



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 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 (16-22 JANUARY 2016)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
ARGENTINA	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/289/Add.3	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. 9/2016 of the Ministry of Industry (SI) Resolutions No. 323/2014 and No. 433/2015 , both of that Secretariat are modified</i>	–
BRAZIL	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/344/Add.4	Systems and equipment for photovoltaic energy – Addendum <i>Draft Ministerial Act for Systems and Equipment for Photovoltaic Energy – Ordinance nº 17 approving the adjustments to the requirements to assess conformity by the photovoltaics systems inverters</i>	–
	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/397/Rev.1/Add .2	All products subject to conformity assessment procedure - Revision <i>General requirements for Products Certification (RGCP)– Ordinance N° 10 proposing adjustments to the Ordinance N°. 118 establishing general requirements to Product Certification - RGCP</i>	–

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	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/485/Add.3	Cookers – Addendum <i>Draft Resolution for Cookers– Ordinance N° 21 in order to get better results and to approve and adapt the mandatory technical requirements for Metal Cooking Pots for Home Use</i>	–
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/497/Add.3	Metal cooking pots – Addendum <i>Ministerial Act n 265, 23 May 2012– Ordinance N° 21 in order to make some amendment on Conformity Assessment Requirements for metal pans</i>	–
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/501/Add.3	Matches – Addendum <i>Ministerial Act No. 404, 1 August 2012 – Technical Regulation which establishes the requirements that must be met by Safety Matches was adopted as the final text and published in the Brazilian Official Journal in 15 January 2016</i>	–
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/504/Add.4	Matches – Addendum <i>Ministerial Act (Draft Resolution) N° 440, 27th August 2012– Ordinance N° 28 in order to approve the conformity assessment procedures adjustments for safety matches</i>	–
	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/551/Add.1	Pneumatic tyres used on bicycles – Addendum <i>Ordinance No. 396, 7 August 2013– Ordinance N° 23 to revoke Inmetro Ordinance N° 396</i>	–
	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/569/Add.2	Water dispensers – Addendum <i>Inmetro Ordinance No. 605, 12 December 2013– Ordinance N° 20 aiming at rewording articles 6° and 7° of the Ordinance 344</i>	3 February 2016
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/624/Add.1	Car body shell for road vehicles – Addendum <i>Ordinance N°. 105, 25 February 2015– Ordinance n° 13 establishing the technical requirements for Road Vehicles and Equipment Manufacturers/Bodybuilders and/or vehicles transformers</i>	–
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/631/Add.1	Car body shell for road vehicles – Addendum <i>Ordinance N°. 169, 23 March 2015– Ordinance n° 13 establishing the Conformity Assessment Procedures for Road Vehicles and Equipment Manufacturers/Bodybuilders and/or vehicles transformers</i>	–
	21/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/662	Pneumatic tires used on bicycles for adult use <i>Ordinance N° 23, 14 January 2016 – Conformity assessment procedures for bicycles tires for adult usage</i>	14 March 2016

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	21/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/663	Automotive components kit <i>Ordinance N° 22, 16 January 2016– Draft regulation establishing within the Brazilian System of Conformity Assessment (SBAC) for automotive components kit</i>	15 February 2016
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/664	Wheelchairs not mechanically propelled <i>Ordinance N° 27, 14 January 2016– Conformity Assessment Procedures for Wheelchairs</i>	14 March 2016
	21/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/665	Electric instantaneous or storage water heaters <i>Ordinance n° 26, 14 January 2016– Draft conformity assessment procedures for electric instantaneous appliances or equipment</i>	14 March 2016
CANADA	19/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/177/Rev.2 /Add.6	Agricultural products labelled as organic - Revision <i>Proposed Organic Products Regulations, 2009– CAN/CGSB 32.310: Organic Production Systems - General Principles and Management Standards and CAN/CGSB 32.311: Organic Production Systems - Permitted Substances Lists; New editions of the standards were published on 25 November 2015</i>	—
	19/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/474	Prescription status of medicinal ingredients for human use <i>Notice of Consultation - Prescription Drug List (PDL): Naloxone</i>	19 March 2016
CHILE	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/340	Tile grout <i>Incorporation of Chilean Standard NCh187 : 2010 on tile grout - Test methods to DS No. 10 2002 (Create Official Register of Laboratories Technical Construction Quality Control Registry and approves Regulation)</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/342	Concrete blocks for structural use <i>Incorporation of the Chilean Standards NCh181 : 2006 on concrete blocks for structural use - General Requirements to DS No. 47 of 1992 (General Urban Development and Construction)</i>	60 days from the date of notification
CHINA	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CHN/1166	Marine fuel oils <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Marine Fuel Oils</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
COSTA RICA	18/01/2016	G/TBT/N/COL/215	Plastic Containers <i>RTCR 480 : 2015. Plastic Containers . Packaging recycled polyethylene terephthalate (RPET) food grade intended to come into contact with food. Specifications.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/COL/215/Corr.1	<i>The G / TBT / N / COL / 215 document that identifies a distributed document is not correct. This corrigendum is distributed to signal that the notification G / TBT / N / COL / 215 is therefore void and has no effect .</i>	—

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COLOMBIA	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/COL/216	Water based emulsion paints architectural type of indoor or outdoor use <i>Resolution of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism "Issuing the Technical Regulation applicable to the label issued water-based emulsion type of architectural use , for indoor or outdoor paints, which are manufactured, imported or marketed in Colombia"</i>	April 7, 2016
CZECH REPUBLIC	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CZE/191	Construction product <i>Draft government regulation amending Government Regulation No 163/2002, laying down technical requirements for selected construction products, as amended by Government Regulation No 312/2005</i>	60 days from notification
DENMARK	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/DNK/98	Meters used to measure the consumption of district and central cooling <i>Executive order amending executive order on metrological control of meters used to measure the consumption of district and central cooling</i>	1 December 2015
EUROPEAN UNION	18/01/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/337	Food <i>Draft Commission Regulation refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk</i>	60 days from notification
	18/01/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/338	Food <i>Draft Commission Regulation refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to children's development and health</i>	60 days from notification
	18/01/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/339	Food <i>Draft Commission Regulation refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health</i>	60 days from notification
INDONESIA	18/01/2016	G/TBT/N/IDN/101/Add.1	Food <i>Regulation of the Chairman of NADFC RI No 1 Year 2015 concerning Food Category – amendment of the Regulation</i>	—
JAPAN	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/JPN/513	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system <i>Designation of "Shitei Yakubutsu" (designated substances), based on the provision of the Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Regenerative and Cellular Therapy Products, Gene Therapy Products, and Cosmetics (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") (1960, Law No.145)</i>	—

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	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/JPN/514	Internally-located closed type showcase and internally-located open type showcase <i>Revision to Enforcement order, Enforcement regulation and establishment of Notification of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) for the Act on the Rational Use of Energy</i>	60 days from notification
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/621	Food for human consumption <i>Amendment on the "Functional Health Foods Act"</i>	60 days from notification
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/622	Food for human consumption <i>Amendment on the "Food Sanitation Act"</i>	60 days from notification
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/623	Food for human consumption <i>Proposed Revision of the "Labelling Standards for Foods"</i>	60 days from notification
	20/01/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/624	Medical devices <i>Regulation on medical equipment items and each item class</i>	60 days from notification
MAURITIUS	21/01/2016	G/TBT/N/MUS/5	Banning of plastic bags <i>Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2015</i>	—
	21/01/2016	G/TBT/N/MUS/6	Non-woven polypropylene bags <i>Environment Protection (Banning of Plastic Bags) (Amendment) Regulations 2015</i>	—
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	18/01/2016	G/TBT/N/SAU/860/Rev.1	Plugs and sockets - Revision <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia / Saudi Standards and Quality Organization (SASO) / Plugs and Socket-Outlets for Household and Similar General Use</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
TURKEY	22/01/2016	G/TBT/N/TUR/74	Botanicals and botanical preparations that may be used in foods <i>Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Botanicals and Botanical Preparations That May Be Used in Foods</i>	15 March 2016
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	18/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/901/Add.2	Automotive fuel – Addendum <i>Automotive Fuel Ratings, Certification and Posting – Final rule</i>	—
	18/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/926/Add.2	Air conditioning and heating equipment – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Small, Large, and Very Large Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces – Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking</i>	4 May 2016

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	19/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/926/Add.3	Air conditioning and heating equipment – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Small, Large, and Very Large Air- Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces – Direct final rule</i>	4 May 2016
	18/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/963/Add.1	Commercial warm air furnaces – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Small, Large, and Very Large Air- Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces – Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking</i>	4 May 2016
	19/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/963/Add.2	Commercial warm air furnaces – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Small, Large, and Very Large Air- Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces – Direct final rule</i>	4 May 2016
	19/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/973/Add.2	Residential furnaces and boilers – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Residential Furnaces and Boilers – Final rule</i>	–
	19/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/978/Add.2	Residential boilers – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Boilers – Final rule</i>	–
	19/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1063	Aircraft and space vehicles in general <i>Stage 5 Airplane Noise Standards</i>	13 April 2016
	21/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1064	Mobile handsets <i>Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets</i>	–
	21/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1065	Mobile handsets <i>Improvements to Benchmarks and Related Requirements Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Mobile Handsets</i>	14 January 2016
	21/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1066	Peanuts <i>Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Change to the Quality and Handling Requirements</i>	21 March 2016