

# 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, electrical and electronic products, and mechanical/building and construction materials, etc. from Argentina, Chile, Mexico, European Union, Thailand, 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 (15 - 21 October 2016)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS</b>					
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	20/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/252</a>	Dehumidifiers <i>Requirements on Minimum Energy Performance Standard and Energy Efficiency Rating Labelling and Inspection of Dehumidifiers</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	20/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/253</a>	Refrigerators <i>Requirements on Minimum Energy Performance Standard and Energy Efficiency Rating Labelling and Inspection of Household Refrigerators and Refrigerator-Freezers</i>	60 days from notification

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	20/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/307/Corr.1</a>	Low-voltage electrical products - Corrigendum  <i>It is reported that the content of G / TBT / N / ARG / 307 is wrong, therefore, that notification is cancelled.</i>	—
FLUORESCENT LAMPS	THAILAND	19/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/442/Add.1</a>	Fluorescent lamps - Addendum  <i>This addendum is to inform that Thai Industrial Standard for Double Capped Fluorescent Lamps - Safety Specifications issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute, notified under G/TBT/N/THA/442 was adopted on 29 September 2016 and will enter into force after 365 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (3 October 2017) .</i>	—
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	COLOMBIA	17/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/212/Add.2</a>	Electrical and gas end-use equipment - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Colombia announces that the Decision 4 1012 of 18 September 2015 the Ministry of Mines and Energy Establishing the Technical Regulation on labeling (RETIQ) for the rational use of energy for certain end-use equipment powered by electricity and fuel gas for marketing in Colombia, notified November 10, 2015 through the World Trade Organization in document G / TBT / N / COL / 212 / Add.1, was repealed by Decision No. 4 of 0947 October 3, 2016 of the Ministry of mines and energy effective October 4, 2016. Some requirements in the General Annex were also temporarily suspended.</i>	—
<b>FOOD</b>					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	19/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/308</a>	Wines  <i>Importing bulk wine products</i>	—
	EUROPEAN UNION	20/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/415</a>	Aromatised wine products  <i>Draft Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) No 251/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the authorised production processes for obtaining aromatised wine products</i>	60 days from notification

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CONFECTIONARY	TURKEY	21/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TUR/81</a>	Grape molasses <i>Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Grape Molasses</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EL SALVADOR	25/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SLV/183/Add.1</a>	Organic agricultural products-Addendum <i>The Republic of El Salvador notifies that the deadline for the notification document G / TBT / N / SLV / 183, notified on August 25, 2016 is extended.</i>	30 November 2016
	EUROPEAN UNION	17/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/413</a>	Food <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation authorising a health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health and amending Regulation (EU) No 432/2012</i>	60 days from notification
	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	20/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/251</a>	Food additives, egg products, edible vinegars and infant foods <i>Public Notice (food No. 1051301491) issued by Ministry of Health and Welfare: "Draft Amendment to Food Businesses Shall Establish Traceability System of Food Products"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	PERU	21/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PER/89/Corr.1</a>	Foodstuffs - Corrigendum <i>In the notification made by G / TBT / N / PER / 89: Objective and rationale, including, where appropriate, the nature of urgent problems: Protection of human health.</i>	—
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	MEXICO	21/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/297/Add.1</a>	Glazed pottery ware, glazed ceramic ware, porcelain ware and glass ware -Addendum <i>On December 15, 2015, the Draft Standard 231-NOM-SSA1-2015, articles glazed pottery, glazed pottery, porcelain and glassware were reported. Maximum permissible limits for lead and cadmium soluble. Test method for public consultation in the Official Gazette.</i>	—

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MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	SLOVENIA	21/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SVN/99</a>	Meat products and meat preparations  <i>Rules on the quality of meat products and meat preparations</i>	20 December 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1125/Add.1</a>	Shell eggs - Addendum  <i>Amendment to the Definition of "Condition" and Prerequisite Requirement for Shell Eggs Eligible for Grading and Certification Stated in the Regulations Governing the Voluntary Grading of Shell Eggs; Final rule</i>	—
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS. FOOD ADDITIVES	SLOVENIA	21/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SVN/100</a>	Edible salt  <i>Rules on the quality of edible salt</i>	14 December 2016
SUGAR. SUGAR PRODUCTS. STARCH	MEXICO	21/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/298/Add.1</a>	Agave syrup - Addendum  <i>Response to comments on the draft Mexican Official Standard NOM-003-SAGARPA-2015, concerning the characteristics, health, quality, safety, traceability, labeling and conformity assessment of agave syrup published in the official journal of the federation on 21 December 2015, published in the official journal of the federation on October 13, 2016.</i>  <i>On January 8, 2016, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food. He published in the Official Gazette, the NOM-003-SAGARPA-2015, concerning the characteristics, health, quality, safety, traceability, labelling and evaluation conformity agave syrup</i>	—

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<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
CHEMICALS	BRAZIL	17/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/696</a>	Labels and leaflets of pesticides, wood preservers and others  <i>Draft Technical Resolution n. 261, 10 October 2016, regarding guidelines for toxicological information in labels and leaflets of pesticides and wood preservers</i>	20 October 2016
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGRO-CHEMICALS IN GENERAL	CHILE	19/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/237/Add.3</a>	Pesticides - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Chile informs that in relation to the resolution of the Agriculture and Livestock Service, notified on 10 July 2013 under G / TBT / N / CHL / 237, that on September 28, 2016, has been issued a modification to it. The date of entry into force is from October 6, 2016, except the provisions of paragraph letter v 1, shall take effect starting on October 6, 2017.</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1013/Add.2</a>	Chemical substances - Addendum  <i>Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Determination 32 for Significant New Alternatives Policy Program; Determination of acceptability</i>	—
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1144/Add.2</a>	Chemical bulk storage - Addendum  <i>Chemical Bulk Storage (CBS); Emergency Rule Extension</i>	—
<b>MECHANICAL/BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION</b>					
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	THAILAND	17/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/55/Rev.1</a>	Steels - Revision  <i>Draft Thai Industrial Standard for Hot-Rolled Flat Steel for Automobile Structural Uses (TIS 1999-25XX)</i>	60 days from notification
STEELS FOR PRESSURE PURPOSES	THAILAND	17/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/57/Rev.1</a>	Steels - Revision  <i>Draft Thai Industrial Standard for Hot Rolled Flat Steel for Gas Cylinders (TIS 2060-25XX)</i>	60 days from notification

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THERMAL AND SOUND INSULATING MATERIALS	EUROPEAN UNION	20/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/414</a>	Construction products <i>Draft Commission Delegated Regulation on the classification of horizontal settlement and short term water absorption performance for in-situ formed loose fill cellulose (LFCI) thermal insulation products under EN 15101-1 pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council</i>	60 days from notification
WOOD, SAWLOGS AND SAWN TIMBER	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	21/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/685</a>	Sawn timber, non-structural glued laminated timber and glued laminated board <i>Draft of Standard and Specification of Wood Products</i>	60 days from notification
OTHERS					
EXHAUST EMISSIONS	CHILE	17/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/375</a>	Non-road mobile machinery, generators, public transport buses, fuel <i>Standards Draft Plan for Prevention and Atmospheric Decontamination of the Metropolitan Region of Santiago</i>	60 days from the date of notification
LEG AND FOOT PROTECTION	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	17/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/250</a>	Safety footwear and protective footwear <i>Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act</i>	60 days from notification
RADIATION PROTECTION	CZECH REPUBLIC	20/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/200</a>	Sources of ionising radiation <i>Draft implementing decree on radiation protection and security of radionuclide sources</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/10/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1165/Add.1</a>	Motor vehicle emissions - Addendum <i>Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) III and Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Emission Standards; Rule Adoption</i>	—