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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 09 to 15 November 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from: Malawi, Ukraine, Australia, Tanzania, United Arab Emirates, New Zealand, Bangladesh, and Honduras

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/M/WI/116	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Neutral spirit intended for use in the manufacture or blending of alcoholic beverages	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for neutral spirit intended for use in the manufacture or blending of alcoholic beverages. This product is also known as Extra Neutral Spirit (ENS).
G/TBT/N/M/WI/117	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Spirits	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for gin.
G/TBT/N/M/WI/118	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Brandy	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for brandy.
G/TBT/N/M/WI/119	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Vodka	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for vodka.
G/TBT/N/M/WI/120	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for	Rum	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for rum.

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G/TBT/N/M WI/121	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Liqueur	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test for liqueurs.
G/TBT/N/M WI/122	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Potable spirit	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for for potable spirits.
G/TBT/N/M WI/123	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Comminuted fruit drinks	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for comminuted fruit drinks intended for human consumption
G/TBT/N/M WI/124	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Water based fruit flavoured drinks	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for water-based fruit flavoured drinks intended for direct consumption
G/TBT/N/M WI/125	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Fruit juice drinks	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for ready to serve drinks containing fruit juice.
G/TBT/N/M WI/126	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Fruit juice dairy blends	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for fruit juice dairy blends intended for direct consumption.
G/TBT/N/M WI/127	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024	Carbon dioxide for beverage industry	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and tests for carbon dioxide used for the carbonation of beverages.

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G/TBT/N/M WI/128	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Malt drink	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for malt drinks.
G/TBT/N/M WI/129	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Brewer's yeast	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for brewer's yeast.
G/TBT/N/M WI/130	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Ginger drink	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and tests for ginger drink for direct human consumption. Ginger drink that is carbonated or alcoholic is excluded from the scope of this standard.
G/TBT/N/M WI/131	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Vegetable juices and drinks	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for vegetable juices and drinks intended for direct human consumption or for further processing
G/TBT/N/M WI/132	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Non-alcoholic Kombucha	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for non-alcoholic kombucha.
G/TBT/N/M WI/133	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Alcoholic Kombucha	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for alcoholic kombucha.

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G/TBT/N/M WI/134	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Freezits	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for freezits intended for direct consumption
G/TBT/N/M WI/135	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Roselle (Chidede)non-alcoholic drink	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and tests for roselle (hibiscus) non-alcoholic drink or Chidede drink (juice).
G/TBT/N/M WI/136	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Draught beer	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for draught beer.
G/TBT/N/M WI/137	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Carbonated soft drinks	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for carbonated soft drinks intended for direct consumption.
G/TBT/N/M WI/138	Malawi	Date of Distribution: 15 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 14 January 2025	Whisky	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for whisky (whiskey).
G/TBT/N/UK R/314	Ukraine	Date of Distribution: 13 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Food products containing vegetable oils or fats	The Law governs issues related to the safety and quality of food products, including those intended for children, and implements EU Regulation (EC) No. 1925/2006 concerning the conditions for the use of trans fats, excluding those naturally occurring in fat of animal origin. The Law also sets out labelling requirements for food products containing vegetable oils or fats.
G/TBT/N/AU S/178	Australia	Date of Distribution: 12 November 2024 Deadline for	Cultured quail as a novel food	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) is considering application A1269 which seeks to permit the sale of cultured quail cells, derived from embryonic fibroblasts of Japanese quail. The quail cells will be mixed with other ingredients to form products such

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G/TBT/N/NZ/L/140	New Zealand	Date of Distribution: 12 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 January 2025	Cultured quail as a novel food	Food Standards Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ) is considering application A1269 which seeks to permit the sale of cultured quail cells, derived from embryonic fibroblasts of Japanese quail. The quail cells will be mixed with other ingredients to form products such as, but not limited to, logs, rolls and patties. The aspects of this application that are relevant to the TBT Committee are that:FSANZ is proposing a new regulatory framework consisting of two new standards and one new schedule: o Standard 1.5.4 – Cell-cultured foodso o Schedule 25A – Permitted cell-cultured foodso o Standard 3.4.1 – Food safety requirements for processing of cell-cultured foodcell cultured foods will require the use of either the statement 'cell-cultured' or 'cell-cultivated' for food identification purposes.
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1216	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 12 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 January 2025	Cocoa mass (liquor)	This Draft Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test of cocoa mass (liquor) intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1217	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 12 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 January 2025	Ochratoxin A (OTA) contamination in cocoa	This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies code of practices for prevention and reduction of Ochratoxin A (OTA)contamination in cocoa from the farm to the shipment and transportation.
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1218	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 12 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 January 2025	Drinking chocolate	This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test of Drinking Chocolate intended for direct human consumption.
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1219	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 12 November	Poultry processing	This Draft Tanzania Standard describes the hygiene requirements for the processing of poultry intended for human consumption

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G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1220	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 12 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 January 2025	Meat processing plant	This Draft Tanzania Standard prescribes the hygiene requirements in the production, handling, packing, storage and transportation of meat and meat products.
G/TBT/N/TZ/A/1221	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 12 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 11 January 2025	Fresh meat in retail	This Draft standard provides hygiene requirements for fresh meat in retail sale for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/AR/E/642	United Arab Emirates	Date of Distribution: 11 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 10 January 2025	Label for electrical appliances : household ovens and hobs	This UAE Regulation establishes requirements for the labeling and the provision of supplementary product information for domestic electric and gas ovens (including when incorporated into cookers) and it also covers domestic electric and/or gas. This Regulation shall not apply to: ovens that use energy sources other than electricity or gas; ovens which offer a 'microwave heating' function; portable ovens; heat storage ovens; ovens which are heated with steam as a primary heating function; ovens designed for use only with gases of the 'third family' (propane and butane). small ovens; covered gas burners in hobs; outdoor cooking appliances; grills.
G/TBT/N/BG/D/7	Bangladesh	Date of Distribution: 11 November 2024 Deadline for Comments: 5 December 2024	Soy sauce	This standard for Soy Sauce specifies the national requirements, methods of sampling and test for edible purposes. This includes requirements for different types of soy sauce i.e. light, dark and salty soy sauce along with their ingredients; guideline for food additives and food preservatives used for the product; hygienic and legal requirements; and the packaging and marking provision for the product. In addition, various food safety parameters (e.g. heavy metal and microbiological limits) have also been included in the standard.
G/TBT/N/HN/D/102/Add.1	Honduras	Date of Distribution: 11 November 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Boissons énérgisantes - Addendum	El Gobierno de la República de Honduras comunica que, en relación con el Reglamento de la Ley para el Control y Regulación de las Bebidas Energizantes, notificado el 13 de septiembre de 2024 bajo la signatura G/TBT/N/HND/102, se extiende el plazo para la presentación de observaciones hasta el 11 de diciembre de 2024. El

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Thank you.

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