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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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 18 to 24 January 2025.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the notified draft technical regulations from: Indonesia, Israel, Yemen, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Korea, United States of America, Rwanda, Malawi, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Ukraine.

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G TBT N IDN 159 A dd.1</a>	Indonesia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Products and services that mandatory to be halal certified	Regulation of The Halal Product Assurance Organizing Body Number 3 Of 2023 regarding Guidelines For Accreditation And _ Or Conformity Assessment for Overseas Halal Institutions. These guidelines are intended to serve as a reference in the process of accreditation and_or conformity assessment of foreign halal certification body.
<a href="#">G TBT N ISR 1109 Add.1</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Intoxicating Beverages	The Regulations will enter into force on 1 February 2025 with the following exemptions: 1. An importer with a valid import permit from the Ministry of Economy will be considered a registered importer for an additional six months from the effective date; 2. Import permits issued before the effective date will remain valid until expiration. During this period, they will be considered preliminary permits for importing alcoholic beverages; 3. Laboratory tests conducted in an Approved Laboratory within the five years preceding the effective date will be deemed valid for obtaining a preliminary import permit. However, their validity will be limited to ten years from the test date; 4. An import permit refers to a permit issued under Order 2.5 of the Director-General of the Ministry of Economy, as was valid before the new regulations and published on the Ministry's website. These provisions aim to facilitate the transition to the new regulations and ensure continuity in import licensing.

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<a href="#">G TBT N IDN 134 A dd.2</a>	Indonesia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not indicated	Food; beverages; drugs and medicine; cosmetics; chemical products; biological products; genetically engineered products; consumer goods; slaughtering services; processing services; storage services; packaging services; distribution services; sales services; and serving service.	Decree of Minister of Religious Affairs Number 944 of 2024 regarding the revision of Decree of Minister of Religious Affairs 748 of 2021 regarding Types of Products Mandatory to be Halal Certified. This regulation covers changing the provisions of the list of types of products that must be halal certified for food and beverages categories.
<a href="#">G TBT N ARE 653</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N BHR 734</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N KWT 714</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N OMN 558</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N QAT 711</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N SAU 1378</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N YEM 314</a>	Yemen, Kingdom of Bahrain, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 17 April 2025	The general requirements for biscuits and wafers.	This standard specifies the requirements that must be met by types of biscuits and wafers, and does not include types intended for special nutritional purposes.
<a href="#">G TBT N KOR 1260</a>	Republic of Korea	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 23 March 2025	Food	Description of content: The proposed amendment is to: - Genetically modified foods determined by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety, which do not have genetically modified DNA or genetically modified proteins, are also indicated as genetically modified foods. - Foods that do not use genetically modified agricultural, livestock, and fisheries products for ingredients can be labelled as non-genetically modified foods.
<a href="#">G TBT N USA 2182</a>	United States of America	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 17 April 2025	Beer, Wine, and Spirits, Beverages, spirits and vinegar, and Alcoholic beverages	Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) proposes to require disclosure of per-serving alcohol, calorie, and nutrient content information in an "Alcohol Facts" statement on all alcohol beverage labels subject to TTB's regulatory authority under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (FAA Act). This

				rulemaking responds to the Department of the Treasury's February 2022 report on "Competition in the Markets for Beer, Wine, and Spirits," which recommended that TTB revive or initiate rulemaking on alcohol content, nutritional content, and appropriate serving sizes for alcohol beverage labels. Pursuant to its authorities under both the FAA Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, TTB is also proposing mandatory alcohol content statements for certain types of malt beverages, beer, and wine that are not currently required to be labeled with an alcohol content statement. TTB proposes a compliance date of 5 years from the date that a final rule resulting from this proposal is published in the Federal Register.
<a href="#">G TBT N USA 2183</a>	United States of America	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 17 April 2025	Food allergen labeling, Beverages, spirits and vinegar, and Alcoholic beverages	Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) proposes to require a labeling disclosure of all major food allergens used in the production of alcohol beverages subject to TTB's regulatory authority under the Federal Alcohol Administration Act. Under the proposed regulations, unless an exception applies, labels must declare milk, eggs, fish, Crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, wheat, peanuts, soybeans, and sesame, as well as ingredients that contain protein derived from these foods, if used in the production of the alcohol beverage. TTB proposes a compliance date of 5 years from the date that a final rule resulting from this proposal is published in the Federal Register.
<a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1151</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 21 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 22 March 2025	Vegetables and derived products	This Draft Rwanda standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for processed (dehydrated) onions of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Allium cepa</i> Linnaeus in its various commercial forms intended for direct human consumption or for other use in the food industry.
<a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1150</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 21 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 22 March 2025	Vegetables and derived products	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for dried tomatoes of varieties (cultivars) grown from <i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> Mill and its hybrids, intended for direct human consumption or for other use in the food industry. It applies to both dried tomato in forms stated in clause 4 of this standard and tomato powder.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 152</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 21 January 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard prescribes the requirements and the methods of sampling and testing for polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles for packaging edible oils.

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<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 140</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 21 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 22 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard prescribes the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles for fruit juices.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 139</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard prescribes general dimensions, quality and other requirements for crates made from high density polyethylene (HDPE) for holding and transporting ten 1 litre milk sachets or twenty 500 ml milk sachets.
<a href="#">G TBT N BDI 565</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N KEN 1757</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1132</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N TZA 1273</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N UGA 2106</a>	Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Prepackaged and prepared foods	This draft standard provides requirements for the labelling of “food additives” sold as such whether by retail or other than by retail, including sales to caterers and food manufacturers for the purpose of their businesses. This standard also applies to food “processing aids”; any reference to food additives includes food processing aids.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 154</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) bottles for packing of edible oils.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 153</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, methods of test and sampling of polyethylene (PE) pouches for the packaging of pasteurised liquid milk.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 151</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and testing for post-consumer, PET recyclates (flakes and pellets) for use in PET preforms and PET bottles intended for packaging food and beverages.
<a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1148</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b>	Cereals, pulses and	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods

		20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	derived products	for quinoa grains ( <i>Chenopodium quinoa</i> Willd.) intended for human consumption. This standard does not apply to quinoa used as seeds for propagation, products derived from quinoa such as flour, flakes).
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 150</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, tests methods and sampling for hermetic bags for storage of dried food commodities, derived products and seeds.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 149</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for glass jars used in food packaging. It does not cover glass containers used in pharmaceutical industry and laboratory.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 146</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for domestic vacuum insulated stainless steel flask_bottle for storage and maintaining the temperature of hot and cold liquids used for drinking purpose.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 144</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard prescribes requirements, methods of sampling and tests for standard and intermediate crown closures used on glass bottles.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 147</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard prescribes requirements, methods of sampling and tests for paper-based multilayer laminated_extruded composite cartons (aseptic and non-aseptic) for processed liquid food products and beverages.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 155</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for potable copper, stainless steel, aluminium bottle for carrying drinking water up to 1 500 ml.

<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 148</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for infant plastic feeding bottles.
<a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1147</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Edible oils and fats. Oilseeds	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for virgin, and refined avocado oil derived from the fruit of avocado ( <i>Persea americana</i> ) intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 143</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for insulated containers for storage and maintaining the temperature of hot and cold food for domestic purpose up to 20 litre nominal capacity.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 145</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for aluminium foil for food packaging.
<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 142</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements, tests methods, and sampling for polyolefin woven sacks suitable for packing flour.
<a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1146</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Cereals, pulses and derived products	This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for quinoa flour processed from quinoa grains ( <i>Chenopodium quinoa</i> Willd.) intended for human consumption.
<a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1135</a>	Rwanda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Animal and vegetable fats and oils	<p>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for avocado butter intended for human consumption.</p> <p>This standard does not apply to milk and milk derivatives butter.</p>

<a href="#">G TBT N MWI 141</a>	Malawi	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Food technology	This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for reusable teats for feeding bottle made out of natural rubber or silicone rubber.
<a href="#">G TBT N BDI 563</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N KEN 1755</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1130</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N TZA 1271</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N UGA 2104</a>	Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, and Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Prepackaged and prepared foods	This Draft East African Standard applies to the labelling of all pre-packaged foods to be offered as such to the consumer or for catering purposes and to certain aspects relating to the presentation thereof
<a href="#">G TBT N UKR 331</a>	Ukraine	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Smoke flavourings	<p>The draft Order aims to set out requirements for smoke flavourings and ensure the alignment of Ukrainian legislation with European Union regulations on food additives, food flavourings, and food enzymes. These Requirements outline the general criteria for smoke flavourings, conditions for their use and production, and apply to: smoke flavourings used or intended for use in and/or on foods; source materials for the production of smoke flavourings; the conditions under which smoke flavourings are produced; foods in and/or on which smoke flavourings are present. The Requirements are based on Regulation (EC) No 2065_2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 November 2003 on smoke flavourings used or intended for use in or on foods, and Commission Regulation (EC) No 627_2006 of 21 April 2006 implementing Regulation (EC) No 2065_2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards quality criteria for validated analytical methods for sampling, identification and characterisation of primary smoke products. The draft Order is also notified under the SPS Agreement.</p>
<a href="#">G TBT N USA 1388 Rev.1</a>	United States of America	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 17 March 2025	Poultry; Meat and edible offal of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls, fresh, chilled or frozen, Quality, Meat, meat products	Notice, request for comments - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is seeking public comment on revisions to the United States Classes, Standards, and Grades for Poultry (the Poultry Standards). The last minor revision to the Poultry Standards occurred in 2018, but the last substantial revision prior to that occurred in 1998. Since then, poultry production and quality assessment methods have changed significantly, as have consumer preferences.



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<a href="#">G TBT N BDI 567</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N KEN 1759</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1134</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N TZA 1275</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N UGA 2108</a>	Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, and Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Prepackaged and prepared foods	<p>These Guidelines apply to front-of-pack nutrition labelling (FOPNL) to be used on pre-packaged foods including in the case where simplified nutrition information is displayed near the food (e.g. shelf – tags or food service), for unpackaged foods or for foods sold via online ( e.g. information available at point of purchase on websites)</p> <p>These guidelines exclude the alcoholic beverages, food for special dietary uses, foods in small units and products with nutritional or dietary insignificance.</p>
<a href="#">G TBT N BDI 566</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N KEN 1758</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N RWA 1133</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N TZA 1274</a> ; <a href="#">G TBT N UGA 2107</a>	Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, and Tanzania	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 20 January 2025  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 21 March 2025	Prepackaged and prepared foods	<p>This draft Standard applies to the labelling of non-retail containers of food (excluding food additives and processing aids)<sup>1,2</sup> not intended to be offered directly to the consumer<sup>3</sup> including the information provided in the accompanying physical documents or by other means, and the presentation thereof.</p>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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