

31 January 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](http://www.epingalert.org)) from 20 to 26 January 2024.

Relative thereto, we respectfully invite stakeholders to comment on the sixteen (16) notified draft technical regulations from six (6) WTO Members:

Document Symbol	Notifying Member	Relevant Dates	Products Covered	Summary
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IS R/1305/Corr.1</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Release of lead and cadmium from glass hollowware - Corrigendum	SI 1003 part 3.2 - Release of lead and cadmium from ware in contact with food: Glass hollowware - Permissible limits Item 9: Proposed date of entry into force should be read as follows: Both the old standard, without the proposed amendment, and the new amended standard shall apply together in a transition period of 6 months from the entry of the notified amendment into force. During this transition period, products may tested according to both editions.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IS R/1304/Corr.1</a>	Israel	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Release of lead and cadmium from ceramic and glass tableware - Corrigendum	SI 1003 part 1.2 - Release of lead and cadmium from ware in contact with food: Ceramic ware, glass-ceramic ware and glass dinnerware - Permissible limits Item 9: Proposed date of entry into force should be read as follows: Both the old standard, without the proposed amendment, and the new amended standard shall apply together in a transition period of 6 months from the entry of the notified amendment into force. During this transition period, products may tested according to both editions.

### BUREAU OF PHILIPPINE STANDARDS

Membership:

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)
  - National Enquiry Point (NEP)
  - National Notification Authority (NNA)

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K/EN/1570</a>	Kenya	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 March 2024	Hazel nuts	<p>This draft Kenya standard specifies the requirements, sampling and testing methods for raw and roasted hazel nut kernels derived from hazelnut fruit (<i>Corylus avellana</i> L. and <i>Corylus maxima</i> Mill and their hybrids intended for human consumption. This standard applies to shelled raw and roasted hazelnut kernels.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K/EN/1571</a>	Kenya	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 March 2024	Raw walnut kernels	<p>This Draft Kenya Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for raw walnut kernels obtained from walnut tree (<i>Juglans regia</i> L intended for human consumption.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K/EN/1572</a>	Kenya	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 March 2024	Almond kernels	<p>This Draft Kenya Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for shelled raw, roasted, blanched and fried almond kernels. obtained from almond fruit (<i>Amygdalus communis</i> L.) intended for human consumption. This standard does not apply to bitter almond kernels.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K/EN/1573</a>	Kenya	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 26 March 2024	Pumpkin seeds	<p>This draft Kenya Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for seeds obtained from pumpkin (<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> L.) intended for human consumption or for other use in the food industry. This standard applies to raw and roasted pumpkin seeds.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/K/OR/1193</a>	Republic of Korea	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 22 March 2024	Labelling and advertising of foods	<p>The proposed amendment is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When changes are made to the contents of food and the contents of raw materials, new regulations are required to indicate the details of changes and impose fines.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/215/Rev.2/Add.3</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b>	Snack foods - Addendum	<p>The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled "Food products Required to bear Nutrition Labelling and Guideline Daily Amounts, GDA Labelling (No.2)",</p>

		Not Indicated		previously notified in G/SPS/N/THA/155/Rev.2/Ad d.2 dated 15 May 2023, was published in the Royal Gazette dated 4 January 2024 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 446.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/680/Ad d.1</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Nutrition labelling - Addendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled "Nutrition Labelling", previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/680 dated 17 October 2022, was published in the Royal Gazette dated 4 January 2024 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 445.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/681/Ad d.1</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Health claims in foods - Addendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled "Health Claims in Foods ", previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/681 dated 17 October 2022, was published in the Royal Gazette dated 4 January 2024 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 447.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/704/Ad d.1</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> Not Indicated	Food supplement - Addendum	The Draft Ministry of Public Health notification entitled "Nutrition Labelling", previously notified in G/TBT/N/THA/704 dated 20 June 2022, was published in the Royal Gazette dated 4 January 2024 as Notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 448.
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/723</a>	Thailand	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 March 2024	Edible fats and oils	The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) considered that existing Notifications of Ministry of Public Health (No.421) B.E 2564 (2021) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Edible oils and fats should be improved the measure for approving the qualities or standards of fats and oils as specified in this notification which have differences in the chemical and physical characteristics, and fatty acid composition of oils as specified in this notification in order to protect

				<p>consumer health, support the diversity of raw material in the future as well as to facilitate trade as follows:  "The following texts shall be added as Clause 6/1 of Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.421) B.E 2564 (2021) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522  Re: Edible oils and fats, dated 11th January B.E. 2564(2021) Clause 6/1 In case chemical and physical characteristics or fatty acid composition of oils are not consistent with requirement in 6(3) or (4) as specified in this notification because of breed, geographical features (area), season, cultivation, farming or culture of raw materials that are the source of oils and fats which does not affect safety, information or evidences of raw materials used to produce oil and fat, the data of chemical and physical characteristics, fatty acid composition of oils and fats and research document or academic document information shall be submitted to the Food and Drug Administration for an approval."</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/NT/HA/724</a>	Thailand	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 26 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 24 March 2024</p>	Fish oils	<p>The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) considered that existing Notifications of Ministry of Public Health (No.422) B.E 2564 (2021) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Fish oils should be improved the measure for approving the qualities or standards of fats and oils as specified in this notification which have differences in the fatty acid composition of oils as specified in this notification in order to protect consumer health, support the diversity of raw material in the future as well as to facilitate trade as follows:</p>

				<p>"The following texts shall be added as Clause 5/1 of Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.422) B.E 2564 (2021) Issued by virtue of the Food Act B.E. 2522 Re: Fish oils, dated 11th January B.E. 2564(2021) Clause 5/1 In case fatty acid composition of oils are not consistent with requirement in 5(3) as specified in this notification because of breed, geographical features (area), season, farming or aquaculture of raw materials that are the source of fish oils which does not affect safety, information or evidences of raw materials used to produce oil and fat, the data of fatty acid composition of fish oils and research document or academic document information shall be submitted to the Food and Drug Administration for an approval</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/T PKM/537</a>	<p>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu</p>	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 24 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 22 March 2024</p>	<p>Shell eggs</p>	<p>According to Article 9 of the Act Governing Food and Safety Sanitation, the designated food businesses are required to establish traceability system in order to trace the source and track the flow. Since 2014, the MOHW has designated 25 categories of food businesses to establish their own traceability system. Based on risk evaluation and food safety consideration, this draft amendment will require 1 additional category (namely shell eggs) of food businesses to establish the traceability system.</p>
<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U GA/1906</a>	<p>Uganda</p>	<p><b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 January 2024</p> <p><b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 20 March 2024</p>	<p>Fish meal as animal feed</p>	<p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for fish meal used in compounding animal feeds.</p>

<a href="#">G/TBT/N/U GA/1910</a>	Uganda	<b>Date of Distribution:</b> 22 January 2024  <b>Deadline for Comments:</b> 20 March 2024	Varieties grown from common maize grains (Zea mays)	This Draft African Standard specify the requirements, sampling and methods of tests for maize grain of varieties grown from common maize grains (Zea mays) intended for the preparation of animal feeds. It does not apply to maize intended for human consumption.
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



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