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Report Name: Sri Lanka Invites WTO Members to Comment on Draft Amendment Standards - Number 1 - for Bottled - Packaged Drinking Water - Second Revision

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Report Highlights:

On October 20, 2022, the Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) notified its draft amendment standards (Number 1) to SLS 894:2003 for bottled (packaged) drinking water to the World Trade Organization (WTO). WTO members are invited to submit comments on notification G/TBT/N/LKA/51. The comment period closes on December 20, 2022. This amendment is issued in to be align with the current Food (Bottled or Packaged Water) Regulations (2005) and to include microbiological test methods.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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The full text of the proposed draft amendment is accessible on the Sri Lanka Standards Institution's website located at: https://www.slsi.lk/images/Draft_Standards/2022-12/SLS-894-2003-AMD-for--drinking-water.pdf.

Comments should be addressed to:

The Director General
Sri Lanka Standards Institution
17, Victoria Place
Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 08

APPENDIX I: SRI LANKA STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR BOTTLED (PACKAGED) DRINKING WATER (SECOND REVISION)

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This draft should not be regarded or used as a Sri Lanka Standard.

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Comments to be sent to: SRI LANKA STANDARDS INSTITUTION, 17, VICTORIA PLACE,
ELVITIGALA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 08.

AMD

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Attachments:

No Attachments.