

WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN

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Website: www.bps.dti.gov.ph 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.

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Notifications on Agriculture, Chemicals, Construction Materials and Building, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment and Sports, Food and Beverages etc. from the Arab league, the European Union, Kenya, Rwanda, the 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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Product Sector	Country	Date	TBT Notification	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for			
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	AGRICULTURE							
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CANADA	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/503/Add.1	Tobacco products - Addendum The proposed amendment notified in G/TBT/N/ CAN/503 (dated 23 November 2016) was published on 5 April 2017 as the Order Amending the Schedule to the Tobacco Act (Menthol).	-			
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/472	Biocidal products This draft Commission Implementing Regulation renews the approval of warfarin as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 14.	60 days from notification			
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/473	Biocidal products This draft Commission Implementing Regulation renews the approval of chlorophacinone as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 14.	60 days from notification			

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PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/474	Biocidal products This draft Commission Implementing Regulation renews the approval of coumatetralyl as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 14.	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/475	Biocidal products This draft Commission Implementing Regulation renews the approval of difenacoum as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 14.	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/476	Biocidal products This draft Commission Implementing Regulation renews the approval of bromadiolone as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 14.	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/477	Biocidal products This draft Commission Implementing Regulation renews the approval of brodifacoum as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 14.	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/478	Biocidal products This draft Commission Implementing Regulation renews the approval of difethialone as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 14.	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/479	Biocidal products This draft Commission Implementing Regulation renews the approval of flocoumafen as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 14.	60 days from notification
			CHEMICALS		
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/711	Cosmetics In accordance with the amendment of Cosmetics Act expanding scope of functional cosmetics (converted ones from quasi drugs such as hair dye products and newly added ones such as products reducing dryness of sensitive skin), MFDS sets requirements of safety/efficacy and quality dossier for the products to be approved as functional cosmetics.	20 days from notification
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/712	In accordance with the amendment of Cosmetics Act expanding scope of functional cosmetics (converted ones from quasi drugs such as hair dye products and newly added ones such as products reducing dryness of sensitive skin), MFDS sets safety standards for new functional cosmetics.	20 days from notification
ALCOHOLS. ETHER	MEXICO	11/04/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/307/Add.1	Denatured ethyl alcohol - Addendum Response to the comments received regarding draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-138-SSA1-2015 "establishing the sanitary specifications for denatured ethyl alcohol, used as a wound dressing material, for undenatured 96° G.L. ethyl alcohol, used as a raw material in the production of denatured ethyl alcohol as a wound dressing material, and for packaging establishments", published on 27 April 2016	-

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				On 27 April 2016, the Ministry of Health published in the Official Journal (Diario Oficial de la Federación) (http://www.dof.gob.mx) draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-138-SSA1-2015 "establishing the sanitary specifications for denatured ethyl alcohol, used as a wound dressing material, for undenatured 96° G.L. ethyl alcohol, used as a raw material in the production of denatured ethyl alcohol as a wound dressing material, and for packaging establishments" for public consultation.	
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/267	Chemical products The Department of Commerce proposes to establish labelling requirements for consumer chemical products to enhance the protection of human health. The consumer chemical products described in the criteria are defined as follows: 1. introduced for sale on domestic market; 2. on display and sale; and 3. would easily lead to physical, health or environmental risks and hazards when used by consumers. Items considered consumer chemical products will be promulgated by the Ministry of Economic Affairs.	60 days from notification
			CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	AND BUILDING	
LIFTS. ESCALATORS	FRANCE	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/FRA/172	Lifts In the process of simplifying the rules, the thresholds for Electric power installed in the elevator shaft are coherent between the (ERP) and high-rise buildings (IGH). A Corrective action is also made in the reference to an Article AM (Interior Arrangements, Decoration and furniture).	60 days from the date of the notification
LIFTS. ESCALATORS	FRANCE	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/FRA/173	Fire safety of establishments The purpose of this Order is to: 1. clarify and facilitate the application of the provisions of the security regulation against Fire in retail stores and shopping centers to improve the Level of public safety, 2. take into account the operating trends of shopping centers and Retail stores, 3. adapt the theoretical assessment of the number of the current public according to the Actual attendance on the basis of accounting elements, 4. simplify administrative procedures, 5. reduce structural management constraints, 6. rationalize and adapt the back-up resources on the basis of feedback, 7. facilitate the use of innovative technological solutions, 8. promote a comprehensive approach to public safety considerations by facilitating The pooling of resources.	60 days from the date of the notification
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	10/04/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1107/Add.2	Building codes - Addendum The public comment period has been extended through 26 May 2017.	26 May 2017

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		DOMESTIC AND	COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT,	ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS	
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	10/04/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/375/Add.5	Pencil sharpeners, backpacks and briefcases, drawing sets - Addendum This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance N° 69, 28 March 2017, which lays down adjustments to the mandatory Conformity Assessment Procedures (G/TBT/N/BRA/375/Add.1) for school kits composed of school supplies, which should be performed by a third party body, focusing on safety through the certification mechanism aiming to meet ABNT NBR 1536 update.	-
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	PANAMÁ	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/PAN/92	Refrigerators and freezers household appliances Object, Scope, Reference, Classification, Specifications, Method of Testing, Labeling, Conformity Assessment, Surveillance, Sanctions, Bibliography and Annex A.	11 June 2017
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1285	Infant inclined sleep products The Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act, section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), requires the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) to promulgate consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. These standards are to be "substantially the same as" applicable voluntary standards, or more stringent than the voluntary standard if the Commission concludes that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product. The Commission is proposing a safety standard for infant inclined sleep products (inclined sleep products) in response to the direction under section 104(b) of the CPSIA. In addition, the Commission is proposing an amendment to include inclined sleep products in the list of notice of requirements (NORs) issued by the Commission. The Commission is also proposing to explicitly identify infant inclined sleep products as a durable infant or toddler product subject to CPSC's consumer registration requirements.	21 June 2017
			ELECTRICAL ENGIN	EERING	
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/709	LED lamps Establish adjustments and clarifications regarding the Conformity Assessment Program for LED lamps with integrated base device.	15 days from the date of publication in the Official Journal.
INSULATING MATERIALS IN GENERAL	KENYA	10/04/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/569	Insulating materials in general This specification covers telecommunication drop wires designed for use in wiring of telecommunication equipment or industrial and consumer electronic equipment. The shape may be in oval/dumbbell shape to aid in separation of conductors.	17 May 2017

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ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY							
AIR QUALITY	CHILE	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/397	Mobile machinery off-route Given the need to reduce the emission of mobile machinery Out of Route that enters the country, the normative proposal establishes the requirement of limits Emission ceilings for such machinery equivalent to Stage IIIA or Tier3, as of Year 2019 and Stage5 or Tier4, from the year 2022.	60 days from notification		
			FOOD AND BEVER	AGES			
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	BAHRAIN	11/04/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/474	Food plants and their personnel This draft technical regulation applies to hygienic requirements for food establishments and their personnel.	60 days from notification		
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHINA	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1199	Provisions for Investigating and Punishing Food Safety Fraud have been formulated according to the Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China in order to investigate and punish food safety fraud, to ensure food safety, and to protect public health and life. This notified provision is mainly to clear the connotation of food safety fraud, and list 10 kinds of specific food safety fraud behaviours such as product fraud, food production or marketing behaviour fraud, labelling fraud, food information dissemination fraud, information fraud, permit application fraud, record information fraud, report information fraud and submission of false supervision information. Moreover, these provisions also clarify specific legal responsibility of the related fraud.	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat		
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ISRAEL	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/946	Prodstuffs Draft revision of Israel Nutritional Labelling Regulations to be renamed "Protection of Public Health Regulations (Food) (Nutritional Labelling)" announced by Israel Ministry of Health and significantly revised. These revised regulations aim to increase information accessibility relating to the food's nutritional values and to provide it both comprehensibly and graphically. Israel's Ministry of Health (MOH), as in many other developed countries, has decided to promote an active and healthier life at the national level. As part of this challenge, MOH has established the "Regulation Committee Promoting Healthy Nutrition" wherein, following their recommendations, these regulations were formulated. The major goal was to simplify the nutritional labelling and place it in the Front of Pack (FOP), and eventually assist in prevention of sickness at the national level. The committee's major recommendations were to mandatorily require a FOP Red Label for specific nutritional ingredients that exceed certain levels, such as: saturated fat, sodium and sugar. These requirements were adopted from Chilean regulations and will enter into force gradually, in three steps, between 1 January 2018 and 30 November 2020, with respect to each ingredient.	15 May 2017		

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				In addition, a labelling requirement for a FOP Green Label for foods specified according to nutritional profiling should also enter into force at the same time, but it is subject to the deliberations of a new professional committee that will be established shortly. This draft regulation revision will make the sugar labelling requirement mandatory and will apply it to all type of sugars, included added sugars. This requirement is based on the European legislation and therefore required adding new definitions for carbohydrates, sugars, sugar alcohols, starch and dietary fiber (including a conversion ratio method). The major changes introduced in this draft revision are as follows: 1. Changes the order of the ingredients in the nutritional labelling table placed at the back of the pack, as designed in many other countries: calories; fats (saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol), sodium, carbohydrates (sugars, sugar alcohols, starch and dietary fiber), proteins, vitamins and minerals. (Regulations 4 and 13); 2. Sets the minimal amount of sugars in the nutritional labelling table to be 2 grams in 100 grams or in 100 ml of food. (Regulation 4. (a) .6); 3. Sets the minimal levels of sodium, sugars and saturated fat above which, it is required to note in a FOP red label both for solid and liquid foods. These requirements will enter into force gradually, in three steps, between 1 January 2018 and 30 November 2020, respective to the ingredient. From 1 December 2020 all pre-packaged foods, imported or locally manufactured, are to be labelled as required in the third step (Regulations 4, 5, 11 and 19); 4. Provides specific instructions relating to the red and green symbols (Annexes 2 and 6); 5. Exempts specific foodstuff and food	
				packages from these labelling requirements (Regulations 3.(b) ., 3.(c) . and 8) .	
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	KENYA	10/04/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/571	This Standard prescribes the quality and safety requirements, method of analysis and sampling of dried meat.	15 May 2017
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	KENYA	10/04/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/572	Rabbit meat This Standard specifies quality requirements, safety requirements; methods of analysis and sampling of rabbit carcasses and cuts meant for human consumption. The standard also defines major portions of meat cuts from the carcasses for sale.	15 May 2017
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	KENYA	10/04/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/573	Carcasses and meat cuts This Standard specifies grading of pork, quality requirements, safety requirement and methods of analysis and sampling of pork carcasses and cuts meant for human consumption. The standard also defines major portions of meat cuts from the carcasses for	15 May 2017

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PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	KUWAIT	11/04/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/KWT/356</u>	Food plants and their personnel	60 days from notification
				This draft technical regulation applies to hygienic requirements for food establishments and their personnel.	
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	KUWAIT	11/04/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/299	Food plants and their personnel	60 days from notification
				This draft technical regulation applies to hygienic requirements for food establishments and their personnel.	
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	KUWAIT	11/04/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/472	Food plants and their personnel	60 days from notification
				This draft technical regulation applies to hygienic requirements for food establishments and their personnel.	
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	RWANDA	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/RWA/50	Food processing machinery	23 April 2017
				This Standard establishes minimum public health and sanitation requirements for materials used in the construction of commercial food equipment.	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/RWA/51	Banana based alcoholic beverages	23 April 2017
DEVERAGES				This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for banana based alcoholic beverages other than Urwagwa.	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/RWA/52	Plant based alcoholic beverages	13 April 2017
				This Preliminary draft specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for plant wine.	
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	RWANDA	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/RWA/53	Ground cassava leaves mix	23 April 2017
				This Draft Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for ground cassava leaves mix, intended for human consumption.	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/RWA/54	Liqueur	23 April 2017
BEVERAGES				This draft specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for liqueur.	
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	KINGDOM OF SAUDI	11/04/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/977	Food plants and their personnel	60 days from notification
	ARABIA			This draft technical regulation applies to hygienic requirements for food establishments and their personnel.	
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	SOUTH AFRICA	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/ZAF/216	All goods and packages containing genetically modified organisms or ingredients or components	60 days from notification
				Amendment of Consumer Protection Act (68 of 2008) Genetically Modified Organisms Regulations.	
FRUITS AND DERIVED	SOUTH AFRICA	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/ZAF/217	Fresh fruit	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS				The proposed regulation covers the fresh fruit quality standards, packing requirements, marking requirements, sampling procedures, methods of inspection and offences and penalties.	

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PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	11/04/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/360	Food plants and their personnel This draft technical regulation applies to	60 days from notification
				hygienic requirements for food establishments and their personnel.	
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	YEMEN	11/04/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/76	Food plants and their personnel	60 days from notification
				This draft technical regulation applies to hygienic requirements for food establishments and their personnel.	
			HEALTH CARE TECH	NOLOGY	
PHARMACEUTICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/713	Biological products 1. To ensure prompt and predicable biopharmaceutical product approval procedure, introduce the pre-review system for expedited review to check whether requirements for product approval are met or not. 2. Required information such as clinical trial report, pharmacokinetics and etc. should be provided to medical doctors and pharmacists so that they (expert) make informed diagnosis and prescription. 3. Establish regulation regarding mandatory informed consent provision for cell donors when cells are collected for manufacture of cell therapy products and gene therapy products.	60 days from notification
			MANUFACTURING ENG	INEERING	
CUTTING TOOLS	UNITED STATES	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1253/Add.1	Underhung slung (jump) saws - Addendum	-
				Adopts amended rules to specify how the blade is to be guarded and states that the upper half of the saw blade and arbor are to be shielded from contact by a blade guard.	
			PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUT	ION OF GOODS	
SACKS. BAGS	PARAGUAY	10/04/2017	G/TBT/N/PRY/91	Plastic bags and biodegradable bags	-
				The notified Resolution establishes a plan to promote the gradual replacement of single-use polyethylene bags by other reusable bags and/or biodegradable bags, and encourages the development of the production of bags made from biodegradable materials. It establishes the mandatory certification of reusable polyethylene plastic bags used for the transportation of goods, based on Paraguayan Standard PNA 59 001 16. It also establishes the prior import licensing regime for plastic bags and biodegradable bags.	
			ROAD VEHICLES ENGI	NEERING	
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11/04/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/710	Motor Vehicles • Expansion of installation target on electronic stability control system (Article 15-2, Table 7-7): Expanding installation target from passenger vehicles and small vehicles to all vehicles on Electronic Stability Control (ESC) system, which is to make stability automatically in driving motor vehicles.	60 days from notification

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				Harmonization of the KMVSS with UN Regulations (Article 24-25, Article 27, Table 1, Table 5-24, Table 5-28): Improving safety standards on driver's and passenger's seat (UN Regulation No. 107), tyre safety (UN Regulation No. 107), and pedestrian safety (UN Regulation No. 117, seat belt reminder system (UN Regulation No. 127, Flex-PLI) Mandatory installation and standard of emergency exit (Table 5-31): Introduction of the emergency exit on the automobile for more than 16 passengers in order to facilitate emergency evacuation of the occupants such as the fire on motor vehicles, and additional installation standard is available to be applied selectively. (UN Regulation No. 107) Safety requirements on child transport vehicles (Article 54, Article 58 and Article 94): The installation of the maximum speed limit device for 9 passengers vehicles to secure child traffic, adjustment of visible light transmittance by more than 70% for preventing from leaving a child inside the vehicles, and adjustment of siren sound standard for the emergency vehicles	
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/04/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/268	Vehicle safety testing directions The Ministry of Transportation and Communications intends to revise Vehicle Safety Testing Directions by adding the following 14 items to the current Directions to ensure safety of vehicles. Most of the requirements are harmonized with UNECE Regulations. 1. quiet road transport system, 2. compressed hydrogen storage system for hydrogen fuelled vehicles, 3. LED, 4. rear marking plates for heavy and long vehicles, 5. location and identification of hand controls, tell-tales and indicators, 6. speed limitation devices, 7. land departure warning system, 8. external projections, 9. dynamic braking, 10. daytime running lamp, 11. forward external projections, 12. advanced emergency braking system, 13. anti-lock braking system, and 14. driving vision assistant system. Please refer to the attached document for their respective applicable scopes.	60 days from notification
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TRANSPORT IN GENERAL	KENYA	10/04/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/570	Transport in general This Standard covers the inspection requirements of road vehicles used to transport dangerous goods as classified in KS 2324 and in quantities in excess of the exempted quantities as listed in KS 2384.	20 May 2017

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			SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE	STRUCTURES	
SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1284	Outboard engines The Coast Guard is issuing this interim rule to update the table of outboard engine weights used in calculating safe loading capacities and required amounts of flotation material. The engine weight table was last updated in 1984, and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 requires that we update the table to reflect a specific standard.	5 July 2017
		TELEC	OMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AN	D VIDEO ENGINEERING	
MOBILE SERVICES	INDIA	12/04/2017	G/TBT/N/IND/58	Mobile phone handsets Gazette notification concerning Indian Language Support for Mobile Phone Handsets as per IS 16333 (Part 3) to the Schedule of "Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012" w.e.f. 1 July 2017	50 days from the date of notification
TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT	PARAGUAY	10/04/2017	G/TBT/N/PRY/90	Mobile cellular telephones The notified Decree establishes the mandatory certification by the National Telecommunications Commission (CONATEL) of mobile cellular telephones, and the prior import licensing regime for mobile cellular telephones, including factory accessories. It establishes the prior non-automatic import licensing regime for mobile cellular telephone parts. It also establishes the prior non-automatic import licensing regime for motherboards (electronic boards or mainboards)	-