

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 twenty- one (21) WTO Members from Asia, Europe, Africa, North and South America.

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 (07 - 13 NOVEMBER 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEM-EN	11/11/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/292 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/420 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/303 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/232 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/417 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/888 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/23	Canned tuna <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Canned Tuna"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	11/11/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/293 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/421 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/304 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/233 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/418 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/889 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/24	Concentrates for carbonated beverages <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Concentrates for Carbonated Beverages"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	11/11/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/294 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/422 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/305 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/234 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/419 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/890 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/25	Cinnamon <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Regulation for "Cinnamon: Sri Lankan Type, Seychelles Type and Madagascan Type (Cinnamomum Zeylanicum Blume) - Specification"</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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ARGENTINA	13/11/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/298	Organic products intended for human or animal consumption and organic textile products <i>Draft Resolution "Production System, Marketing, Control and Certification of Organic Products"</i>	60 days from circulation
BRAZIL	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/505/Add.1	Centrifugal clothes dryers - Addendum <i>Approval of the Technical Regulation for household usage centrifuges clothes dryers, focusing on safety and energy consumption</i>	—
	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/522/Add.1	Centrifugal clothes dryers - Addendum <i>Approval of the Conformity Assessment Requirements for household usage centrifuges clothes dryers</i>	—
	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/653	Children's products <i>Ordinance N° 555, 29 October 2015 – Draft technical regulation which establishes technical requirements that provides the criteria and process that must be met by children's products: infant walkers</i>	7 January 2016
	13/11/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/654	Pharmaceutical products <i>Draft Ordinance N° 88, 6 November 2015</i>	8 January 2016
CHINA	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1157	Medical electron accelerators <i>National Standard of the P.R.C. GB15213 Medical Electron Accelerators - Functional Performance Characteristics and Test Methods</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1158	Sunglasses and head protective equipment <i>Standard of the P.R.C. Personal protective equipment - Eye and face protection - Occupational eye and face protectors - Part 1: Requirements</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
COLOMBIA	11/11/2015	G/TBT/N/COL/146/Add.1	Genetic material <i>Draft Resolution of the Colombian Agricultural Institute - ICA "Through which health and biosafety conditions in the import, processing and marketing of genetic material from species of zootechnical setting interest"— the draft proposed regulation is withdrawn.</i>	—

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	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/COL/212/Add.1	Electrical and gas end-use equipment - Addendum <i>"Issuing the Technical Regulation on rational energy-use labelling for certain types of electrical and gas end-use equipment for marketing in Colombia" – entered into force on 31 August 2016.</i>	—
CZECH REPUBLIC	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/185	Automatic weighing instruments <i>Draft - General measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "automatic weighing instruments - catchweighing instruments"</i>	3 January 2016
	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/186	Optical radiometers <i>Draft general measure establishing metrological and technical requirements for specified measurement instruments, including testing methods for the type approval and verification of legal measuring instruments: "optical radiometers for the spectral range of 400 nm to 2 800 nm and measurement of emitted radiation in the range $10^3 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^2$ to $10^2 \text{ W} \cdot \text{m}^2$"</i>	3 January 2016
	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/187	Automatic weighing instruments <i>Draft - A measure of a general nature laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "automatic weighing instruments - discontinuous totalisers"</i>	3 January 2016
	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/188	Automatic weighing instruments <i>Draft - General measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "automatic weighing instruments - instruments for weighing railway vehicles in motion"</i>	3 January 2016

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	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/189	Automatic weighing instruments <i>Draft - General measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "automatic weighing instruments - continuous totalisers"</i>	3 January 2016
	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/190	Automatic weighing instruments <i>Draft - General measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "automatic weighing instruments - automatic gravimetric filling instruments"</i>	3 January 2016
EGYPT	12/11/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/92/Add.1	Mould ripened-blue cheese – Addendum <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Semi-Hard Cheese Part 2: Mould Ripened - Blue Cheese ; extension of the comment period</i>	12 November 2015
JAPAN	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/503	Fertilizer <i>Draft Amendment of the Official Specifications for Ordinary Fertilizers, etc.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
KENYA	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/KEN/122/Rev.1	All imported commodities and products intended for sale in Kenya. Details of exclusions are available on the KEBS <i>Import Standardization Mark (ISM Mark)</i>	—
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/612	Herbal medicine & herbal medicine preparations <i>Proposed amendments to "The Korean Herbal Pharmacopoeia"</i>	60 days from notification
	12/11/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/613	Electrical appliances <i>Amendment on the Processing Criteria for Electrical Appliances Which Are Inappropriate for Safety Standards</i>	60 days from notification

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	13/11/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/614	Swab, wallpapers and floor coverings on a base of paper <i>A draft revision for Safety and Quality Mark Criteria for Swab and Wallpapers and Floor Coverings on a Base of Paper</i>	60 days from notification
	13/11/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/615	Quasi-drugs <i>Proposed "Regulation on Quasi-Drug Re-Evaluation Procedures"</i>	60 days from notification
	13/11/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/616	Quasi-drugs <i>Proposed amendments to the "Regulation on Quasi-Drug Approval, Notification and Review"</i>	60 days from notification
MEXICO	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/MEX/296	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude <i>Emergency Mexican Official Standard NOM-EM-005-CRE-2015, Quality specifications for petroleum products</i>	—
MALAYSIA	13/11/2015	G/TBT/N/MYS/15/Rev.3	Toys - Revision <i>Consumer Protection (Certificate of Conformance and Conformity Mark of Safety Standards) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and Consumer Protection (Safety Standards for Toys) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</i>	60 days from notification
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	12/11/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/891	Facial Tissue <i>Facial Tissue - Paper, Two-Ply or More</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	12/11/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/892	Washing machines <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia / Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) / Household and Similar Electrical Appliances - Safety - Part 2-7: Particular Requirements for Washing Machines</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/11/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/222	Food additives <i>"Draft of Regulation of the Food Additives Shall Be Conspicuously Labeled the Registration Number"</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	11/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/552/Add.5	Air conditioners, heat pumps - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps – Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking</i>	9 December 2015
	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/881/Add.2	Tobacco products - Addendum <i>National Environmental Policy Act; Environmental Assessments for Tobacco Products; Categorical Exclusions - Small Entity Compliance Guide; Guidance for Industry – Notice of availability</i>	—
	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/908/Add.4	Appliance labelling - Addendum <i>Energy Labeling Rule – Final rule</i>	—
	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/971/Add.1	Grapes - Addendum <i>Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Relaxation of Handling Requirements – Final rule</i>	—
	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1020/Add.2	Wireless devices - Addendum <i>Radio Frequency Devices, FCC Form 740 Temporary Suspension – Final rule; temporary suspension</i>	—
	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1045	Energy labeling <i>Energy Labeling</i>	11 January 2016
	09/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1046	Fluorescent lamp ballasts <i>Energy Conservation Program: Clarification of Test Procedures for Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts</i>	4 January 2016
	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1047	Stationary compression ignition (CI) internal combustion engines <i>Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines</i>	21/12/2015
	12/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1048	High chairs <i>Safety Standard for High Chairs</i>	25 January 2016

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	12/11/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1049	Refrigerants <i>Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Update to the Refrigerant Management Requirements Under the Clean Air Act</i>	8 January 2016
VIET NAM	10/11/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/78	Milk and processed milk products <i>Draft National Technical Regulation Amending and Supplementing a Number of Articles of QCVN 5-1: 2010/BYT National Technical Regulation for Liquid Milk Products Issued by Circular No. 30/2010 /TT-BYT dated 2 June 2010 by the Ministry of Health</i>	60 days from the date of notification