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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 75 notifications on Chemical Technology, Food Technology, Health Care Technology, Manufacturing Engineering, Packaging and Distribution of Goods, etc., from Brazil, Burundi, India, Philippines, Tanzania, 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 (08 - 14 February 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
AGRICULTURE	PERU	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/PER/111/Add.1	Organic agricultural products - Addendum "Organic Production" <i>The Republic of Peru reports that regarding the "Regulation of Certification and Supervision of the Organic Production", notified with the signature G/TBT/N/PER/111 dated February 22 from 2019; Supreme Decree No. 002-2020-MINAGRI has been issued, published in the Official Gazette "El Peruano" of February 6, 2020, which approves the modification of the Regulations of the Law No. 29196, Law for the Promotion of Organic or Ecological Production, approved by Decree Supreme No. 010-2012-AG and approves the Regulation of Certification and Supervision of the Organic production.</i>	—

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AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	COLOMBIA	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/COL/240/Add.2	<p>Foodstuffs for animals - Addendum</p> <p><i>Resolution 61252 of February 9, 2020 "By means of which the requirements and the procedure for the registration of manufacturers and importers of animal feed as well as the requirements and procedure for the registration of animal feed and are dictated other provisions"</i></p> <p><i>The Republic of Colombia reports that in relation to the draft resolution of the Institute Colombian Farming-ICA "Through which the requirements and the procedure for the registration of manufacturers and importers of animal feed as well as the requirements and procedure for the registration of animal feed and are dictated other provisions "notified on October 14, 2019 by the World Trade Organization by means of the document identified with the signature G/TBT/N/COL/240, which has been issued through Resolution 61252 of February 9, 2020, said resolution was published in the Journal Official No. 51217 of February 4, 2020, date from which it entered into force.</i></p>	—
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	JAPAN	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/581/Add.2	<p>Organic livestock and organic livestock products - Addendum</p> <p><i>Amendment of the standard for organic livestock and organic livestock products as a technical regulation notified in G/TBT/N/JPN/581/Add.1 (15 March 2018) was adopted and published in "KAMPO" (Official Gazette, Available in Japanese) on 16 January 2020 and comes into force in 6 months of the publication date of "KAMPO".</i></p>	—
FARMING AND FORESTRY	JAPAN	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/580/Add.2	<p>Organic processed foods of animal origin and organic processed foods of plant and animal origin - Addendum</p> <p><i>Amendment of the standard for Organic processed foods of animal origin and Organic processed foods of plant and animal origin as a technical regulation notified in G/TBT/N/JPN/580/Add.1 (15 March 2018) was adopted and published in "KAMPO" (Official Gazette, Available in Japanese) on 16 January 2020 and comes into force in 6 months of the publication date of "KAMPO".</i></p>	—
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
CHEMICALS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC DISINFECTION PURPOSES	BRAZIL	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/968	<p>Sanitizing products</p> <p><i>This draft resolution establishes the regulation with technical requirements for the market authorization, modifications and classification of sanitizing products, according to their potential risk to the health.</i></p>	20 April 2020
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/134	<p>Morpholine</p> <p><i>Morpholine is an extremely versatile chemical with many important applications. It is used as an intermediate in the manufacture of rubber chemicals, optical brighteners, resin and dyes. It is also used extensively as a corrosion inhibitor in steam boiler systems. Indian standard of Morpholine prescribes minimum purity, metallic impurities such as copper, iron, nickel in parts per million (maximum) .</i></p>	60 days from notification

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/135	Phenol <i>Phenol is used as an antiseptic, germicide and disinfectant. It is also used in the manufacture of dyes, picric acid. It finds industrial applications such as Phenol Formaldehyde resins, poly carbonates, laminates, plywood, epoxides, phenoxyl herbicides and numerous pharmaceutical drugs. This standard of Phenol prescribes minimum assay of Phenol. The locally manufactured or imported Phenol shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 538: 2000) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made there under. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.</i>	60 days from notification
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/138	Pyridine <i>Pyridine is used as solvent in dyestuff industry, pharmaceutical industry and as a laboratory reagent. It is also used in the manufacture of drug intermediates like 2- aminopyridine, 2, 6-diaminopyridine, pheniramine, vitamins, adhesives, food flavouring agent etc. it is also used in the manufacture of pesticides. The Indian standard of pyridine stipulates minimum purity content, and maximum limit of impurities such as copper content, ammonium compounds, chlorides and sulphates etc. Since pyridine finds application in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, its quality need to conform to the BIS standards otherwise impurities present in Pyridine enter the animal & human chain. The locally manufactured or imported Pyridine shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 8058: 2018) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made there under. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/643/Add.1	Chemical substances - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/171 of 6 February 2020 amending Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) was adopted on 6 February 2020 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 35 on 7 February 2020.</i>	—

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	INDIA	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/127	<p>Phosphorous trichloride</p> <p><i>Phosphorous Trichloride is used as a chemical intermediate to produce a variety of products which are used in several applications including agricultural products, surfactants and metal extractants, flame retardants, additives for lubricants etc. The Indian standard prescribes minimum purity of Phosphorous Trichloride and maximum content of heavy metals. The locally manufactured or imported Phosphorous Trichloride shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 4581:1978, reaffirmed 2015) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . Bureau of Indian Standards of the State Governments shall be the enforcing authority.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	INDIA	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/128	<p>Potassium carbonate anhydrous</p> <p><i>Potassium carbonate is used as a dehydrating agent and for making other potassium salts, such as chlorates and chromates. It also finds its use in ceramics, explosives, fertilizers, mineral water, tanning electroplating, shampoo preparations, process engraving and soft soaps, textile dyeing, bleaching and finishing oil, and photography. The Indian standard of Potassium Carbonate prescribes minimum purity and the percentage of heavy metal content such as lead, iron etc. The locally manufactured or imported Potassium Carbonate Anhydrous shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 7129: 1992) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made there under. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	INDIA	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/136	<p>Phosphorous oxychloride</p> <p><i>Phosphorous Oxychloride finds wide use as catalyst and chlorinating agent in dyestuff industries, pesticides and pharmaceutical industries. The locally manufactured or imported Phosphorous Oxychloride shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 11657: 1986) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made there under. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	INDIA	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/137	<p>Phosphorous pentachloride</p> <p><i>Phosphorous Pentachloride is mainly used as chlorinating agent in the manufacture of pharmaceutical, dyestuffs and pesticides. The Indian standard prescribes minimum purity of Phosphorous Pentachloride. The locally manufactured or imported Phosphorous Pentachloride shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 11744:1986) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . Bureau of Indian Standards of the State Governments shall be</i></p>	60 days from notification

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	INDIA	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/139	Sodium sulphide <i>Sodium Sulphide is widely used in paper and pulp industry, in tanneries, dyestuff and textile industries, and ore beneficiation. The solution being caustic, it needs proper care in handling. The standard prescribes purity of Sodium Sulphide and maximum content of impurities such as iron, aluminium and sodium compounds. The locally manufactured or imported Sodium Sulphide shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 297: 2001) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made there under. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	INDIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/141	Sodium formaldehyde sulfoxylate <i>Sodium Formaldehyde sulfoxylate is a power full reducing agent. It also finds extensive applications in textile industry for printing and stripping dyed textiles prior to redying and discharge printing. It is used in bleaching sugar cane juice for making jaggery, as a redox catalyst in emulsion of polymers and as a stabilizer/anti-oxidant in Pharmaceutical drug formulations. It also has a niche use as a water conditioner, reducing the amount of chlorine. The standard of the product stipulates minimum purity and maximum permissible content of heavy metals like lead, iron, copper and zinc etc. The locally manufactured or imported Sodium Formaldehyde Sulfoxylate shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 4505: 2015) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . The use of standard mark is governed by the provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986 and the Rules and Regulations made there under. Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.</i>	60 days from the date of upload on WTO website
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	11/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/669/Add.1	Instantaneous gas water heaters - Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - INMETRO issued the Ordinance 536, of 26 December 2019, that incorporates the following resolutions:</i> 1) Mercosur Resolution 04/2018 into the national legal order, which approves the Mercosur Technical Regulation for Output Sensors for Combustion Products Installed in Domestic Appliances; 2) Mercosur Resolution 05/2018, which approves the Mercosur Technical Regulation for Atmosphere Sensing Devices Installed in Devices for Domestic Use; 3) Mercosul Resolution 06/2018, which approves Mercosul Technical Regulation for instantaneous water heaters for domestic use that use gas as fuel, previously approved by Draft Technical Regulation 159, of 05 April 2016.	—

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
FURNITURE	BRAZIL	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/373/Rev.1/Add.3	<p>Mattress and mats made of flexible polyurethane foam - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance 515, of 13 December 2019, in order to approve the documentary simplification of regulation for mattresses and mats flexible polyurethane foam, considering the public consultation published by the Ordinance Inmetro n° 259, of 5 September 2018, previously notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/373/Rev.1/ Add.2 .</i></p>	—
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/375/Add.7	<p>Pencil sharpeners, backpacks and briefcases, drawing sets - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims to inform that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - INMETRO, issued Draft Resolution N° 02, of February 6, 2020, which proposes adjustments to the regulations for school items, established by Ordinance Inmetro 481, of 2010.</i></p>	30 days from the date of publication
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/403	<p>Double-capped LED lamps</p> <p><i>The Bureau of Energy proposes to set up the minimum energy efficiency requirement for double-capped LED lamps to improve energy efficiency.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ACCIDENT AND DISASTER CONTROL	UNITED STATES	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1578	<p>Airbus defense and space (airbus) model C-295 airplane</p> <p><i>Final special conditions; request for comments - These special conditions are issued for the Airbus Defense and Space (Airbus) Model C-295 airplane. This airplane will have novel or unusual design features when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. The Airbus Model C-295 airplane will have non-rechargeable lithium battery installations. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.</i></p>	21 February 2020
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1577	<p>Substances containing highly potent greenhouse gases</p> <p><i>Proposed rule - Pertains to substances that contain hydrofluorocarbons, which are highly potent greenhouse gases.</i></p>	13 March 2020

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ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1510/Add.2	<p>Renewable Fuel Standard Program</p> <p><i>Under section 211 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to set renewable fuel percentage standards every year. This action establishes the annual percentage standards for cellulosic biofuel, biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel that apply to gasoline and diesel transportation fuel produced or imported in the year 2020. Relying on statutory waiver authority that is available when the projected cellulosic biofuel production volume is less than the applicable volume specified in the statute, EPA is establishing volume requirements for cellulosic biofuel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel that are below the statutory volume targets. We are also establishing the applicable volume of biomass-based diesel for 2021. In addition, we are finalizing changes to the percentage standard calculations to account for volumes of gasoline and diesel we project will be exempted from the renewable volume obligations. Finally, this action finalizes several regulatory changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program including new pathways, flexibilities for regulated parties, and clarifications of existing regulations.</i></p>	—
TRANSPORT EXHAUST EMISSIONS	THAILAND	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/512/Add.1	<p>Motorcycle : emission from engine level 7 - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Safety Requirements for Motorcycle: Emission from Engine Level 7 (TIS 2915 - 2561 (2018)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/512 , was adopted on 29 January 2020 and will enter into force after 60 days of publication in the Official Gazette (29 March 2020) .</i></p>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	BRAZIL	11/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/964	<p>Air conditioners</p> <p><i>The Draft Resolution for the partial improvement of the conformity assessment requirements for air conditioners, establishing the seasonal cooling performance index and determining other measures for the availability of these products in the national market.</i></p>	60 days after publication in the Official Gazette of Brazil

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/719/Add.2	Beverage, wine and grape product - Addendum <i>A proposal of Technical Regulation that approves the rules regarding the labeling of beverages, wine, and grape derivatives. The Ordinance No. 51, 07 April 2017, was published and notified on G/TBT/N/BRA/719, followed by a period for public consultation. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA had withdrawn the above-proposed.</i>	—
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS	BURUNDI	12/02/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/79	Crude and semi refined palm oil <i>This East African standard adopted as Burundi standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for crude and semi refined (neutralized and/or bleached) palm oil derived from the fleshy mesocarp of the fruit of oil palm (Elaeis guineensis) intended for further processing.</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	11/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/829/Add.2	Fish, molluscs, crustaceans- Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - INMETRO issued the Ordinance Inmetro 34, of 29 January 2020 that revokes Portaria Inmetro n° 38, of 11 February 2010 that establishes the determination of the net content of pre-measured glaciated fish, molluscs and crustaceans packaged, previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/829/Add.1 (Resolution GMC n° 9/019).</i>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	SWITZERLAND	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/CHE/243	Organic products <i>Organic Farming Ordinance (SR 910.18): Since the organic equivalence determination process for bilateral arrangements is led by the Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG), in future the competence for the inclusion of the countries in the list of countries shall fall under the responsibility of FOA and not of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER) any longer (Article 23 (1)).</i>	10 May 2020
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EEC/101/Add.3	Agricultural and aquaculture products - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members of the adoption of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/25 of 13 January 2020 amending and correcting Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 laying down detailed rules for implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 as regards the arrangements for imports of organic products from third countries. This Commission Implementing Regulation does not add any new requirements, but clarifies that the Certificate of inspection should be issued by the Control Bodies before the consignment leaves the third country of origin or export, as already enshrined in Commission Implementing Regulation 1235/2008.</i>	—

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/966	Whey and acid whey, in liquid, concentrated and powder forms <i>The Ordinance No. 26 opens a 60-day period for public consultation on a Draft Technical Regulation to set the identity and the minimum quality requirements that must be met by the whey and acid whey, in liquid, concentrated and powder forms.</i>	60 days from the date of publication on the Brazilian Official Journal
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/967	Quinine tonic water, compound drink, tea, soft drink, soda and their respective solid and liquid preparations <i>The Ordinance No. 27 opens a 75-day period for public consultation on a Draft Technical Regulation to set the identity and the quality standards that must be met by the quinine tonic water, compound drink, tea, soft drink, soda and their respective solid and liquid preparations.</i>	75 days from the date of publication on the Brazilian Official Journal
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	PHILIPPINES	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/PHL/230	Salabat or instant ginger drink <i>The draft Administrative Order aims to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish the standard of quality for the processing packaging and labelling of salabat or instant ginger drink, and; • serve as a guide for manufacturers, traders, importers/distributors of salabat or instant ginger drink. 	30 days from date of notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	BURUNDI	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/75	Plantation (mill) white sugar <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies, methods of test and sampling for plantation (mill) white sugar intended for human consumption</i>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	BURUNDI	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/76	Glossary of terms used in confectionery trade <i>This Draft East African Standard defines the various terms frequently used in the industries concerned with the confectionery trade.</i>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	BURUNDI	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/77	Raw cane sugar <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and methods of test for raw sugar produced from sugarcane (Saccharum officinarum), and intended for further processing to make it fit for human consumption".</i>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	BURUNDI	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/78	Refined white sugar <i>This Draft East African standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for refined white sugar intended for industrial use and/or human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification

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GENERALITIES. TERMINOLOGY. STANDARDIZATION. DOCUMENTATION					
COORDINATION • TERMINOLOGY (PRINCIPLES AND COORDINATION)	UNITED STATES	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1574	Alternative diesel fuels <i>Proposed rule - Amends rules to modify the Commercialization of Alternative Diesel Fuels to improve the rigor and clarity of its testing and certification program.</i>	24 February 2020
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	11/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1579	Radiological computer-assisted diagnostic (CADx) software for lesions suspicious for cancer <i>Final amendment; final order - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is classifying the radiological computer-assisted diagnostic (CADx) software for lesions suspicious for cancer into class II (special controls) . The special controls that apply to the device type are identified in this order and will be part of the codified language for the radiological CADx software for lesions suspicious for cancer's classification. We are taking this action because we have determined that classifying the device into class II (special controls) will provide a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness of the device. We believe this action will also enhance patients' access to beneficial innovative devices, in part by reducing regulatory burdens.</i>	60 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	11/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1580	Radiological computer aided triage and notification software <i>Final amendment; final order - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is classifying the radiological computer aided triage and notification software into class II (special controls) . The special controls that apply to the device type are identified in this order and will be part of the codified language for the radiological computer aided triage and notification software's classification. We are taking this action because we have determined that classifying the device into class II (special controls) will provide a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness of the device. We believe this action will also enhance patients' access to beneficial innovative devices, in part by reducing regulatory burdens.</i>	—
MEDICAMENTS	GUATEMALA	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/GTM/77/Add.1	Natural medicines for human use - Addendum <i>The purpose of the present Addendum is to notify WTO Members that this Technical Regulation has been updated and that there will be a comment and observation period of 60 days as from the date of this notification.</i>	60 days from notification
MEDICAMENTS	PANAMA	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/PAN/108	Natural medicinal products for human use <i>The purpose of the notified Technical Regulation is to establish the conditions and requirements for the sanitary registration of natural medicines for human use intended for marketing. The Technical Regulation applies to natural medicines for human use that are manufactured or imported by natural or legal persons for marketing in the Central American region. It does not apply to products containing as the constituent responsible for pharmacological activity active substances that are chemically synthesized or isolated from natural material, or to ophthalmic or parenteral pharmaceutical products.</i>	60 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	INDIA	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/132	Gamma picoline <i>Gamma Picoline is used in polymer industry for making 4-vinylpyridine which is used for manufacture of polymers and pharmaceutical intermediates. It is also used in pharmaceutical industry for the manufacture of Isoniazid, an anti-TB drug. Since Gamma Picoline finds application in the manufacturing of Pharmaceuticals, its quality need to conform to the BIS standards otherwise impurities of Gamma Picoline may enter the animal & human change. The India standard of Gamma Picoline prescribes minimum purity of Gamma Picoline and impurities which need not to exceed the maximum content mentioned there in. The locally manufactured or imported Gamma Picoline shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 16113: 2013) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . Bureau of Indian Standards of the State Governments shall be the enforcing authority.</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	INDIA	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/133	Hydrogen peroxide <i>Hydrogen peroxide is mainly used as an oxidizing and bleaching agent in industry and also as disinfectant. The standard specifies acidity of the product and maximum percentage of impurities like iron, copper, lead and arsenic etc. The locally manufactured or imported Hydrogen Peroxide shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 2080:1984, reaffirmed 2016) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . Bureau of Indian Standards of the State Governments shall be the enforcing authority.</i>	60 days from notification
MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING					
CUTTING TOOLS IN GENERAL	BURUNDI	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/70	Hand and machine hacksaw blades <i>This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for hand and machine hacksaw blades.</i>	60 days from notification
CUTTING TOOLS IN GENERAL	BURUNDI	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/73	Curved blade and straight blade machete <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for machete. It applies to general purposes curved blade and straight blade machete.</i>	60 days from notification
HAND-HELD TOOLS	BURUNDI	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/71	Steel hammerhead <i>This Draft East Africa Standard specifies technical requirements, methods of sampling and testing of hammers with head made of steel. It applies to hammers only used to strike items having a maximum hardness of 46 HRC.</i>	60 days from notification
HAND-HELD TOOLS IN GENERAL	BURUNDI	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/72	Shovels and spades <i>This Draft East Africa Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and testing of shovels and spades.</i>	60 days from notification
HAND-HELD TOOLS IN GENERAL	BURUNDI	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/BDI/74	Handheld hoes <i>This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for forged hoes; both plain and fork handheld hoes used for digging. It also covers double headed hoes.</i>	60 days from notification

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MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING					
HAND-HELD TOOLS IN GENERAL	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/391	Shovels and spades <i>This Draft East Africa Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and testing of shovels and spades.</i>	60 days from notification
HAND-OPERATED TOOLS	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/386	Forged and double headed hoes <i>This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for forged hoes; both plain and fork handheld hoes used for digging. It also covers double headed hoes.</i>	60 days from notification
HAND-OPERATED TOOLS	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/388	Curved blade and straight blade machete <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for machete. It applies to general purposes curved blade and straight blade machete.</i>	60 days from notification
HAND-OPERATED TOOLS	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/392	Steel hammerhead <i>This Draft East Africa Standard specifies technical requirements, methods of sampling and testing of hammers with head made of steel. It applies to hammers only used to strike items having a maximum hardness of 46 HRC. This Standard does not apply to steel hammer heads with a head mass of less than 100 g.</i> <i>NOTE: Striking items of a greater hardness is liable to cause chipping, this necessitates choosing hammers with properties different from those defined in this Standard.</i>	60 days from notification
SAWS	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/393	Hand and machine hacksaw blades <i>This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for hand and machine hacksaw blades.</i>	60 days from notification
METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/389	High-strength low-alloy steel (HSLA) for hot rolled sheet and cold rolled sheet <i>This East African Standard specifies the requirements for steel sheet in coils and cut lengths for high-strength low-alloy steel (HSLA) supplied as hot-rolled sheet and cold-rolled sheet. For the purposes of determining conformance with this specification and the various material specifications, values shall be rounded to the nearest unit in the right-hand place of figures used in expressing the limiting values.</i>	60 days from notification
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/390	Stainless steel storage tanks <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies constructional requirements, sampling and test methods for non -pressurized stainless steel storage tanks for food related items.</i>	60 days from notification
STEEL WIRE, WIRE ROPES AND LINK CHAINS	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/387	Steel wire and steel wire products for fencing <i>This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for steel wires and wire products used for fencing purposes.</i>	60 days from notification

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METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASUREMENT OF VOLUME, MASS, DENSITY, VISCOSITY	UNITED STATES	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1496/Add.1	Hydrogen gas measuring device - Addendum <i>Adopts rules to keep certain accuracy classes. Removes other accuracy classes. Adopts the national standard accuracy class.</i>	—
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
CANS. TINS. TUBES	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/396	Blow moulded polyolefin containers <i>This standard (Part 2) specifies tolerances on dimensions, performance requirements and methods of sampling and tests for free standing blow moulded containers, made from polyolefin, with capacities over 5 litres up to and including 60 litres and having an internal neck diameter not exceeding 75 mm. This standard does not cover containers specifically intended for products classified as dangerous goods.</i>	60 days from notification
CANS. TINS. TUBES	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/398	Blow moulded polyolefin containers : closed head containers over 60 litres, up to and including 250 litres capacity <i>This standard (Part 3) specifies tolerances on dimensions, performance requirements and methods of sampling and tests for free standing blow moulded containers, made from polyolefin, with capacities over 60 litres up to and including 250 litres and having an internal neck diameter not exceeding 75 mm. This standard does not cover containers specifically intended for products classified as dangerous goods.</i>	60 days from notification
CANS. TINS. TUBES	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/399	Blow moulded polyolefin containers : up to 5 litres capacity <i>This Draft Tanzania standard specifies tolerances on mass, dimensions, performance requirements and methods of sampling and tests for blow moulded containers, made from polyolefin, with capacities up to and including 5 litres. This standard does not cover containers specifically intended for products classified as dangerous goods.</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/394	Aluminium foil for Packaging <i>This draft Tanzania standard specifies requirements, method of sampling and test for annealed aluminium alloy foil used for general packaging. This specification covers annealed aluminium alloy foil containing 98.00 % minimum aluminum and in thicknesses 0.0064 mm up to 0.15 mm. This draft standard does not cover the requirements of aluminium and aluminium alloy foil for pharmaceutical packaging applications.</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/397	Flexible plastic packaging materials <i>This draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements for flexible plastic packaging materials. This draft standard covers the thickness and printing requirement of these plastic packaging materials. This draft standard does not cover woven and non-woven plastic materials. This draft standard cover exempted flexible plastic packaging materials and flexible plastic material used in other application other than packaging as prescribed by the National environmental legislations.</i>	60 days from notification

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PAPER TECHNOLOGY					
PAPER PRODUCTS	INDIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/140	Plain copier paper <i>As mentioned in the Plain Copier Paper (Quality Control) Order, 2020, as attached.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation of the notification.
PAPER PRODUCTS	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	12/2/2020	G/TBT/N/RUS/98	Print media and book products for adults <i>The Draft provides for the addition of the Joint list of products subject to sanitary and epidemiological supervision (control) at the customs border and in the customs territory of the Customs Union with "print media and book products for adults" with the aim of subsequently establishing sanitary and epidemiological and hygienic requirements for it.</i>	60 days from notification
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS	UNITED STATES	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1250/Add.2	Underground natural gas storage facilities - Addendum <i>The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is publishing this final rule to amend its minimum safety standards for underground natural gas storage facilities (UNGSFs) . On 19 December 2016, PHMSA issued an interim final rule (IFR) establishing regulations in response to the 2015 Aliso Canyon incident and the subsequent mandate in section 12 of the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016. The IFR incorporated by reference two American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practices (RPs): API RP 1170, "Design and Operation of Solution-mined Salt Caverns Used for Natural Gas Storage" (First Edition, July 2015); and API RP 1171, "Functional Integrity of Natural Gas Storage in Depleted Hydrocarbon Reservoirs and Aquifer Reservoirs" (First Edition, September 2015) . The IFR required each provision in the API RPs to apply as mandatory (i.e., each "should" statement would apply as a "shall") unless an operator provides written justification for not implementing the practice, including an explanation for why it is impracticable and not necessary for safety. Based on the comments received to the IFR and a petition for reconsideration, PHMSA has determined that the RPs, as originally published, will provide PHMSA with a stronger basis upon which to base enforcement than the IFR. This final rule also addresses recommendations from commenters and a petition for reconsideration of the IFR by modifying compliance timelines, revising the definition of a UNGSF, clarifying the states' regulatory role, reducing recordkeeping and reporting requirements, formalizing integrity management practices, and adding risk management requirements for solution-mined salt caverns.</i>	—
NATURAL GAS	PERU	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/PER/119/Corr.1	Cylinders for the storage of compressed natural gas used- Corrigendum <i>Draft Technical Regulation on High Pressure Cylinders for Gas Storage Compressed Natural (CNG) used as fuel for Motor Vehicles and Devices of CNG Cylinder Clamping In Point 2 and 11 of Notification G / TBT / N / PER / 119 of February 4, 2020.</i>	—

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ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
CRASH PROTECTION AND RESTRAINT SYSTEMS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/402	Child restraint system for vehicles <i>Child restraint system for vehicles are subject to mandatory inspection under the product safety system administered by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) in accordance with the Commodity Inspection Act. The BSMI is proposing to adopt the revised CNS 11497 "Children restraint system for vehicles" (2019) as the new testing and inspection standard, to replace the current version published in 2010. Revisions included in the new vision mainly concern labelling, such as information to be labelled in Chinese and included in the user manual, warnings for airbags, etc. The conformity assessment procedure remains unchanged, i.e. Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme.</i>	30 days from notification
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/401	Electric motorcycle charging s[...]d battery swap system equipment <i>In view of the incidents of explosion or fire caused by malfunction in the battery swap station, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) proposes to regulate the safety of electric motorcycle charging system equipment and electric motorcycle battery swap system equipment.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	PERU	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/PER/109/Add.1	Motor vehicles - Addendum <i>The Republic of Peru reports that regarding the "Draft Supreme Decree that modifies the Legislative Decree No. 843 ", notified with the signature G / TBT / N / PER / 109 dated January 9, 2019; Supreme Decree No. 005-2020-MTC has been issued, published in the Official Gazette "El Peruano" of February 2, 2020, which approves the modification of the minimum requirements of quality for the importation of used vehicles, established in Legislative Decree 843. Supreme Decree No. 005-2020-MTC is effective as of the day following its publication in the Official Gazette El Peruano.</i>	—
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
FILMS AND SHEETS	TANZANIA	14/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/395	Garbage bags <i>This Draft Tanzania standard specifies the general characteristics, requirements and test methods for garbage bags made from thermoplastic materials containing a minimum of 10% of postconsumer recycle that ensures fitness for purpose and which can be handled without additional support when they are filled.</i>	60 days from notification

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RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL CONTENT	BRAZIL	13/02/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/965/Add.1	Certification of local content - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels - ANP issued the Resolution ANP 809, of 31 January 2020, that amends Resolution ANP 19, of 14 June 2013, establishing the criteria and procedures for the execution of the activities of the Certification of Local Content.</i>	—
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1572	Motor fuels <i>Proposed rule - This amendment changes the vapor pressure tolerance for ethanol blended fuels containing nine percent (9%) or up to and including fifteen percent (15%) ethanol per U.S. EPA 40 CFR.</i>	1 February 2020
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1573	Fireplace and stove wood <i>Proposed rule - Amends rules to standardize and make consistent the state's method of sale, advertising, and labeling requirements for packaged and nonpackaged firewood with the national uniform model standard for fireplace and stove wood.</i>	11 February 2020
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1575	Enhanced mobile transceiver units (EMTUs) <i>Proposed rule; request for comments-The U.S. Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) program type-approves enhanced mobile transceiver units (EMTUs) for use in U.S. fisheries. Currently, the only approved method for transferring VMS data from a vessel to NMFS is by satellite-linked communication services. This proposed rule would amend the existing VMS type-approval regulations to add cellular-based EMTUs (EMTU-Cs) type-approval application and testing procedures; compliance and revocation processes; and technical, service, and performance standards. This proposed rule is necessary to allow for the use of EMTU-Cs and cellular communication service, in addition to satellite-only models, in federally managed fisheries.</i>	24 February 2020
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	10/2/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1576	Pipeline safety: valve installation and minimum rupture detection <i>Notice of proposed rulemaking - PHMSA is proposing to revise the Pipeline Safety Regulations applicable to newly constructed and entirely replaced onshore natural gas transmission and hazardous liquid pipelines to mitigate ruptures. Additionally, PHMSA is revising the regulations regarding rupture detection to shorten pipeline segment isolation times. These proposals address congressional mandates, incorporate recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board, and are necessary to reduce the consequences of large-volume, uncontrolled releases of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline ruptures.</i>	6 April 2020