

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 food, chemicals, building and construction materials, electrical/electronic products, petroleum products, textiles etc. from Canada, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Turkey, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (08 - 14 October 2016)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
CHEMICALS					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	AUSTRALIA	13/10/2016	G/TBT/N/AUS/102	Industrial chemicals <i>Implementing reforms to the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) Consultation Paper 4 (October 2016)</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICALS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC DISINFECTION PURPOSES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	14/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/684	Chemical products <i>Revised Draft of Public Notice on Designation of Product(s) of Risk Concerns and Safety and Labeling Standards</i>	60 days from notification

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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS					
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	LITHUANIA	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/LTU/6/Add.3	Construction products - Addendum <i>The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania periodically issues amended list of construction products - subject to regulation. This draft regulation supplements the existing list by newly adopted European harmonized standards. The new draft legislation also sets the systems of assessment and verification of constancy of performance of construction products for which there are no harmonized technical specifications.</i>	—
PLYWOOD	MALAYSIA	11/10/2016	G/TBT/N/MYS/70	Logs and baulks; plywood <i>Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS): Import Regulations</i>	60 days from notification
STEEL WIRE, WIRE ROPES AND LINK CHAINS	THAILAND	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/THA/489	Low carbon steel wire rods <i>Draft Thai Industrial Standard for Low Carbon Steel Wire Rods (TIS 348-25xx)</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS					
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/677	Electronic power assisted boards <i>Enact of the Self-Regulatory Safety Confirmation Criteria for Electronic Power Assisted Boards Notice</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/673	Electrical appliances and industrial product <i>Draft of Enforcement Ordinance of Electrical Appliances and Industrial Products Safety Control Act</i>	60 days from notification
	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/674	Electrical appliances and industrial product <i>Draft of Enforcement regulation of Electrical Appliances and Industrial Product Safety Control Act</i>	60 days from notification

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LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	10/10/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/874/Add.6	General service lamps - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Lamps: Notice of public meeting and webinar</i>	—
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	THAILAND	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/THA/466/Add.1	Household or laundry-type washing machines - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that Thai Industrial Standard for Clothes Washing Machines for Household Use: Safety Requirements (TIS 1463-2556(2013)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute, notified under G/TBT/N/THA/466 was adopted on 26 September 2016 and will enter into force after 365 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (26 September 2017) .</i>	—
EQUIPMENT					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/676	Children's products <i>Children's products for safety confirmation</i>	60 days from notification
	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/683	Children's products <i>A draft revision of common safety standards of children's products</i>	60 days from notification
OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/675	Aquatic equipment <i>A draft revision for Safety Certification criteria for Aquatic equipment notice</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD					
FOOD ADDITIVES	TURKEY	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/TUR/79	Food additives <i>Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Specifications for Food Additives</i>	14 December 2016
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	14/10/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/412	Food <i>Draft Commission Regulation refusing to authorise a health claim 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
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/682	Foods, livestock products <i>Proposed Revision of the "Regulation for Designation of Certification Assurance Agency in Foods and Animal products"</i>	60 days from notification

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HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	13/10/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/695	Medical devices <i>Draft Technical Resolution n° 257, 28 September 2016</i>	5 December 2016
MEDICAMENTS	CHINA	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/CHN/1182	Drug <i>Provisions for Good Laboratory Practice for Non-Clinical Laboratory Studies of Drug</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
EQUIPMENT FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS INDUSTRIES	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	10/10/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1205	Oil and gas production systems <i>Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf - Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems</i>	—
FUELS	CANADA	11/10/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/500	Fuels and solvents <i>Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Made Under Section 89, Subsection 93(1) and Section 114 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act,</i>	15 December 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	10/10/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1147/Add.2	Motor fuel and petroleum - Addendum <i>Motor Fuel and Petroleum Standards Act; Rule Adoption</i>	—
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	MEXICO	13/10/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/328	Petrochemicals <i>Draft Mexican Official Standard NOM-168-SEMARNAT-ASEA-2016, maximum permissible emission levels from gas turbines, open-cycle or combined cycle and measurement aero-</i>	60 calendar days after publication in the Official Gazette (October 5, 2016)

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TEXTILES					
HOME TEXTILES. LINEN	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/681	Curtains <i>A draft revision for Safety and Quality Mark Criteria for Textile Products and Leather Products</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/678	Textile products for infants <i>A draft revision for Safety Conformation Criteria for Textile Products for Infants</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/679	Textile products and leather products <i>A draft revision for safety and quality mark criteria for textile products and leather products</i>	60 days from notification
	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11/10/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/680	Leather products for children, textile products for children <i>A draft revision for Supplier Conformation criteria for Leather Products for Children, Textile Products for Children</i>	60 days from notification
OTHERS					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	14/10/2016	G/TBT/N/TPKM/249	Personal care and cosmetics products containing plastic microbeads <i>Restrictions on the Manufacture, Import, and Sale of Personal Care and Cosmetics Products Containing Plastic Microbeads (Draft)</i>	60 days from notification
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS	VIET NAM	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/VNM/92	Goods <i>Draft Circular to replace the Circular No. 05/2014/TT-BTTTT dated 19 March, 2014 specifying the List of potential unsafe products and goods management responsibility of Ministry of Information and Communications</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	10/10/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1090/Add.1	Plastic bags and plastic film - Addendum <i>Plastic Bags and Plastic Film; Rule Adoption</i>	—

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PRIMARY CELLS AND BATTERIES	SINGAPORE	13/10/2016	G/TBT/N/SGP/30	Batteries 1. <i>Environmental Protection and Management Act (EPMA)</i> The document is available online at http://statutes.agc.gov.sg/ 2. <i>Proposed Tightening of Controls for Mercury-Added Batteries and Button Cell Batteries in Singapore (See Attachment)</i>	60 days from the date of notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CANADA	11/10/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/490/Add.1	Tobacco products - Addendum <i>Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Sales and Access Act Regulations</i> <i>The Tobacco and Electronic Smoking Device Sales and Access Act Regulations (EC538/15) notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/490 (dated 24 June 2016) are amended by the addition of the following after section 1:</i> 1.1 <i>For the purpose of section 3.1 of the Act, an agent added to tobacco to produce an aroma or taste other than the aroma or taste of tobacco, including the aroma or taste of candy, chocolate, fruit, a spice, an herb, an alcoholic beverage, vanilla or menthol, is a prescribed flavouring agent.</i> 2. <i>These regulations come into force on 1 May 2017.</i>	—
TOYS	TURKEY	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/TUR/80	Toys <i>Safety of Toys Implementing Regulation</i>	30 days from notification
TOXIC SUBSTANCES	CANADA	12/10/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/443/Add.1	Toxic substances - Addendum <i>Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012</i> <i>The proposed amendment notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/443 (dated 24 April 2015) was adopted 5 October 2016, with minor modifications following public consultations, as the Regulations Amending the Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012.</i> <i>These Regulations come into force three months after the day on which they are registered.</i>	—