

# 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 nineteen (19) WTO Members from Asia, Europe, 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

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## LIST OF WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (23—29 JANUARY 2016)

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, YEMEN	28/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/300</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/427</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/310</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/239</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/424</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/911</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/30</a>	Frozen fish products coated with bread crumb  <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Frozen Fish Products Coated With Bread Crumb"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	28/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/301</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/428</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/311</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/240</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/425</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/912</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/31</a>	Energy drinks  <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Requirements of Handling Energy Drinks"</i>	60 days from notification
	28/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/302</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/429</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/312</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/241</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/426</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/913</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/32</a>	Road vehicles in general  <i>Motor vehicle - "E-Call" Emergency Calls and Connectivity Technical Requirements</i>	60 days from notification

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BRAZIL	28/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/621/Add.1	Instruments & apparatus for measuring, level pressure— Addendum  <i>Inmetro Ordinance Nº 46, 27 January 2015— Ordinance Nº 46 pertains to bringing Sphygmomanometers (blood pressure monitor) under the approval of the minimum conditions to be satisfied by the non-invasive human blood pressure measurement</i>	—
COLOMBIA	28/01/2016	G/TBT/N/COL/21/Add.2	Pre-packaged products — Addendum  <i>Draft Resolution Regulating the Metrological Control of the Net Contents of Pre-packaged Products</i> — <i>Draft Resolution of the Superintendency of Industry and Trade "By which the metrological control of the net quantity of the prepackaged products is regulated"</i>	—
	28/01/2016	G/TBT/N/COL/21/Add.2	Refrigerators — Addendum  <i>Draft Technical Regulation on the Adequacy of Information Provided to Consumers — Draft Resolution of the Superintendency of Industry and Commerce "Whereby are instructed adequacy of information provided to consumers "</i>	—
	25/01/2016	G/TBT/N/COL/202/Add.1	Biological medicines — Addendum  <i>Draft Ministry of Health and Social Welfare Resolution "issuing the Handbook of Good Manufacturing Practices for biological medicines, establishing the instrument for verifying such practices, and adopting other provisions" — Draft Resolution of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare "which the Manual of Good Manufacturing Practices for the manufacture of biological drugs is issued and the instrument for verification is established and dictate other provisions"</i>	—
ECUADOR	25/01/2016	<a href="#"><u>G/TBT/N/ECU/322</u></a>	Brides and flanges fitted accessories for drinking water pipes  <i>Draft Technical Regulation PRTE INEN 140 "Brides and accessories fitted with flanges for drinking water pipes"</i>	12 April 2016
	25/01/2016	<a href="#"><u>G/TBT/N/ECU/323</u></a>	Fire columns, dry and supported, and hydrant systems  <i>Draft Technical Regulation PRTE INEN 158 "Fire Columns, dry and supported, and hydrant systems"</i>	12 April 2016

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	25/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/324</a>	Metal valves for water supply  <i>Draft Technical Regulation RTE INEN 159 "metal valves for water supply "</i>	12 April 2016
EUROPEAN UNION	27/01/2016	G/TBT/N/EEC/89/Add.11	Disposable Lighters – Addendum  <i>Draft Commission Decision requiring Member States to take measures to ensure that only disposable lighters which are child resistant are put on the market— In the absence of other satisfactory measures addressing the child safety of lighters, it is necessary to prolong the validity of Decision 2006/502/EC for a further 12 months and to amend it accordingly</i>	–
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/340</a>	Food  <i>Draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 432/2012 establishing a list of permitted 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
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/341</a>	Pesticides - Isoproturon  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance isoproturon, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</i>	60 days from notification
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/342</a>	Tobacco products  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Decision laying down the procedure for the establishment and operation of an independent advisory panel assisting Member States and the Commission in determining whether tobacco products have a characterising flavour</i>	60 days from notification
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/343</a>	Pesticides - Z,Z,Z,Z 7,13,16,19 docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing the approval of the active substance Z,Z,Z,Z-7,13,16,19-docosatetraen-1-yl isobutyrate, in accordance with Regulation (EC)-No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</i>	60 days from notification

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	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/344</a>	Pesticides - Z-13-hexadecen-11-yn-1-yl acetate  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation withdrawing the approval of the active substance Z-13-hexadecen-11-yn-1-yl acetate, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</i>	60 days from notification
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/345</a>	Substances to be used for the production of food and feed  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control</i>	60 days from notification
ISRAEL	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/835</a>	Reinforced PVC pressure hoses  <i>SI 1076 - Reinforced PVC pressure hoses for spraying materials, water or air</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/836</a>	Tap head of copper alloy  <i>SI 790 - Tap head of copper alloy - Non rising stem</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/837</a>	Domestic tap of copper alloy  <i>SI 169 - Domestic Tap of Copper Alloy</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/838</a>	Copper alloy sanitary fittings  <i>SI 538 part 4 - Copper alloy sanitary fittings: Pipe bend outlet</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/839</a>	Copper alloy sanitary fittings  <i>SI 538 part 3 - Copper alloy sanitary fittings: Double branch</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/840</a>	Copper alloy sanitary fittings  <i>SI 538 part 2 - Copper alloy sanitary fittings: Single branch</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/841</a>	Copper alloy sanitary fittings  <i>SI 538 part 1 - Copper alloy sanitary fittings: Elbows</i>	60 days from notification

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	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/842</a>	Copper alloy sanitary fittings <i>SI 538 - Copper alloy sanitary fittings: General requirements</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/843</a>	Crumbs from bakery products <i>SI 1325 - Crumbs from bakery products ("breadcrings")</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/844</a>	Fresh sardines <i>SI 976 - Fresh sardines</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/845</a>	V-ribbed belts for motor vehicle engines <i>SI 429 part 2 - V-belts for motor vehicle engines: V-ribbed belt</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/846</a>	Tungsten filament lamps <i>SI 246 part 3 - Tungsten filament lamps: Special requirements for 6-75V lamps</i>	60 days from notification
	26/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/847</a>	Refillable transportable seamless aluminium gas cylinders <i>SI 5198 - Refillable transportable seamless aluminium gas cylinders (excluding LPG) - Design, construction and testing</i>	60 days from notification
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/848</a>	Domestic electrical appliances <i>SI 900 part 1 - Household and similar electrical appliances - Safety: General requirements</i>	60 days from notification
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/849</a>	Gas cylinders <i>SI 9809 part 2 - Gas cylinders - Refillable seamless steel gas cylinders - Design, construction and testing - Quenched and tempered steel cylinders with tensile strength greater than or equal to 1100 MPa</i>	60 days from notification
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/850</a>	Gas cylinders <i>SI 9809 part 1 - Gas cylinders - Refillable seamless steel gas cylinders - Design, construction and testing - Quenched and tempered steel cylinders with tensile strength less than 1100 MPa</i>	60 days from notification
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/851</a>	Gas cylinders <i>SI 9809 part 3 - Gas cylinders - Refillable seamless steel gas cylinders - Design, construction and testing - Normalized steel cylinders</i>	60 days from notification

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	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/852</a>	Arc welding equipment <i>SI 60974 part 1 - Arc welding equipment: Welding power sources</i>	60 days from notification
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/853</a>	Ceramic tiles <i>SI 314 - Ceramic tiles - Definitions, classification, characteristics and marking</i>	60 days from notification
MEXICO	25/01/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/178/Add.8	Labelling of pre-packaged food and non alcoholic beverages – Addendum  <i>Draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-051-SCFI/SSA1-2009: General specifications for the labelling of pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages - Commercial and health information</i> – <i>Agreement that the criteria for the implementation and verification of the "Modifying the Official Mexican Standard NOM- 051- SCFI / SSA1-2010 , general specifications of labeling for food and non-alcoholic beverages prepackaged commercial and health - information " is set</i>	–
	25/01/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/293/Add.1	Medicaments – Addendum  <i>Draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-059-SSA1-2015: Good manufacturing practices for medicinal products</i> – <i>Response to comments received about the Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM- 059- PROY SSA1-2015, Good Manufacturing Practices for drugs.</i>	–
	25/01/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/294/Add.1	Pharmaceutical products – Addendum  <i>Draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-164-SSA1-2015: Good manufacturing practices for pharmaceutical products</i> – <i>Response to comments received about the Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM- 164 - SSA1-2015 , Good Manufacturing Practice of pharmaceuticals</i>	–
	25/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/298</a>	Agave syrup  <i>Draft Mexican Official Standard NOM- 003 - PROY - SAGARPA -2015 relating to the characteristics in terms of safety, quality , safety and traceability agave syrup as well as labeling and assessment compliance product</i>	60 calendar days after publication in the Official Journal of the Federation

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	25/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/299</a>	Petrochemicals  <i>Decision of the Energy Regulatory Commission on the establishment of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-emergency EM- 006 -CRE -2015 - Quality requirements for petrochemicals</i>	—
	28/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/300</a>	Oil  <i>Resolution on the Energy Regulatory Commission modifies NOM- EM- 005-CRE - 2015 quality specifications for petroleum and issues a disclaimer</i>	—
MALAYSIA	28/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MYS/65</a>	All foods  <i>New Regulations - Food Regulations: Food Analysis Fee 2015</i>	60 days from notification
PERU	28/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PER/84</a>	Biotechnology products  <i>Draft Manual of Good Manufacturing Practices for Pharmaceutical Products</i>	April 24, 2016
PARAGUAY	28/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/85</a>	Sweeteners or tabletop sweeteners containing Stevia ( <i>Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni</i> )  <i>Draft Technical Regulation which quality requirements are set out in Safety for sweeteners or tabletop sweeteners in its composition containing steviol glycosides and / or Stevia extract derived from the plant Stevia Ka'a - He'e</i>	60 days from the notification
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	28/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/914</a>	Clothes washing machines  <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)/Water Consumption efficiency Requirements for Clothes Washing Machines - Rating and Labelling. This edition cancels and Replaces SASO 2772 Published 2009 and constitutes a technical modifications</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
THAILAND	29/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/473</a>	Nutrition symbol on food label  <i>Draft The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No ...) B.E. ... Regarding the Display of Nutrition Symbol on Food Label"</i>	60 days from date of circulation of notification

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TURKEY	28/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TUR/75</a>	Miscellaneous products <i>Communiqué on Conformity Inspection of Some Consumer Products</i>	30 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	28/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/565/Add.5	Plants, plant products – Addendum <i>Lacey Act Implementation Plan; Definitions for Exempt and Regulated Articles</i> – Affirmation of interim final rule; Effective on 25 January 2016	–
	28/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/980/Add.1	Pumps – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Pumps</i> – Final rule; effective date of this rule is 24 February 2016	–
	28/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/981/Add.1	Pumps – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Pumps</i> – Final rule; effective date of this rule is 28 March 2016	–
	26/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1048/Corr.1	Equipment for children – Corrigendum <i>Safety Standard for High Chairs</i> – Correction	–
	27/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1050/Corr.1	Food labeling – Corrigendum <i>Food Labeling; Gluten-Free Labeling of Fermented or Hydrolyzed Foods</i> – Correction of Final Date for Comments	16 February 2016
	27/01/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1067</a>	Import data collection quality <i>Energy Conservation Program: Certification and Enforcement - Import Data Collection</i>	22 February 2016