



# 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 seventeen (17) 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

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## LIST OF WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (21 - 27 NOVEMBER 2015)

| Country  | Date Notified | TBT Notification Symbol  | Product Coverage / Title  | Final Date for Comments   |
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| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN | 27/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/295</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/423</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/306</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/235</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/420</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/893</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/26</a> | Hard candy<br><br><i>Hard Candy; include items on the requirements of hard candy manufactured or mainly directed to children</i>    | 60 days from notification |
|  | 27/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/296</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/424</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/307</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/236</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/421</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/894</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/27</a> | Jelly candy<br><br><i>Jelly Candy; include items on the requirements of jelly candy manufactured or mainly directed to children</i> | 60 days from notification |
|  | 27/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/297</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/425</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/308</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/237</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/422</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/895</a> ;<br><a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/28</a> | Soft candy<br><br><i>Soft candy; include items on the requirements of hard candy manufactured or mainly directed to children</i>    | 60 days from notification |

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| BRAZIL      | 26/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/BRA/513/Add.1           | Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment-Addendum<br><br><i>Ministerial Act N° 463, 10 September 2012—This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro) issued the Ordinance N° 577, 18 November 2015, as Technical Regulation's final text for refrigerators and similar products like coolers, freezers, etc., previously notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/513</i>  | —                                     |
|             | 26/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/BRA/555/Add.2           | Baby carriages—Addendum<br><br><i>Draft Ordinance No 442, 27 August 2013—Amended the Conformity Assessment Procedures, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/555/Add.1, and the Technical Regulation, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/542</i>  | —                                     |
| SWITZERLAND | 23/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHE/208</a> | Miscellaneous products<br><br><i>Draft revision of the Ordinance on Energy, Annexes 1.7, 2.1-2.5, 2.7-2.9, 2.11, 2.12, 2.14, 2.15, 2.18, 2.20, 2.21, 2.23-2.26, 3.3bis, 3.6, 3.9</i>   | 8 February 2016                       |
|             | 25/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHE/209</a> | Biocidal products<br><br><i>Draft of Ordinance of the Federal Office of Public Health (OFOPH) concerning the inscription of active substances for the use in biocidal products according to the annexe 2 of the Swiss Ordinance on Biocidal Products (OBP)</i>   | 60 days from the date of notification |
| ECUADOR     | 27/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/ECU/32/Add.9            | Motor vehicles— Addendum<br><br><i>Draft Technical Regulation RTE INEN 034 of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute on domestically produced or imported motor vehicle safety parts marketed in the Republic of Ecuador— The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses the Addendum 9 corresponding to the modification 2 of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 034 ( 3R ) "Minimum Security features in motor vehicles " , notified in document identified as G / TBT / N / ECU / 32 / Add.7 10 October 2014</i> | —                                     |

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|         | 27/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/ECU/138/Add.3   | External limb prostheses and external orthoses– Addendum<br><br><i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 121: "External limb prostheses and external orthoses" - The Republic of Ecuador disclosed Addendum 3 wherein discloses the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 121 ( 1R ) " Orthotics and Prosthetics " identified and notified under document G / TBT / N / ECU / 138 / Add.1 of August 27 , 2014</i>  | —                       |
|         | 27/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/ECU/198/Add.3   | Respiratory protective devices– Addendum<br><br><i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 181: "Respiratory protective devices" - The Republic of Ecuador disclosed Addendum 3 wherein discloses the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 181 ( 1R ) " Respiratory protective devices " identified and notified under document G / TBT / N / ECU / 198 / Add.1 1 October 2014</i>  | —                       |
|         | 27/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/ECU/230/Add.2   | Articles of glass and glass-ceramics that are in contact with foodstuffs– Addendum<br><br><i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 200, "Articles of glass and glass-ceramics that are in contact with foodstuffs"- The Republic of Ecuador disclosed Addendum 2 which discloses the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 200 ( 1R ) " tableware in glass and ceramic , glass containers for food contact " identified and notified under document G / TBT / N / ECU / 230 / Add.1 2 October 2014</i> | —                       |
|         | 27/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/ECU/284/Add.2   | Flexible retort packaging– Addendum<br><br><i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 253, "Flexible retort packaging" - The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses the Addendum 2 for the modification 1 Technical Regulation RTE INEN 253 " Flexible packaging retort " , notified in document identified as G / TBT / N / ECU / 284 / Add.1 13 May 2014</i>   | —                       |

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| EUROPEAN UNION | 25/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/325</a>  | Hazardous substances<br><br><i>Draft Commission Regulation amending, for the purposes of its adaptation to technical and scientific progress, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures</i>   | 60 days from notification |
|                | 27/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/326</a>  | Cellulose insulation mixtures and articles containing inorganic ammonium salt<br><br><i>Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards inorganic ammonium salts</i>  | 60 days from notification |
| JAPAN          | 25/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/505</a> | Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles<br><br><i>The Partial Amendment of "Public Notice that Prescribes Details of Safety Regulations for the Road Transport Vehicle"</i>  | 60 days from notification |
|                | 27/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/506</a> | Chemical substances<br><br><i>Revision of the "Order for Enforcement of the Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc."</i>  | 60 days from notification |
| KENYA          | 25/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/453</a> | Surface preparation<br><br><i>DKS 1100:2015. Scouring Pads - Specification</i>   | 22 December 2015          |
| MEXICO         | 25/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/MEX/269/Add.1           | Water and ice— Addendum<br><br><i>Draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-201-SSA1-2013: Products and services. Water and ice for human consumption, packaged and in bulk. Sanitary specifications— Responses to comments received about the Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM -201- PROY SSA1-2013 , products and services. Ice water for human consumption, packaged and in bulk. Health specifications , published on February 12, 2014</i> | —                         |

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| TURKEY        | 24/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/TUR/38/Add.1           | Plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food—<br>Addendum<br><br><i>Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Plastic Materials and Articles that are in Contact with Food, 2013—This amendment concerns the harmonization of the latest amendments of European Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 of 14 January 2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food</i>     | —                       |
|               | 25/11/2015    | <a href="#">G/TBT/N/TUR/68</a> | Tomatoes and red pepper paste and puree<br><br><i>Turkish Food Codex Communiqué Amending the Communiqué on Tomatoes and Red Pepper Paste and Puree</i>  | 1 December 2015         |
| UKRAINE       | 27/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/UKR/104/Corr.1         | Measuring equipment— Corrigendum<br><br><i>The Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation of Measuring Equipment" - Relevant documents: The Directive 2014/32/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on harmonization of the legislation of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of measuring equipment</i> | —                       |
| UNITED STATES | 25/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/USA/658/Add.1          | Children's products— Addendum<br><br><i>Testing and Labelling Pertaining to Product Certification Regarding Representative Samples for Periodic Testing of Children's Products— Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Third Party Testing of Children's Products</i>  | 15 January 2016         |
|               | 25/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/USA/659/Add.1          | Children's products— Addendum<br><br><i>Application of Third Party Testing Requirements; Reducing Third Party Testing Burdens— Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Third Party Testing of Children's Products</i>   | 15 January 2016         |

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|         | 24/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/USA/958/Add.1   | Boilers and process heaters— Addendum<br><br><i>National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters— Final rule; notice of final action on reconsideration</i>                                   | —                       |
|         | 24/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/USA/1009/Add.3  | Prerinse spray valves— Addendum<br><br><i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves— of data availability (NODA); withdrawal and republication</i>   | 4 December 2015         |
|         | 24/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/USA/1035/Add.1  | Chemical substances— Addendum<br><br><i>Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances— Partial withdrawal of direct final rule</i>  | —                       |
|         | 23/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/USA/1041/Add.2  | Allowable lead content limits— Addendum<br><br><i>Amendment To Clarify When Component Part Testing Can Be Used and Which Textile Products Have Been Determined Not To Exceed the Allowable Lead Content Limits— Notice of proposed rulemaking; reopening of comment period</i>                 | 14 December 2015        |
|         | 23/11/2015    | G/TBT/N/USA/1041/Add.3  | Allowable lead content limits— Addendum<br><br><i>Amendment To Clarify When Component Part Testing Can Be Used and Which Textile Products Have Been Determined Not To Exceed the Allowable Lead Content Limits— Direct final rule; delay of effective date and extension of comment period</i> | 14 December 2015        |