

# 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 on automotive, food, chemicals, electrical/electronic products, mechanical/ building and construction, pharmaceuticals, protective equipment, and petroleum and related technologies from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Thailand, Viet Nam, United States of America, and other countries 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 (01 - 07 October 2016)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AUTOMOTIVE</b>					
GLAZING AND WIPER SYSTEMS	VIET NAM	03/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/89</a>	Safety glazing  <i>QCVN 32:2016/BGTVT National technical regulation on safety glazing equipped on vehicles</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	05/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/880/Add.1</a>	Containers for melons - Addendum  <i>Exemption From Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final rule</i>	—
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1188/Add.1</a>	Speed limiting devices - Addendum  <i>Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for Rulemaking to Require the Installation and Maintenance of Speed Limiting Devices in Heavy Vehicles; Notice of availability; request for comments</i>	7 November 2016

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	ARGENTINA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/289/Add.5</a>	<p>Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers - Addendum</p> <p><i>Please be advised that Resolution No. 314 / E-2016 SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND SERVICES (SIS) Article 10 is replaced Resolution No. 323/2014 ex SI (G / TBT / N / ARG / 289), by the next:</i></p> <p><i>"Article 10. The validity of Licensing Model Configuration issued prior to the effective date of this resolution will expire according to the following schedule, which may be renewed for a period of five (5) years, according the procedure stipulated in the previous article:</i></p> <p><i>a) Issued until the day March 31, 2012 will expire on March 31, 2017.</i></p> <p><i>b) Issued from the day April 1, 2012 will expire five (5) years from the date of issue.</i></p>	—
	VIET NAM	03/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/91</a>	<p>Road vehicles</p> <p><i>QCVN 35:2015/BGTVT National technical regulation on optical characteristic of road vehicle headlamps</i></p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	VIET NAM	03/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/90</a>	<p>Pneumatic tyres for motor vehicles and their trailers</p> <p><i>QCVN 34:2016/BGTVT National technical regulation on pneumatic tyres for automobiles</i></p>	60 days from notification
TRANSPORT EXHAUST EMISSIONS	CHINA	03/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/930/Rev.1</a>	<p>Vehicles emissions - Revision</p> <p><i>Limits and measurement methods for emissions of light-duty vehicles (CHINA 6)</i></p>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat

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<b>FOOD</b>					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	05/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/684/Add.1</a>	<p>All foods containing originally lactose or food that have been altered and contain residual lactose - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (Anvisa), issued the Draft Technical Resolution N° 255, 23 September 2016, regarding the mandatory statement of the presence of lactose on food labelling.</i></p>	1 November 2016
	BRAZIL	05/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/684/Add.2</a>	<p>All foods containing originally lactose or food that have been altered and contain residual lactose - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (Anvisa), issued Draft Technical Resolution N° 256, 23 September 2016, which changes the Ordinance SVS/MS N° 29, 13 January 1998, that approves the technical regulation regarding food for special purposes, in order to regulate food for diets with lactose restriction.</i></p> <p><i>The products manufactured until the date of entry into force of this Resolution may be marketed until their expiration dates.</i></p>	1 November 2016
	THAILAND	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/474/Add.1</a>	<p>Novel food - Addendum</p> <p><i>Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) notified in G/TBT/N/THA/474 dated on 1 February 2016, has been adopted as notification of MOPH notification No. 376 regarding novel food in the Official Gazette dated 15 July 2016.</i></p> <p><i>Date of entry into force: On the date after being notified in the Official Gazette (16 July 2016) .</i></p>	—
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1116/Add.1</a>	<p>Canned and bottled foods and beverages - Addendum</p> <p><i>Proposition 65 Bisphenol A; Readoption of Emergency Action</i></p>	—

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NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	EGYPT	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/93/Corr.1</a>	Non-alcoholic beverages - Corrigendum  <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Non Alcoholic Barley Drink (12 pages, in Arabic) to supersede ES No.1765/2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005.</i>	—
	EGYPT	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/93/Add.1/Corr.1</a>	Non-alcoholic beverages - Corrigendum  <i>In the addendum G/TBT/N/EGY/93/Add.1 dated 15 August 2016, para. 4, line 6 should read (changes are underlined and bold):  Egyptian Standard ES 1765/2016 supersedes ES <b>No. 1765/2005</b> that has already been mandated since 2005 by the Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005.</i>	—
OILSEEDS	SOUTH AFRICA	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZAF/212</a>	Soya beans, whether or not broken  <i>Regulations Relating to the Grading, Packing and Marking of Soya Beans intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa in terms of the Agricultural Product Standards Act No. 119 of 1990</i>	2 December 2016
SUGAR	PARAGUAY	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/87/Add.1</a>	Sugar for human consumption - Addendum  <i>Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare (MSPyBS) joined the National Legislation RESOLUTION S.G. No. 338/16 Whereby the Technical Regulation Establishing the Quality and Safety Requirements sugar for human consumption is approved; and General Standards are arranged, the draft resolution was notified under G / TBT / N / PRY / 87.</i>	—

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<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	THAILAND	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/456/Add.1</a>	Lead-containing paints - Addendum  <i>This addendum is to inform that the Announcement of Committee on Labelling Chapter 39 (B.E.2559) "Lead-Based Paint is controlled label product" issued by Office of the Consumer Protection Board, notified under G/TBT/N/THA/456 was adopted on 24 February 2016 and has entered into force from 8 April 2016.</i>	—
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	05/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/409</a>	Pesticides - Linuron  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance linuron, 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 the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/411</a>	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)  <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 perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related substances</i>	60 days from notification
<b>ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS</b>					
COMPUTERS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1204</a>	Computers, computer monitors  <i>Computers, Computer Monitors, and Signage Displays Appliance Efficiency Rulemaking</i>	24 October 2016

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ELECTRIC FLY SWATTER	THAILAND	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/455/Add.1</a>	<p>Electric mosquito swatter - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum is to inform that the Announcement of Committee on Labelling Chapter 38 (B.E.2559) "Electric Fly Swatter is controlled label product" issued by Office of the Consumer Protection Board, notified under G/TBT/N/THA/455 was adopted on 24 February 2016 and has entered into force from 8 April 2016.</i></p>	—
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING	INDIA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/47/Add.3</a>	<p>Electronics and information technology goods - Addendum</p> <p><i>India had notified addition of 15 products to the Schedule of the "Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012" to the WTO with Notification G/TBT/N/IND/47.</i></p> <p><i>This is to inform Members that Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has issued circular 1 of 2016 regarding the "Implementation of clarification on server/storage power supplies" wherein the implementation of clarification issued vide FAQ no. 42 (Part II) is postponed up to 31 December 2016. Accordingly, the power supplies for server/storage devices shall stand covered under the "Electronics and IT Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012" with effect from 1 Janu-</i></p>	—

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KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	COLOMBIA	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/199/Add.3</a>	<p>Cookers, ovens, continuous-flow water heaters, storage water heaters and grills - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Colombia hereby notifies that the draft amendment to Resolution No. 680 of March 6, 2015 the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism "Issuing the Technical Regulation on some domestic gas appliances manufactured domestically or imported is issued for They are marketed in Colombia ", notified on 5 April 2016 by the World Trade Organization in document identified as G / TBT / N / COL / 199 / Add.2, which has been issued on 21 September 2016, by Resolution No. 1814 of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, which came into force on 31 March 2017.</i></p>	—
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	05/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/998/Add.3</a>	<p>Residential conventional ovens - Addendum</p> <p><i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Conventional Cooking Products; Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Extension of public comment period</i></p>	2 November 2016
<b>MECHANICAL/BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION</b>					
GLASS IN BUILDING	EGYPT	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/163</a>	<p>Float glass</p> <p><i>Ministerial Decree No.241/2016 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 353-2/2016 "Glass in building - basic soda lime silicate glass products- part two: float glass"</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	CHINA	03/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/683/Rev.1</a>	<p>Water closets - Revision</p> <p><i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Minimum Allowable Values of Water Efficiency and Water Efficiency Grade for Water Closets</i></p>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	MEXICO	03/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/327</a>	<p>Equipment and sanitary accessories</p> <p><i>NOM-002-CNA-2015 "Equipment and accessories for sanitary purposes"</i></p>	Within 60 calendar days after publication in the Official Gazette

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<b>PHARMACEUTICS</b>					
MEDICAMENTS	ARGENTINA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/243/Add.1</a>	<p>Active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) - Addendum</p> <p><i>Please be advised that Provision No. 10692/2016 of the National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology ANMAT No. 5260/2008 on "Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (IFA) - Authorization and comptroller" is complemented (G / TBT / N / ARG / 243).</i></p> <p><i>The provision is reported establishes reporting obligations to be met by laboratories holders of record of medical specialties that use or contain in their chemical precursors in relation to the activities of weighing and mixing of said substances.</i></p> <p><i>It is clear that the active pharmaceutical ingredients (API's) are called "chemical precursors" or "Subject to Special Control Substances" interchangeably.</i></p>	—
	BRAZIL	03/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/388/Add.3</a>	<p>Medicines - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) issued the Resolution N° 113, 15 September 2016, which changes the Resolution RDC N° 76, 2 May 2016, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/388/Add.2 , and also changes the Normative Instruction N° 2, 30 March 2009.</i></p>	—
VETERINARY MEDICINE	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	05/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1202</a>	<p>Veterinary biological products</p> <p><i>Viruses, Serums, Toxins, and Analogous Products; Packaging and Labeling</i></p>	—



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<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
ALCOHOLS	EUROPEAN UNION	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/410</a>	Methanol  <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 methanol</i>	60 days from notification
FUELS	ARGENTINA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/306</a>	Alternative fuels  <i>List of Dangerous Goods - Incorporation</i>	—
GAS CYLINDERS	COLOMBIA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/73/Add.4</a>	Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Colombia hereby notifies that Resolution No. 18 0581 of April 23, 2008 the Ministry of Mines and Energy, notified by the World Trade Organization in document identified as G / TBT / N / COL / 73 / Add. 1 May 31, 2013, it was repealed by Resolution No. 4 0247 of 7 March 2016 the Ministry of Mines and Energy "issuing the technical regulation is issued for bottling plants of liquefied petroleum gas , GLP ".</i>	—
	COLOMBIA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/156/Add.2</a>	LPG cylinders - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Colombia hereby notifies that Resolution No. 18 0780 of 17 May 2011 the Ministry of Mines and Energy, notified by the World Trade Organization in document identified as G / TBT / N / COL / 156 / Add.1 of 6 February 2012, it has been repealed by Resolution No. 4 of 0248 March 7, 2016 the Ministry of Mines and Energy "Whereby the technical regulations applicable to deposits issued, outlets and outlets LPG cylinders. "</i>	—

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<b>PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT</b>					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	05/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1201</a>	Baby changing products <i>Safety Standard for Baby Changing Products</i>	13 December 2016
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/215/Add.2</a>	Hearing protectors - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses that the RTE INEN 215 (1R) has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 16322 of August 10, 2016, issued by the Undersecretariat of Quality System Productivity of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity; and published in the Official Gazette No. 851 of 29 September 2016.</i>	—
	ECUADOR	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/216/Add.2</a>	Protective goggles and special masks for worker safety - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses that the RTE INEN 216 (1R) "Rotectores Individual Face and Eyes" has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 16323 of August 10, 2016, issued by the Undersecretariat of Quality System Productivity of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity; and published in Official Gazette No. 851 of 29 September 2016.</i>	—
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/217/Add.2</a>	Safety belts and personal protective equipment for fall prevention - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses that the RTE INEN 217 (1R) "PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AGAINST FALLS HIGH" has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 16321 of August 10, 2016, issued by the Undersecretariat of Quality System Productivity of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity; and published in the Official Gazette No. 851 of 29 September 2016.</i>	—

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<b>OTHERS</b>					
CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	THAILAND	04/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/383/Rev.3</a>	Product licensing - Revision <i>Notification of the Thai Industrial Standards Institute Regarding the Rules and Procedures on Conformity Assessment for Licensing and</i>	—
COSMETICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	06/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/672</a>	Cosmetics <i>Proposed amendments to the "Regulation on Safety Standards etc of Cosmetics"</i>	60 days from notification
PAPER PRODUCTS	ARGENTINA	07/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/304/Add.1</a>	Packaged paper - Addendum <i>Please be advised that Resolution No. 279 - E / 2016 TRADE SECRETARIA has extended the entry into force of SC Resolution No. 155/2016 notified in document G / TBT / N / ARG / 304, until 25 November 2016.</i>	—
PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	05/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1203</a>	Fireworks <i>Statement of Policy on the Commission's Interpretation of Intent To Produce Audible Effects Within the Meaning of the Commission's Fireworks Regulations Under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act</i>	6 October 2016
OTHER RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	NEW ZEALAND	03/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NZL/76</a>	Hot water bottles made from rubber and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) <i>Unsafe Goods (Hot Water Bottles) Indefinite Prohibition Notice 2016 made under Section 31 of the Fair Trading Act 1986 - Notice given by the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.</i>	14 October 2016