



# 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- four (24) 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 (13 - 19 FEBRUARY 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	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/303</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/431</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/313</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/245</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/427</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/918</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/33</a>	Modified starches (food grade)  <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf - Draft Technical Regulation for "Modified Starches"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/304</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/432</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/314</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/246</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/428</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/919</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/34</a>	Popcorn grains  <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf - Draft Technical Regulation for "Popcorn Grains"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
CANADA	17/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/471/Add.1</a>	Hyoscine Butylbromide - Addendum  <i>Notice of Intent to Amend the Prescription Drug List (PDL): Hyoscine butylbromide -- Health Canada will switch injectable Hyoscine butylbromide to prescription status from ethical status for human use by adding it to the Human Prescription Drug List (PDL)</i>	—

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CHINA	18/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1167</a>	Health food <i>Provisions for Health Food Registration and Filing</i>	60 days from notification
	18/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1168</a>	Health food <i>Provisions for Health Food Functional Claims List and Ingredients List</i>	60 days from notification
EGYPT	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/117</a>	Tubular LED lamps <i>Ministerial Decree No. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standards ES 7800/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/118</a>	Tubular LED lamps <i>Ministerial Decree No. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standards ES 7824/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/119</a>	Road vehicles <i>Ministerial Decree No. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7842/2014</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/120</a>	Road vehicles <i>Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7925/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/121</a>	Road vehicles <i>Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7926/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/122</a>	Road vehicles <i>Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7927/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/123</a>	Road vehicles <i>Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015 (3 pages, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7928/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/124</a>	Road vehicles <i>Ministerial Decree No. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7929 /2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification

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	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/125</a>	Road vehicles  <i>Ministerial Decree No. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7941/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/126</a>	Road vehicles  <i>Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7942/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/127</a>	Road vehicles  <i>Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7943/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/128</a>	Road vehicles  <i>Ministerial Decree No. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7944/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/129</a>	Road vehicles  <i>Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7945/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/130</a>	Road vehicles  <i>Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7946/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
GERMANY	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/DEU/14</a>	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes  <i>Draft Act amending the Tobacco Products Act</i>	60 days from notification
EUROPEAN UNION	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/354</a>	Pesticides - Triasulfuron  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance triasulfuron, 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

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	17/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/355</a>	Biocidal products  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Decision pursuant to Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a horse cover impregnated with permethrin used for the protection of horses and their environment from insects</i>	60 days from notification
	17/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/356</a>	Biocidal products  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Decision pursuant to Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on propan-2-ol containing products used for hand disinfection</i>	60 days from notification
INDIA	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/53</a>	Food products  <i>Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Imports) Regulations, 2016</i>	60 days from the date of circulation of notification
ISRAEL	18/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/863</a>	Sweets (candies)  <i>SI 1307 - Sweets: Hard candies, toffees, compressed candies</i>	60 days from notification
JAPAN	17/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/516</a>	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>	Not applicable
	18/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/517</a>	Passenger vehicles  <i>Partial Amendment of Public Notice that prescribes Details of Safety Regulations for Road Transport Vehicle, and others</i>	60 days from ] notification
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/518</a>	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations  <i>Partial revision of the Standards for Cosmetics</i>	60 days from date of circulation

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/627</a>	Pharmaceuticals <i>Regulations on Safety of Pharmaceuticals, etc</i>	60 days from notification
	18/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/628</a>	Health functional food products <i>Proposed Amendments for "Standards and Specifications of Health Functional Foods"</i>	60 days from notification
MEXICO	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/290/Add.1</a>	Air conditioners - Addendum <i>Mexican Official Standard NOM-026- ENER -2015 , Energy Efficiency conditioners split type ( inverter) air with variable refrigerant flow , free download without air ducts. Boundaries, testing and labeling methods</i>	—
NICARAGUA	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NIC/26/Add.1</a>	Milk Product Processing Plants -Addendum <i>The Government of Nicaragua , announced that the Technical Standard NTON 05 006-03 environmental control for dairy processing plants , notified in document G / TBT / N / NIC / 26, on 15 August 2003 , has been modified so substantial in content</i>	60 days from notification published
OMAN	17/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/242</a>	Steel for the reinforcement of concrete <i>Steel for the reinforcement of concrete - Part 1: Plain bars</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	17/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/243</a>	Steel for the reinforcement of concrete <i>Steel for the reinforcement of concrete - Part 2: Ribbed bars</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	17/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/244</a>	Steel for the reinforcement of concrete <i>Steel for the reinforcement of concrete - Part 3: Welded fabric</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
PARAGUAY	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/87</a>	Sugar for human consumption <i>Draft Technical Regulation establishing the quality and safety requirements for sugar for human consumption</i>	60 days from notification

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KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	18/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/917</a>	Pressure regulators, automatic change-over devices  <i>No. SASO EN 16129:2013. "Pressure regulators, automatic change-over devices, having a maximum regulated pressure of 4 bar, with a maximum capacity of 150 kg/h, associated safety devices and adaptors for butane, propane, and their mixtures"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
SEYCHELLES	17/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SYC/1</a>	Plastic bags  <i>Environment Protection Act. (Act 9 of 1994) Environment Protection (Restriction on Plastic Bags) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015</i>	60 days from notification
THAILAND	16/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/452/Rev.1</a>	Steel bars - Revision  <i>Notification of the Ministry of Industry No. ... (B.E. 25xx) Issued under the Industrial Product Standards Act B.E. 2511(1968): Amending Thai Industrial Standard for Steel Bars for Reinforced Concrete: Round Bar (Amendment No 1)</i>	60 days from notification
	16/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/453/Rev.1</a>	Steel bars - Revision  <i>Notification of the Ministry of Industry No. ... (B.E. 25xx) Issued under the Industrial Product Standards Act B.E. 2511(1968): Amending to Thai Industrial Standard for Steel Bars for Reinforced Concrete: Deformed Bar (Amendment No 1)</i>	60 days from notification
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/228</a>	Drinking water faucet  <i>Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act</i>	60 days from notification
UKRAINE	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UKR/106/Corr.1</a>	Electrical and electronic equipments - Corrigendum  <i>The Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment"— Item 7 correction</i>	60 days from notification

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/425/Add.9/Corr.1</a>	Microwave ovens - Corrigendum  <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Standby Mode and Off Mode for Microwave Ovens; Correction</i>	—
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/767/Add.1</a>	Motor vehicle side marker lamp - Addendum  <i>Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment – Final rule</i>	—
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/884/Add.1</a>	Chemical substances - Addendum  <i>Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances – Final rule</i>	—
	15/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/908/Add.5</a>	Appliance labelling - Addendum  <i>Energy Labeling Rule – Final rule</i>	—
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1067/Add.1</a>	Import data collection quality - Addendum  <i>Energy Conservation Program: Certification and Enforcement-- Import Data Collection; Notice of Public Meeting and Reopening of Comment Period</i>	29 February 2016
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1068/Add.1</a>	Transmission systems and television and radio broadcasting - Addendum  <i>Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus – Final rule</i>	—
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1070/Add.1</a>	Chemical and compressed gasses - Addendum  <i>Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Revisions To Reporting and Record-keeping for Imports and Exports – Direct final rule</i>	—
	18/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1071</a>	Grain standards  <i>Reauthorization of the United States Grain Standards Act</i>	24 February 2016

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	18/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1072</a>	Cranial electrotherapy stimulator  <i>Neurological Devices; Reclassification of Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulator Intended To Treat Insomnia and/or Anxiety; Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulator Intended To Treat Depression</i>	21 April 2016
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1073</a>	Pet feed  <i>Rules for Pet Food</i>	5 February 2016
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1074</a>	Animal feeding stuffs  <i>Rules for Commercial Feed</i>	5 February 2016
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1075</a>	Nozzles used at non retail gasoline dispensing facilities (GDFs)  <i>Certification Procedures for Vapor Recovery Systems</i>	—
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1076</a>	Portable fuel containers  <i>Portable Fuel Container Regulation</i>	16 February 2016
	19/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1077</a>	Water conserving plumbing fixtures  <i>2013 Plumbing Code - Water Conserving Plumbing Fixtures</i>	15 February 2016