption or for processing to milled rice. This standard also covers parboiled brown rice.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/467	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 3 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 2 July 2024	Dry soybeans	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for dry soybeans of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merr. intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/468	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 3 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 2 July 2024	Chickpeas	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for dry chickpeas of the varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Cicer arietinum</i> Linn. intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/469	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 3 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 2 July 2024	Wheat semolina prepared from common wheat (<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L) or club wheat (<i>Triticum compactum</i> host)	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for wheat semolina prepared from common wheat (<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L) or club wheat (<i>Triticum compactum</i> host) mixtures thereof, or to mixtures of these wheats in combination with durum wheat (<i>Triticum durum</i> desf) and durum wheat semolina prepared from durum wheat (<i>Triticum durum</i> desf), intended human consumption. This draft East African Standard does not apply to wheat

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				and durum wheat semolina for non-food industrial or animal feed use
G/TBT/N/B/DI/470	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 3 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 2 July 2024	Maize (Zeamays L.)	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for whole maize meal, granulated maize meal, sifted maize meal, maize grits and maize flour from the grains of common maize (Zeamays L.) intended for human consumption. This standard does not apply to fortified milled maize (corn) products and maize grits intended for brewing, manufacturing of starch and any other industrial use.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/471	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 3 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 2 July 2024	Maize grains, Zea mays indentata L. and / or Zea mays indurata L. Zea mays everta	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for maize grains of varieties grown from common maize grains, Zea mays indentata L. and/or Zea mays indurata L. Zea mays everta or their hybrids intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/472	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 3 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 2 July 2024	Sugar cane syrup	This Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for sugar cane syrup intended to be used as raw material in food and other industries such as catering purposes, soft drinks and pharmaceutical industries.
G/TBT/N/B/DI/473	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 3 May 2024 Deadline for Comments: 2 July 2024	Honey butter	This Tanzania standard prescribes the requirements, sampling and test methods for honey butter intended for human consumption. This standard does not cover honey milk butter (mixture of honey and milk butter)
G/TBT/N/C/AN/654/Add.2	Canada	Date of Distribution: 29 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not Indicated	Greenhouse cucumbers and tomatoes - Addendum	Certain fresh fruit or vegetables (FFV) must be graded in order to be marketed in import or interprovincial trade in Canada. FFV grades and requirements are maintained and enforced by the Canadian food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in an incorporated by reference (IbR) document titled "Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 2 – Fresh Fruit or Vegetables", incorporated into the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR). On July 7, 2023 changes to the Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 2 – Fresh Fruit or Vegetables were published. The transition period for compliance began on July 7, 2023 and was set to end on January 6, 2024. On December 29, 2023, the CFIA

				extended the transition period to end on December 31, 2025.
G/TBT/N/UR/91	Uruguay	Date of Distribution: 29 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 28 June 2024	Food additives	It is proposed to incorporate GMC Resolution No. 27/22 on food additives into the national legal system, through which food additives and their maximum concentrations in GMC Resolutions No. 50/97 are updated. 06/08, 06/09, 08/02 and 63/18 for certain foods included in the following categories: baking and biscuit products, sauces and condiments, non-alcoholic beverages, snack products, meats and meat products.
G/TBT/N/UR/92	Uruguay	Date of Distribution: 29 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 28 June 2024	Limit for arsenic in rice	It is proposed to incorporate into the national legal system GMC Resolution No. 18/21, which modifies the category "Rice and its derivatives except oil" and its corresponding maximum limit of inorganic contaminants established in the "Arsenic" table of part II of the Annex to GMC Resolution No. 12/11, incorporated into the National Bromatological Regulations. The update responds to the need to adjust the limit of arsenic in rice to what is established in the Codex Alimentarius, and set it in inorganic arsenic values.
G/TBT/N/USA/1937/Add.2	United States	Date of Distribution: 29 April 2024 Deadline for Comments: 28 May 2024	Color additive - Addendum	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is reopening the comment period for the proposed rule, "Color Additive Certification; Increase in Fees for Certification Services," which published in the Federal Register of 2 November 2022 (87 FR 66116). We are taking this action to add supporting information to the administrative record and to adjust the record to reflect the same cost and benefits figures that were published in the preliminary regulatory impact analysis.

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.

Sincerely,


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