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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 notified 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.

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A total of 52 notifications on Agriculture, Civil Engineering, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment and Sports, Environment, Health Protection and Safety and Metrology, Measurement and Physical Phenomena etc., from the Czech Republic, European Union, Israel, Uganda, the United States, 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 (06 - 12 July 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
AGRICULTURE	AUSTRALIA	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/AUS/110	All agricultural products, including dairy, honey, processed foods, seafood, eggs, wool [...], as pet food), skins and hides <i>This notification is in regards to a change in the appearance and functionality of export certificates and a change to container seals on consignments from Australia</i>	26 July 2019
OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO FARM BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS	ISRAEL	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1056	Electric fence energizers <i>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 900 part 2.76, dealing with Electric fence energizers, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is in line with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</i>	60 days from notification

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HORTICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	ISRAEL	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1057	<p>Pedestrian controlled mains-operated lawnmowers</p> <p><i>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 900 part 2.77, dealing with Electric lawnmowers, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is inline with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</i></p>	60 days from notification
HORTICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	ISRAEL	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1058	<p>Walk-behind and hand-held lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers</p> <p><i>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 900 part 2.91, dealing with Electric lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is inline with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</i></p>	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	JAPAN	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/JPN/624/Rev.1	<p>Poisonous and deleterious substance – Revision</p> <p><i>Under the provision of the Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Act, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare designates 9 substances as Deleterious Substances to specification by G/TBT/N/JPN/624, but drops Butyric acid and preparations containing this substance more than 3% as Deleterious Substance, and changes into 8 substances.</i></p>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1500	<p>Chemical substances</p> <p><i>EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 3 chemical substances which are the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). This action would require persons to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or processing of any of these 3 chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this proposed rule.</i></p>	7 August 2019
CIVIL ENGINEERING					
ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	UGANDA	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1096	<p>Bitumen and bituminous binders : penetration grade bitumen</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements and test methods for penetration graded bitumen suitable for pavement construction.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	UGANDA	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1097	<p>Bitumen and bituminous binders : cutback bitumen</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard applies to bituminous materials and covers the requirements</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<i>for cutback bitumen types suitable for road construction and similar purposes.</i>	
ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	UGANDA	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1098	Bitumen and bituminous binders : anionic bitumen emulsion <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and test methods of anionic bitumen emulsions suitable for pavement construction.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	UGANDA	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1099	Bitumen and Bituminous binders - Cationic bitumen emulsions <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and test methods for cationic bitumen emulsions suitable for pavement construction.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	UGANDA	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1100	Bitumen and Bituminous binders - Performance graded bitumen <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and test methods for performance graded bitumen suitable for pavement construction.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
DOORS AND WINDOWS	ISRAEL	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1059	Drives for shutters, awnings, blinds and similar equipment <i>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 900 part 2.97, dealing with electric drivers for shutters, awnings, blinds and similar equipment, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is inline with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</i>	60 days from notification
CEMENT. GYPSUM. LIME. MORTAR	UGANDA	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1101	Hydraulic road binders <i>This Draft Uganda Standard applies to hydraulic road binders produced in a factory and supplied ready for use in road bases, sub-bases, capping layers, and soil stabilization or soil improvement. It specifies the mechanical, physical and chemical requirements for hydraulic road binders, together with the conformity criteria and evaluation procedures to be applied by the manufacturer.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	CANADA	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/594	Personal care, automotive and household maintenance products, adhesives, adhesive removers[...], other miscellaneous products <i>The proposed Volatile Organic Compound Concentration Limits for Certain Products Regulations (proposed Regulations) would prohibit the import and manufacture of products that exceed prescribed volatile organic compound (VOC) concentration limits.</i>	19 September 2019

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CLEANING APPLIANCES	CHILE	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/485	Surface cleaning devices for domestic use that use steam <i>This protocol establishes the procedure for the certification of household cleaning surfaces that use steam, of rated voltage not exceeding 250 V.</i>	60 days from notification
BODY CARE EQUIPMENT	ISRAEL	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1052	Shavers, hair clippers and similar electrical appliances <i>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 900 part 2.8, dealing with shavers, hair clippers and similar electrical appliances, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is inline with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</i>	60 days from notification
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	ISRAEL	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1053	Battery chargers <i>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 900 part 2.29, dealing with battery chargers, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is inline with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</i>	60 days from notification
BODY CARE EQUIPMENT	ISRAEL	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1054	Electrical massage appliances <i>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 900 part 2.32, dealing with electrical massage appliances, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is inline with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</i>	60 days from notification
AUTOMATIC CONTROLS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE	ISRAEL	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1055	Electrical appliances for use with aquariums and garden ponds <i>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 900 part 2.55, dealing with electrical appliances for use with aquariums and garden ponds, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is in line with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	ISRAEL	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1060	Electrical humidifiers <i>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 900 part 2.98 (including Amendment 1 of April 2013), dealing with Electric humidifiers, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is inline with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CHILE	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/484	Nightlights mounted on sockets <i>This protocol establishes the procedure for Certification and Security requirements for nighttime luminaires mounted on bases of mains socket to be used with electric light sources whose voltage power that does not exceed 250 V ~, 50 Hz.</i>	60 days from notification

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LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CHILE	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/486	Attractive portable luminaires for children <i>This protocol establishes the procedure for certification and safety requirements for attractive portable luminaires for children with a supply voltage not exceeding 250 V ~ 50 Hz. Including all types of ferrules and types of lamps.</i>	60 days from notification
CABLES	NEPAL	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/NPL/9	Insulated cable for fixed wiring with copper conductor <i>This technical regulation prescribes the requirements, sampling plan, criteria for conformity, marking and packing for the following types of unarmored PVC insulated cables with copper conductor for electric power and lightning for voltage up to and including 750V to be used for fixed wiring purposes .</i>	60 days from notification
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES	UNITED STATES	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1499	Stationary compression ignition internal combustion engines <i>The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing amendments to the Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this Federal Register, we are publishing a direct final rule, without a prior proposed rule that revises the emission standards for particulate matter for new stationary compression ignition (CI) engines located in remote areas of Alaska.</i>	5 August 2019
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY	BRAZIL	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/889	Regulatory repository revision towards the cancellation of regulatory measures of low impact for society <i>This draft resolution establishes the regulatory repository revision towards the cancellation of regulatory measures of low impact for society.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/KOR/845	Electric personal mobility <i>Establishment of safety criteria (body weight, lights, horn) for electric personal mobility on roads.</i>	60 days from notification
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	NEPAL	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/NPL/7	Protective helmets for motorcycle rider <i>This Technical Regulation prescribes the requirements regarding materials, construction, workmanship, finish, mass and performance for protective helmets (with or without lower face cover) for everyday use by motorcycle riders.</i>	60 days from notification

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ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/SAU/1112	Electronic smoking systems <i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i>	60 days from notification
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/SAU/1113	Fire fighting systems and devices <i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i>	60 days from notification
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENT FOR GENERAL USE					
STATIONARY CONTAINERS AND TANKS	BRAZIL	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/323/Add.5	Transportable containers for liquefied petroleum gas - Addendum <i>The National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro issued Ordinance 272, 1 July 2019, approving adjustments to conformity assessment requirements for transportable containers for liquefied petroleum gas (GLP), due to the new materials used in containers in accordance to the Ministerial Act n° 74, 7 February 2012 and Ordinance 418, 5 November 2010 established in the Annex of this Ordinance.</i>	—
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/781/Add.2	Food supplements and labelling - Addendum <i>The annexes I and III of the Normative Instruction 28, 26 July 2018, previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/781/Add.1- which establishes the lists of nutrients, bioactive substances, enzymes and probiotics, limits of use, claims and supplementary labelling of food supplements - were rectified.</i>	—
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	INDIA	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/IND/102	Labelling on pre-packaged food <i>These regulations prescribe the labelling requirements of pre-packaged foods and display of essential information on premises where food is manufactured, processed, served and stored. The new regulations will supersede the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011.</i>	60 days from notification

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FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAYSIA	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/MYS/94	<p>Sardine and mackerel (in airtight containers for retail sale)</p> <p><i>The proposed amendment to Regulation 161 of the Food Regulations 1985 is to include the maximum permitted number of parasite allowed in one (1) kilogram of canned fish and only applies to canned fish prepared from sardine and mackerel.</i></p> <p><i>The insertion of new Regulation 43A to the Food Hygiene Regulations 2009 is to describe the cleaning procedure for fish intended for canning.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed amendment to the Fourth Schedule of the Food Hygiene Regulations 2009 is to include the new Regulation 43A into the list of compoundable offences.</i></p>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/JPN/622/Add.1	<p>Pharmaceutical products - Addendum</p> <p><i>Revision to establish, amend and delete articles under Japanese Pharmacopoeia, Seventeenth edition notified in G/TBT/N/JPN/622 (dated 18 March 2019) was adopted and published on 28 June 2019.</i></p>	—
MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING					
INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS. MANIPULATORS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/378/Add.1	<p>Robots and robotic devices, an[...]ines for cold metal - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Registration of Safety Information for Robots and Robotic Devices, and Sawing Machines for Cold Metal under the Occupational Safety and Health Act" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/378 on 28 May 2019, will come into effect on 1 September 2019 as no objection was received.</i></p>	—
METALLURGY					
HEAT-TREATABLE STEELS	NEPAL	11/7/2019	G/TBT/N/NPL/8	<p>Galvanized steel sheets (plain and corrugated)</p> <p><i>This Technical Regulation prescribes the requirements of plain galvanized steel sheets and strips (coils) and corrugated galvanized steel sheets.</i></p>	60 days from notification
STEELS FOR REINFORCEMENT OF CONCRETE	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/383	<p>Steel bars for concrete reinforcement</p> <p><i>Steel bars for concrete reinforcement are subject to mandatory inspection under the certification system of the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) . The BSMI is proposing to adopt the revised CNS 560 "Steel bars for concrete reinforcement" (2018) as the new testing and inspection standard, to replace the current CNS 560 (2014) .</i></p>	60 days from notification

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METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/236/Add.1	<p>Serving measures - Addendum</p> <p><i>The draft general measure number: 0111-OOP-C099-19, laying down metrological and technical requirements for legally controlled measuring instruments, including testing methods for verification of the following legally controlled measuring instruments: "serving measures" is available here in English and Czech.</i></p>	—
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/237	<p>Digital tachographs</p> <p><i>Tachographs in road transport are placed on the market and put into service in the Czech Republic in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 165/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on tachographs in road transport. The only purpose of this notified legislation is to lay down the tests for examining instruments at the request of a person who may be affected by incorrect measurement.</i></p>	26 September 2019
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/238	<p>Butyrometers</p> <p><i>Pursuant to the Act, legally controlled measuring instruments are instruments that are included in the list of the types of legally controlled measuring instruments (Implementing Decree No 345/2002) and, at the same time, intended (by the manufacturer/importer) for measurements of relevance to the protection of public interests in areas of consumer protection, contractual relations, imposition of sanctions, fees, tariffs and taxes, health protection, environmental protection, occupational safety, or the protection of other public interests protected by special legislation.</i></p>	18 September 2019
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/239	<p>Analogue tachographs</p> <p><i>Tachographs in road transport are placed on the market and put into service in the Czech Republic in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 165/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on tachographs in road transport. The only purpose of this notified legislation is to lay down the procedure for examining instruments at the request of a person who may be affected by incorrect measurement.</i></p>	26 September 2019
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/240	<p>Nozzle sensors for transmission medium flow</p> <p><i>Nozzle sensors for transmission medium flow may be placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as legally controlled measuring instruments in accordance with Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended.</i></p>	18 September 2019

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METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/241	Instruments for measuring the instantaneous values and short- and long-term averag[...] uivalent activity concentration <i>Instruments for measuring the instantaneous values and short- and long-term averages of the 222Rn activity concentration in air and water and the 222Rn equivalent activity concentration may be placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as legally controlled measuring instruments in accordance with Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended.</i>	23 September 2019
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/242	Current measuring transformers <i>Current measuring transformers may be placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as legally controlled measuring instruments pursuant to Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended.</i>	23 September 2019
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/243	Venturi tube sensors for transmission medium flow <i>Venturi tube sensors for transmission medium flow may be placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as legally controlled measuring instruments in accordance with Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended.</i>	20 September 2019
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/244	Nozzle gas flow sensors <i>Nozzle gas flow sensors may be placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as legally controlled measuring instruments in accordance with Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended.</i>	18 September 2019
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	9/7/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/245	Venturi tube gas flow sensors <i>Venturi tube gas flow sensors may be placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as legally controlled measuring instruments in accordance with Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended.</i>	18 September 2019
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/823/Add.2	Vehicle emissions - Addendum <i>Specifies the requirements for the state's Low Emission Vehicle Program.</i>	—
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
AUXILIARY MATERIALS AND ADDITIVES FOR PLASTICS	EUROPEAN UNION	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/668	Lead and lead compounds in articles produced from polymers or copolymers of vinyl chloride <i>This draft Regulation would amend entry 63 to Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. It would prohibit the use of lead and lead compounds in articles produced from polymers or copolymers of vinyl chloride as well as their placing on the market in articles produced from PVC if the concentration of lead (expressed as metal) is equal to or greater than 0.1% by weight of the PVC material.</i>	60 days from notification

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SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
SERVICES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/890	<p>General Regulation of Products and Services under the regulatory scope of Inmetro : public call for comments</p> <p><i>The National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (INMETRO) has initiated the process to elaborate the General Regulation of Products and Services under the regulatory scope of Inmetro. Therefore, it is launching a public enquiry to promote social participation in such process.</i></p>	60 days from notification
TESTING					
TEST CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	8/7/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1491/Add.1	<p>Test procedure interim waiver process - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 1 May 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) that proposed amendments to streamline its test procedure interim waiver decision-making process.</i></p>	—
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	BRAZIL	12/7/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/740/Add.1	<p>Textile and textile articles - Addendum</p> <p><i>The National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance 296, 12 June 2019, approving the Mercosur Technical Regulation on textile products labelling, inserted in Annex I of this Ordinance in accordance to Ordinance 221, 23 August 2017.</i></p>	—