



WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN

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This publication seeks to provide cohesive information in a weekly basis on the foreign notifications of the WTO members under the TBT agreement on their proposed technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures.

Philippine exporters and relevant stakeholders are invited to review the proposed regulations. Comments that will be received by the BPS will be transmitted to the governments concerned for their consideration.

IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

Notifications from eleven (11) WTO Members from Asia, Australia, Europe, Africa, North and South America are listed.

We would like to hear from you. For any questions, suggestions or requests for full text of notified regulations, please contact us at bps@dti.gov.ph

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You can expect that, at BPS, we aim HIGH!

LIST OF WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (05 – 11 DECEMBER 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
ARGENTINA	08/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/289/Add.2	Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers – Addendum <i>National Register of Laboratories for the Testing of Auto Parts and Complete vehicles. Conformity certificates; Resolution No. 1,227 / 2015 No. 433/2015 and No. 861/2015 , both are modified. All these resolutions , together with Resolution No. 1197/2015 SI (G / TBT / N / ARG / 289 / Add.1) are amended and / or complementary to Resolution SI No. 323/2014 on the " National Register Laboratory tests Auto parts and complete vehicles. Licensing Model Configuration " (G / TBT / N / ARG / 289)</i>	—
	08/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/294/Add.1	All products subject to certification regimes – Addendum <i>Recognition of certification bodies, testing laboratories and inspection agencies; Resolution No. 651/2015 of the Resolution No. 404/2015 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 294) referred to the " recognition of certification bodies, laboratories amending testing and inspection bodies "</i>	—

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	08/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/295/Add.1	<p>Labelling – Addendum</p> <p><i>Labelling inspection system; Provision No. 35/2015 of the Secretariat of Domestic Trade (SSCI) Articles 4 and 7 ° are regulated by Resolution No. 420/2015 of the Ministry of Commerce (G / TBT / N / ARG / 295) referred to the "System Control Signs and / or labels (FDR) " , for the purposes of its implementation.</i></p>	–
AUSTRALIA	07/12/2015	G/TBT/N/AUS/100	<p>Foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Country of Origin Labelling - Consultation Regulation Impact Statement · Country of Origin Labelling - Consultation Draft Information Standard for Food · Country of Origin Labelling - Draft Information Standard Explanatory and Discussion Paper · Country of Origin Labelling - Exposure Draft Bill - Australian Consumer Law Safe Harbour Defences · Country of Origin Labelling - Draft Safe Harbour Defence Changes Explanatory and Discussion Paper · Country of Origin Labelling - Proposed changes to the Australian Made, Australian Grown Certification Trade Mark Code of Practice · Country Of Origin Labelling For Food - FAQ for International Trading Partners 	60 days from date of notification
BRAZIL	09/12/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/656	<p>Surgical sutures</p> <p><i>Draft Technical Resolution nº 105, 27 November 2015, regarding the Surgical Sutures Monograph to Brazilian Pharmacopeia</i></p>	4 February 2016
ECUADOR	08/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ECU/111/Add.2	<p>Cosmetics – Addendum</p> <p><i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (RTE INEN) No. 093, "Cosmetics" ; The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses the Addendum 2 for the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 093 (1R) " cosmetics " , notified in document identified as G / TBT / N / ECU / 111 / Add.1 6 November 2014.</i></p>	–

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EGYPT	07/12/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/94/Rev.1	Pencils and coloured pencils - Revision <i>Ministerial Decree No. 692 for the year 2015 mandating the application of the Egyptian Standard ES 7986/2015 "Pencils, Coloured Pencils and Leads for Them" to replace standards ES 410-1 "Pencils - Part 1: Requirements and Test Methods" , ES 410-2 "Pencils - Part 2: Leads for Wood Cased Pencils - Classification and Diameters" and ES 472 "Coloured Pencils" already mandated by Ministerial Decree no 423/2005.</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	07/12/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/113	Labelling of detergents and cleaning products <i>Ministerial Decree No. 692 for the year 2015 mandating the application of the Egyptian Standard ES 6910/2015 "Labelling of Detergents and Cleaning Products"</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
EUROPEAN UNION	09/12/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/328	Cosmetics <i>Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Cosmetic Products</i>	60 days from notification
	11/12/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/329	Four chemical substances: · bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), (EC No. 204-211-0, CAS No. 117-81-7, HS code 2917.32) · dibutyl phthalate (DBP) (EC No. 201-557-4, CAS No. 84-74-2, HS code 2917.34) · benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) (EC No. 201-622-7, CAS No. 85-68-7, HS code 2917.34) and · diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (EC No. 201-553-2, CAS No. 84-69-5, HS code 2917.34) - Dioctyl orthophthalates (HS: 291732), - Other esters of orthophthalic acid (HS: 291734) <i>Draft Commission Decision on the identification of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) as substances of very high concern according to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council</i>	60 days from notification

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA	07/12/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/619	Labelling for foods <i>Proposed Revision of the "Labelling Standards for Foods"</i>	60 days from notification
THAILAND	09/12/2015	G/TBT/N/THA/469	Food additives <i>Draft Ministry of Public Health Notification, NoB.E ... (...) entitled "Food Additives (No. 3)"</i>	60 days from notification
	09/12/2015	G/TBT/N/THA/470	Audio, video, and similar electronic apparatus <i>Draft Thai Industrial Standard for Audio, Video, and Similar Electronic Apparatus - Safety Requirements (TIS 1195-25XX)</i>	60 days from notification
	09/12/2015	G/TBT/N/THA/471	Infant and young child food <i>Draft Control of Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food and Related Products Act</i>	60 days from notification
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	10/12/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/221/Suppl.1	Labelling of agro-pesticides – Supplementary <i>Amendment of Article 5 and Article 6 of Regulations for the Labelling of Agro-Pesticides; General Information on the Draft Amendment to Articles 5 and 6 of the Agrochemical Labelling Supervision Regulations (unofficial English translation)</i>	–
	08/12/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/225	Organic agricultural products <i>Draft of the Organic Agriculture Act</i>	60 days from notification
UGANDA	07/12/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/529	Frozen tuna loins <i>Frozen Tuna Loins - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	10/12/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/530	Sesame seeds <i>DUS 1628:2015, Sesame - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	11/12/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/800/Add.4	Lamps – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for High-Intensity Discharge Lamps; final determination is effective 9 December 2015</i>	–
	11/12/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1000/Add.1	Chemical substances – Addendum <i>Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances; final rule is effective 2 February 2016</i>	–