

30 October 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 12 to 18 October 2024.

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

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
G/TBT/N/KEN/1690	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 17 December 2024	Fufu flour	This Draft African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cassava, plantain, cocoyam and yam fufu flours produced from fresh, matured and sound edible cassava (<i>Manihot esculenta</i> Crantz), plantain (<i>Musa paradisiaca</i> AAB), cocoyam (<i>Xanthosoma</i> species) and yam (<i>Discorea</i> species) respectively. It is intended to be used for the preparation of fufu.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1691	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 17 December 2024	Dried shredded cassava (abacha)	This Draft African standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for dried shredded cassava commonly referred to as Abacha for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/KEN/1692	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 17 December 2024	Banku mix (flour and dough)	This Draft African standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for banku mix (flour and dough).
G/TBT/N/KEN/1693	Kenya	Date of Distribution: 18 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 17 December 2024	Tapioca pearls	This Draft African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for tapioca pearls intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/TZA/1192	Tanzania	Date of Distribution: 18 October 2024 Deadline for Comments:	Food dryer	This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the methods of test for food dryer. Specifically, this document shall be used to: a) Verify food dryer parameters against the list

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		17 December 2024		<p>of specifications submitted by the manufacturer;</p> <p>b) Determine the performance of the food dryer;</p> <p>c) Evaluate the ease of handling and safety features; and</p> <p>d) Report the results of the tests</p>
G/TBT/N/TZA/1193	Tanzania	<p>Date of Distribution: 18 October 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: 17 December 2024</p>	Food dryer	This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the fabrication and performance requirements of food dryer for agricultural and fisheries products.
G/TBT/N/UGA/1610/Add.2	Uganda	<p>Date of Distribution: 18 October 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not indicated</p>	Materials in contact with food - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 1659: 2022, Materials in contact with food — Requirements for packaging materials, Second edition; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1610 and G/TBT/N/UGA/1610/Add.1 was adopted on 6 August 2024. The adopted Uganda Standard, US 1659:2024, Materials in contact with food — Requirements for packaging materials, Second edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/USA/1794/Rev.1/Add.1	United States	<p>Date of Distribution: 18 October 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not indicated</p>	Acrylamide in food warnings - Addendum	California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) has amended Title 27, California Code of Regulations 25607.2(b), to provide an additional safe harbor warning option for businesses that cause significant exposures to acrylamide from food products. The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved the rulemaking on 4 October 2024. The effective date for the regulation is 1 January 2025. Final Statement of Reasons Article 6 Clear and Reasonable Warnings Final Regulatory Text of Acrylamide Warning Comment Submissions - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Title 27, California Code of Regulations Safe Harbor Warnings for Acrylamide Exposure from Food
G/TBT/N/UGA/1698/Add.1	Uganda	<p>Date of Distribution: 17 October 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not indicated</p>	Kombucha - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 2037: 2022, Kombucha — Specification, second edition; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1698 was adopted on 6 August 2024. The adopted Uganda Standard, US 2037:2024, Kombucha — Specification, second edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/UGA/1716/Add.1	Uganda	<p>Date of Distribution: 17 October 2024</p>	Carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks - Addendum	The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 47: 2022, Carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks — Specification, Fourth edition; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/1716 was

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		Deadline for Comments: Not indicated		adopted on 6 August 2024. The adopted Uganda Standard, US 47:2024, Carbonated and non-carbonated soft drinks — Specification, Fourth edition, can be purchased online through the link: https://webstore.unbs.go.ug/
G/TBT/N/THA/679/Add.1/Corr.1	Thailand	Date of Distribution: 15 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: Not indicated	Labelling of pre-packaged foods - Corrigendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health Notification entitled "The Labelling of Pre-packaged foods", previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/679 dated 17 October 2022, was published in the Royal Gazette dated 18 July 2024 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 450. The information of "Date of entry into force" of the notification G/TBT/N/THA/679/Add.1 dated 25 July 2024, should be corrected to read as follows: Date of entry into force: 19 July 2024 (This notification shall come into force after the day following date of its publication in the Royal Gazette.)
G/TBT/N/BDI/517 ; G/TBT/N/KE N/1685 ; G/TBT/N/RWA/1083 ; G/TBT/N/TZ A/1183 ; G/TBT/N/UG A/2027	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 14 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 December 2024	Canola (rapeseed) oil derived by extraction from seeds of Brassica napus L., Brassica campestris L., Brassica juncea L. and Brassica tournefortii Gouan	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for virgin and refined canola (rapeseed) oil derived by extraction from seeds of Brassica napus L., Brassica campestris L., Brassica juncea L. and Brassica tournefortii Gouan species intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/BDI/518 ; G/TBT/N/KE N/1686 ; G/TBT/N/RWA/1084 ; G/TBT/N/TZ A/1184 ; G/TBT/N/UG A/2028	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 14 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 December 2024	Edible macadamia oil	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for virgin and refined macadamia oil derived from the kernel of the macadamia nuts of varieties grown from Macadamia integrifolia and Macadamia tetraphylla and their hybrids intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/BDI/519 ; G/TBT/N/KE N/1687 ; G/TBT/N/RWA/1085 ; G/TBT/N/TZ A/1185 ; G/TBT/N/UG A/2029	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 14 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 December 2024	Oil derived from seeds of soya beans (Glycine max (L.) Merr.)	This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling, and test methods for virgin and refined soya bean (soybean) oil derived from seeds of soya beans (Glycine max (L.) Merr.) intended for human consumption.
G/TBT/N/BDI/520 ; G/TBT/N/KE N/1688 ; G/TBT/N/RWA/1086 ; G/TBT/N/TZ A/1186 ;	Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda	Date of Distribution: 14 October 2024 Deadline for Comments: 13 December	Fats spreads and blended spreads	This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for fat spreads and blended spreads. It does not apply to fat spreads derived exclusively from milk and/or milk products to which only other substances necessary for their manufacture have been added such as butter and dairy spreads.

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G/TBT/N/UG A/2030		2024		
G/TBT/N/UKR/186/Rev.1/Add.1	Ukraine	<p>Date of Distribution: 14 October 2024</p> <p>Deadline for Comments: Not indicated</p>	Grapes and viticulture products, grape wine - Addendum	Ukraine notifies that the draft Law of Ukraine "On Grapes and Viticulture Products" was adopted as the Law of Ukraine "On Grapes, Wine and Viticulture Products" No. 3928 of 22 August 2024. The Law was published on 04 October 2024. The Law will enter into force on 01 January 2026, except for paragraphs 1, 2, 4-10, 13-23 of subsection 1; subsections 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 of clause 4; clauses 9 and 12 of Section XV "Final And Transitional Provisions" of the Law, which entered into force from the day following the day of publication of the Law. The Law of Ukraine "On Grapes and Grape Wine" No. 2662 of 16 June 2005 will become invalid as of the date of entry into force of the Law of Ukraine "On Grapes, Wine and Viticulture Products" No. 3928 of 22 August 2024, i.e. as of 01 January 2026. The operation of the Viticultural and Winemaking Register shall also be established from 01 January 2026.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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