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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 64 notifications on Agriculture, Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Food and Beverages, Metallurgy etc., from the European Union, United States of America, Brazil, Mexico, Turkey 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 December 2018)

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AGRICULTURE					
PLANT GROWING	BRAZIL	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/739/Add.1	<p>Live trees and other plants - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA published in the Official Gazette on 16 November 2018 the Ministerial Technical Regulation 69, 6 November 2018, establishing technical regulation defining minimum requirements for identity and quality of 'in natura' vegetables, previously notified as a draft under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/739 .</i></p> <p><i>This Technical Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication with a grace period of 180 days for proposed adjustments.</i></p>	—

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FERTILIZERS	CANADA	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/571	<p>Fertilizers and supplements</p> <p><i>Fertilizers (substances containing plant nutrients) and supplements (substances other than fertilizers, intended to improve the physical condition of soils, or aid plant growth or crop yields) imported into or sold in Canada are regulated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency under the Fertilizers Regulations. Regulated products include farm fertilizers, micronutrients, lawn and garden products as well as supplements such as water holding polymers, microbial inoculants, plant growth regulators, liming materials, and waste-derived materials such as composts and municipal biosolids.</i></p>	21 February 2019
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	14/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/633	<p>Pesticides - Cyflumetofen</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance cyflumetofen is amended as follows: applications of plant protection products containing cyflumetofen, with the exception of applications made on non-soil-bound crops in greenhouses, shall not be carried out from July to September. This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide.</i></p>	60 days from notification
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/628	<p>Unmanned aircraft systems</p> <p><i>With the adoption of the new EASA basic Regulation 2018/1139, the EU takes over the competence from the EU Member States for all unmanned aircraft, irrespective of their weight. Consequently, it is necessary to set out the requirements that address the risks posed by the operation of such unmanned aircraft, taking into account other applicable legislation. This draft Commission Delegated Regulation establishes the technical requirements to be complied with by the 4 classes of unmanned aircraft authorised to be operated in the 'open' category (i.e. without prior authorisation from the aviation authority) . This draft Commission Delegated Regulation is closely related to a draft Commission implementing regulation and its annex defining the conditions for the operation of those unmanned aircrafts.</i></p>	30 days from notification

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CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	BOLIVIA	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/BOL/8/Add.1	<p>Cosmetic products - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Peru reports that with regard to the Draft Decision on the updating of the Decision 516 "Harmonization of health legislation on cosmetic products", notified as G / TBT / N / BOL / 8, G / TBT / N / COL / 230 G / TBT / N / ECU / 337 and G / TBT / N / PER / 99 dated January 24, 2018; Decision 833 Harmonization of Legislation on Cosmetic Products, published in the Official Gazette of the Community Andean of November 26, 2018. Its entry into force is within a period of twelve (12) months counted from the day following its publication. However, according to the Sixth Final Provision, Member Countries are Require the Certificate of Free Sale, as of its publication, previous communication to the Secretary General of the Andean Community within twenty (20) calendar days following its publication.</i></p>	—
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	COLOMBIA	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/COL/230/Add.1	<p>Cosmetic products - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Peru reports that with regard to the Draft Decision on the updating of the Decision 516 "Harmonization of health legislation on cosmetic products", notified as G / TBT / N / BOL / 8, G / TBT / N / COL / 230 G / TBT / N / ECU / 337 and G / TBT / N / PER / 99 dated January 24, 2018; Decision 833 Harmonization of Legislation on Cosmetic Products, published in the Official Gazette of the Community Andean of November 26, 2018. Its entry into force is within a period of twelve (12) months counted from the day following its publication. However, according to the Sixth Final Provision, Member Countries are Require the Certificate of Free Sale, as of its publication, previous communication to the Secretary General of the Andean Community within twenty (20) calendar days following its publication.</i></p>	—
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	ECUADOR	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/ECU/337/Add.1	<p>Cosmetic products - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Peru reports that with regard to the Draft Decision on the updating of the Decision 516 "Harmonization of health legislation on cosmetic products", notified as G / TBT / N / BOL / 8, G / TBT / N / COL / 230 G / TBT / N / ECU / 337 and G / TBT / N / PER / 99 dated January 24, 2018; Decision 833 Harmonization of Legislation on Cosmetic Products, published in the Official Gazette of the Community Andean of November 26, 2018. Its entry into force is within a period of twelve (12) months counted from the day following its publication.</i></p>	—

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COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	PERU	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/PER/99/Add.1	<p>Cosmetic products - Addendum</p> <p>The Republic of Peru reports that with regard to the Draft Decision on the updating of the Decision 516 "Harmonization of health legislation on cosmetic products", notified as G / TBT / N / BOL / 8, G / TBT / N / COL / 230 G / TBT / N / ECU / 337 and G / TBT / N / PER / 99 dated January 24, 2018; Decision 833 Harmonization of Legislation on Cosmetic Products, published in the Official Gazette of the Community Andean of November 26, 2018. Its entry into force is within a period of twelve (12) months counted from the day following its publication. However, according to the Sixth Final Provision, Member Countries are Require the Certificate of Free Sale, as of its publication, previous communication to the Secretary General of the Andean Community within twenty (20) calendar days following its publication.</p>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/627	<p>Biocidal products - Cholecalciferol</p> <p>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves cholecalciferol as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 14</p>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	12/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/630	<p>Chemical substances</p> <p>The purpose of this draft Regulation for an amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), is to amend Annexes I and V to the Regulation.</p> <p>Firstly, the proposed amendments modify these Annexes of REACH by deleting and replacing references to and terms from former legislation. In particular, the word "dangerous" is substituted by the word "hazardous", the first one having become obsolete since the repeal of two Directives in June 2015.</p> <p>Secondly, Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 contains a list of substances exempt from the obligation to register in accordance with Article 2(7)(b) of that Regulation. Annex V should be amended to include an exemption for digestate which results from anaerobic digestion of organic material.</p>	60 days from notification

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COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	JAPAN	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/JPN/615	<p>Cosmetics</p> <p><i>Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare will revise the positive list in the Standards for Cosmetics under the provision of Article 42, Paragraph 2 of the Law on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Products Including Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices.</i></p>	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KOR/805	<p>Chemical products</p> <p><i>Procedure, criteria and data requirement to approval of products transferred to the Ministry of Environment in Quasi-drugs that were administered under the Pharmaceutical Affairs Law</i></p>	25 days from date of notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	THAILAND	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/531	<p>Ultrasonic cabinets</p> <p><i>This Standard is mandatory in the establishments for the medical care that offer and provide the service of Ultrasonography as a diagnostic assistant, as well as for the healthcare manager of the cabinet, the professional and technical personnel of the health area, who intervene in the provision of this service.</i></p>	26 January 2019
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/343	<p>Cosmetics, toiletries</p> <p><i>Article 14 of the Cosmetic Hygiene and Safety Act states that, to enhance border control, certain cosmetics categories or items that could possibly pose a hazard to hygiene and safety may be announced to be subject to sampling checks and sampling tests, and they can be imported only after showing compliance. To implement that Article, the Ministry of Health and Welfare is proposing draft Regulations for the Inspection and Examination of Imported Cosmetics, which include requirements for the methods, techniques, items and scope of sampling checks and sampling tests, as well as other administrative measures.</i></p>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/344	<p>Cosmetics, toiletries</p> <p><i>To implement Paragraph 6, Article 5 of the Cosmetic Hygiene and Safety Act, the Ministry of Health and Welfare is proposing a draft of the Regulations for the Issuance of Permit License of Specific Purpose Cosmetics, which include provisions of the issuance, modifications, revocation, and rescission of licenses, the procedures for extending the validity period of licenses of cosmetics containing medical or poisonous drugs, and other matters to ensure protection of the health and safety of consumers.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1396/Add.2	Chemical substances - Addendum <i>EPA is withdrawing significant new use rules (SNURs) promulgated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 26 chemical substances, which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . EPA published these SNURs using direct final rulemaking procedures, which requires EPA to take certain actions if an adverse comment is received. EPA received adverse comments regarding the SNURs identified in the direct final rule. Therefore, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule SNURs identified in this document, as required under the direct final rulemaking procedures.</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1399/Add.2	Chemical substances - Addendum <i>EPA is withdrawing significant new use rules (SNURs) promulgated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 28 chemical substances, which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . EPA published these SNURs using direct final rulemaking procedures, which requires EPA to take certain actions if an adverse comment is received. EPA received adverse comments regarding the SNURs identified in the direct final rule. Therefore, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule SNURs identified in this document, as required under the direct final rulemaking procedures.</i>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
TOYS	EUROPEAN UNION	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/626	Children's toys <i>In order to increase children's safety, lower migration limits for aluminium are introduced in the table under point 13 of part III of Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UNITED STATES	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1431	Residential wood heaters, hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces <i>In this action, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting comment on several aspects of the 2015 Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces (2015 NSPS) in order to inform future rulemaking to improve these standards and related test methods. This action does not propose any changes to the 2015 NSPS, but does take comment on a number of aspects of the rule, including the compliance date for the Step 2 emission limits, Step 2 emission limits for forced- air furnaces, hydronic heaters and wood heaters, Step 2 emission limits based on</i>	13 February 2019

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				<i>weighted averages versus individual burn rates, transitioning to cord wood certification test methods, compliance audit testing, third-party review, electronic reporting tool, and warranty requirements.</i>	
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UNITED STATES	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1432	Residential wood heaters, hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces <i>In this action, the EPA proposes to amend the 2015 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for new residential hydronic heaters and new forced-air furnaces by adding a two-year "sell-through" period for all affected new hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces that are manufactured or imported before the May 2020 compliance date to be sold at retail through May 2022. This will allow retailers additional time, after the May 2020 effective date of the "Step 2" standards, for the sale of "Step 1" compliant hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces remaining in inventory. The EPA is also taking comment on whether a sell-through period for all affected new residential wood heaters is appropriate following the May 2020 compliance date and, if so, how long a sell-through period is needed and why. In addition, this action is taking comment on whether the current minimum pellet fuel requirements should be retained and, if so, whether they should be revised.</i>	14 January 2019
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
REFRIGERATING TECHNOLOGY	CANADA	14/12/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/572	Commercial chillers <i>The Energy Efficiency Regulations prescribe minimum energy performance standards (MEPS) consumer and commercial energy-using products. They also prescribe labelling requirements for certain products to disclose and compare the energy use of a given product model relative to others in their category. The Regulations are amended regularly to introduce MEPS for new products and update existing MEPS. This amendment to the Energy Efficiency Regulations, 2016 would:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. introduce minimum energy performance standards, labelling and reporting requirements for 2 new product categories; 2. introduce more stringent minimum energy performance standards for 6 currently regulated product categories; and 3. introduce verification and reporting requirements for 1 new product category. 	25 January 2019
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	CHILE	12/12/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/431/Add.1	Ventilation ducts - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile announces that in relation to Standard NCh 935/4: 2016</i>	—

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				<i>resistance test - Part 4: Ventilation ducts ", notified on 5 January 2018, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 431, it is reported that it has been approved and declared as Official Norm of the Republic of Chile through Exempt Decree No. 77 of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, of December 4, 2018, which was published in the Official Gazette on December 2018 and will take effect six months after its publication.</i>	
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	EUROPEAN UNION	12/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/629	Hazardous substances <i>The purpose of this draft Regulation for a 14th adaptation to technical progress of Regulation (EC) 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (the CLP Regulation) is to amend table 3 to Annex VI of the CLP Regulation by introducing new or revised entries for the harmonised classification and labelling of 28 substances and by removing 2 substances. It also amends Annexes II and III to the CLP Regulation by defining specific labelling obligation for mixtures containing titanium dioxide. Lastly, the classification of the substance pitch, coal tar, high temp. is corrected.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/ARE/452	Instant coffee <i>This draft technical regulation applies to Instant Coffee.</i>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	BAHRAIN	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/BHR/556	Instant coffee <i>This draft technical regulation applies to Instant Coffee.</i>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	KUWAIT	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KWT/443	Instant coffee <i>This draft technical regulation applies to Instant Coffee.</i>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	OMAN	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/OMN/389	Instant coffee <i>This draft technical regulation applies to Instant Coffee.</i>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	QATAR	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/QAT/554	Instant coffee <i>This draft technical regulation applies to Instant Coffee.</i>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/SAU/1096	Instant coffee <i>This draft technical regulation applies to Instant Coffee.</i>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	YEMEN	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/YEM/157	Instant coffee <i>This draft technical regulation applies to Instant Coffee.</i>	60 days from notification

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PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	BRAZIL	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/592/Add.2	<p>Label of packaged food - Addendum</p> <p><i>The National Health Surveillance Agency (Agência Nacional de Vigilância Sanitária) - ANVISA Resolution RDC 26/2015, notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/592/Add.1, was published with the inclusion of the Brazilian Official Journal link. We are now complementing the information by adding the link from the regulator to allow easy access to the final rule notified.</i></p>	–
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/810/Add.2	<p>Refrigerated raw milk, pasteurized milk and milk type A - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA published in the Official Gazette on 30 November 2018, the Ministerial Technical Regulation 76, 16 November 2018, establishing the characteristics of identity and quality of refrigerated raw milk, pasteurized and pasteurized milk type A, previously notified as a draft under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/810. This Technical Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication with a grace period of 180 days for proposed adjustments.</i></p>	–
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/852	<p>Beer made from malt</p> <p><i>Technical Regulation which establishes an obligation to clearly and accurately report the ingredients of the product on the labelling of beers, specifying the names of the cereals and ingredients actually used as brewers' adjuvante.</i></p>	Not applicable
BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	14/12/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/853	<p>Beverages, fermented acetic, wines and wine and grapes derived products</p> <p><i>Technical Regulation states the procedures and requirements for export and import certification of beverages, fermented acetic, wines and wine and grapes derived products. It revokes partially Technical Regulation No 54, 18 November 2009, article 1, item III and IV; article 2 sole paragraph; item II until X; articles 11 until 23; articles 35 until 39; articles 40 until 50; annexes II until X, and Technical Regulation No 55, 18 November 2009 article 1, item III and IV; article 2 sole paragraph; item II until X; articles 11 until 23; articles 36 until 40; articles 41 until 50; annexes II until X.</i></p>	Not applicable

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	EUROPEAN UNION	12/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/432/Rev.1	<p>Spirit drinks - Revision</p> <p><i>On 27 November 2018 the European Parliament (EP) and the Council of the European Union reached political agreement on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the definition, description, presentation and labelling of spirit drinks, the use of the names of spirit drinks in the presentation and labelling of other foodstuffs, the protection of geographical indications for spirit drinks, the use of ethyl alcohol and distillates of agricultural origin in alcoholic beverages, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 110/2008. The Appendix to this notification explains the main changes in the compromise text with respect to the Commission proposal notified to the WTO on 16 December 2016 under reference G/TBT/N/EU/432 .</i></p>	30 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/773	<p>Arrowroot (Taro) crisps</p> <p><i>This draft Kenya Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for crisps made from arrowroots (Taro) of edible variety colocasia esculenta (L) Scott</i></p>	29 December 2018
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	MÉXICO	14/12/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/390/Add.1	<p>Yogurt - Addendum</p> <p><i>The publication of the "Response to comments on the Draft Official Standard is reported Mexicana PROY-NOM-181-SCFI / SAGARPA-2017, Yogurt-Denomination, specifications physico-chemical and microbiological, commercial information and test methods, published in the newspaper official of the federation on February 1, 2018. "</i></p>	—
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	MÉXICO	14/12/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/391/Add.1	<p>Powdered milk or dehydrated milk - Addendum</p> <p><i>The publication of the "Response to comments on the Draft Official Standard is reported Mexicana PROY-NOM-222-SCFI / SAGARPA-2017, "Powdered milk or dehydrated milk– Raw material - Specifications, commercial information and test methods, published in the newspaper official of the federation on February 1, 2018. "</i></p>	—
CHEESE	MÉXICO	14/12/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/395/Add.1	<p>Cheese - Addendum</p> <p><i>The publication of the "Response to comments on the Draft Official Standard is reported Mexicana PROY-NOM-223-SCFI / SAGARPA-2017, Cheese-Denomination, specifications, commercial information and test methods, published</i></p>	—

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	NEW ZEALAND	10/12/2018	G/TBT/N/NZL/84/Add.1	<p>Food products in general - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 3 December 2018 the Consumers' Right to Know (Country of Origin of Food) Act 2018 was given Royal assent, and came into force on 4 December 2018. The purpose of this Act is to provide for a simple mandatory system in New Zealand that provides consumers with accurate information about the country or place of origin of certain foods to enable informed decisions about purchasing the food. The Act requires the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to recommend the making of regulations under the Fair Trading Act 1986 prescribing a consumer information standard for the disclosure of a regulated food's country or place of origin. The Minister must make the recommendation as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Act, but no later than 18 months after its commencement. The recommended regulations will contain the majority of the substantive details related to the labelling requirements. There will be a further opportunity for Members to comment when New Zealand notifies the draft Regulations in due course.</i></p>	—
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	TURKEY	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/142	<p>Honey</p> <p><i>This Communiqué covers product definitions, compositions criteria and labelling requirements of honey</i></p>	31 January 2019
GENERALITIES, TERMINOLOGY, STANDARDIZATION, DOCUMENTATION					
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA (VOCABULARIES)	EUROPEAN UNION	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/631	<p>Units of measurement</p> <p><i>This draft Directive intends to update the definitions of the SI base units of Directive 80/181/EEC on units of measurement so as to align them to the ones adopted by the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) at its 26th meeting in November 2018.</i></p> <p><i>More particularly, the CGPM decided at its 24th meeting in 2011 a new way of defining the SI based on a set of seven defining constants drawn from the fundamental constants of physics and other constants of nature. This decision was confirmed at the 25th meeting of the CGPM in 2014.</i></p> <p><i>At its 26th meeting, the CGPM adopted a resolution adapting, as from 20 May 2019, the definitions of the SI base units of measurement, namely the metre, the kilogram, the second, the ampere, the kelvin, the mole and the candela, corresponding to the seven base quantities of length, mass, time, electric current, thermodynamic temperature, amount of substance and luminous intensity.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<i>The new definitions are based on the new principle of fixed numerical values of the defining constants. They are expected to improve the long-term stability and reliability of the SI base units as well as accuracy and clarity of measurements. The draft Directive intends therefore to align the definitions of the SI base units of Directive 80/181/EEC to the new definitions adopted by the CGPM, ensuring thus the uniform implementation of the SI.</i>	
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING (VOCABULARIES)	KUWAIT	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KWT/444	Ceramic tiles <i>This Kuwaiti mandatory standard specifies requirements for standard for Ceramic tiles - Definitions, classification, characteristics and marking</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING (VOCABULARIES)	TURKEY	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/139	Assembly tools for screws and nuts <i>This standard covers square drive adaptors with hexagon or cylindrical flat drive for power socket wrenches.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
RADIOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT	MÉXICO	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/441	Ultrasound cabinets <i>This Standard is mandatory in the establishments for the medical care that offer and provide the service of Ultrasonography as a diagnostic assistant, as well as for the healthcare manager of the cabinet, the professional and technical personnel of the health area, who intervene in the provision of this service.</i>	26 January 2019
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN GENERAL	MÉXICO	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/442	Medical equipment for ophthalmic surgery with excimer laser <i>This Standard is mandatory in all establishments for medical care in the public, social and private sectors that integrate the National Health System, for health officials and professionals who practice ophthalmic surgery with excimer laser, as well as for technical staff who participates in said procedure.</i>	29 January 2019
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
FASTENERS IN GENERAL	TURKEY	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/140	Fasteners <i>This standard covers the definition, classification and specifications, sampling, examination and tests and placing on the market of hexagon slotted and castle nuts with thread diameter 4 mm to 100 mm, metric coarse and fine pitch thread, product grade A (rated thread diameter up to 16 mm) and product grade B (rated thread diameter greater than 16 mm)</i>	60 days from notification

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BELT DRIVES AND THEIR COMPONENTS	TURKEY	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/143	<p>Belt drive</p> <p><i>This standard covers the main dimensional characteristics of combed V pulley groove profiles used with PK profiled, combed, endless V belts for automotive auxiliary drive applications.</i></p> <p><i>The arrangement of combed V belts and pulleys on PH, PJ, PK, PL and PM profiles for industrial and non-automotive applications is the subject of the ISO 9982 "Belt drive-pulleys and V-belts for industrial applications - PH, PJ, PK, PL and PM profiles: dimensions" standard. The dimensions and tolerances of the PK belt profile are the same in both international standards.</i></p>	60 days from notification
METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	CHILE	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/462	<p>Structural tubular of cold-formed carbon steel welded with a seam</p> <p><i>This standard establishes the requirements for tubulars cold-formed carbon structural steel with longitudinal seam (welded) in rectangular, square, round or special shape, for uses in bolted construction, riveted or welded and structural purposes in general.</i></p> <p><i>This standard applies to tubulars with a perimeter of 2 235 mm or less, thickness of nominal wall greater than 1.5 mm and less than or equal to 25.4 mm.</i></p>	60 days from the notification
STEELS	CHILE	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/463	<p>Structural open profile made of cold-formed carbon steel</p> <p><i>This standard establishes the requirements for profiles Cold-formed carbon steel structures produced in machines profilers, in the form of L, U, C, Z and special, for uses in bolted construction, riveted or welded and structural purposes in general.</i></p> <p><i>This standard applies to profiles with a nominal wall thickness greater than 1.5 mm and smaller to 25.4 mm.</i></p> <p><i>This standard does not apply to profiles cold formed by drawing, drawing or creased.</i></p>	60 days from the notification
STEEL PROFILES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/324/Add.1	<p>Hot rolled steel H-beams - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Seperate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that "Legal Inspection Requirements for Hot Rolled Steel H-Beams," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/324 on 15 June 2018, was promulgated and entered into force on 10 December 2018. A transitional period is provided until 1 July</i></p>	—

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COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS	TURKEY	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/141	<p>Copper and copper alloy tubes</p> <p><i>This standard covers composition, feature requirements, tolerances on dimensions and form of seamless- round drawn- copper and copper alloy tubes suitable for general purposes with external diameter from 3 mm to 450 mm (450 mm included) and wall thickness from 3 mm to 20mm. Test methods which are referenced for sampling procedures and verification of conformity with the requirements of this standard are also pointed out.</i></p> <p><i>Special alloy pipes with an outside diameter of less than 80 mm and/or wall thickness greater than 2 mm are generally suitable for easy machining as specified in EN 12168.</i></p>	60 days from notification
STAINLESS STEELS	VIET NAM	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/VNM/137	<p>Stainless steels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>This draft technical regulation specifies the limit of chemical contents of stainless steels, technical requirements and the requirements on quality management of stainless steels for domestic production, imported and circulated on the market.</i> • <i>This draft technical regulation applies to stainless steels under HS codes 7218, 7219, 7220, 7221, 7222 and 7223.</i> • <i>This draft technical regulation applies for the organizations, individuals who manufacture, import, distribution and use of stainless steels, the state management agencies and other relevant organizations and individuals.</i> 	60 days from notification
METROLOGY, MEASUREMENT, PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
NOISE EMITTED BY MEANS OF TRANSPORT	EUROPEAN UNION	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/632	<p>Hybrid electric or electric vehicles</p> <p><i>This draft delegated regulation aims to introduce the pause switch prohibition of the Acoustic Vehicle Alerting System (AVAS) in Quiet Road Transport Vehicles (QRTV), such as hybrid electric or electric vehicles, equipped with AVAS, taking into account the corresponding requirements of UN Regulation No 138.01 on the approval of QRTV.</i></p> <p><i>Consequently, the draft delegated regulation amends Annex VIII to Regulation (EU) No 540/2014 on the sound emissions of motor vehicles, which allows for mandatory or optional AVAS pause switch and at the same time introduces the necessary administrative requirements in Annex I to the same Regulation. The AVAS requirements, updated through this amendment, are improved and aligned to internationally recognised regulation.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	14/12/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/1003	Paper and board food contact packaging material <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for paper and board food contact packaging material.</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	UGANDA	14/12/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/1004	Glass containers <i>This Draft Uganda Standard gives guidelines on the manufacture, types, selection and use of glass containers for packaging</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	UGANDA	14/12/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/1005	Desiccants <i>This Draft Uganda Standard gives the guidelines on the selection and use of desiccants in packaging</i>	60 days from notification
PAINT AND COLOUR INDUSTRIES					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	UKRAINE	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/UKR/135/Add.1	Paints and varnishes for buildings and repairing wheeled vehicles - Addendum <i>Ukraine would like to inform that the Draft of the Order of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine "On approval of the Technical Regulation on the limitation of emissions of volatile organic compounds due to the use of organic solvents in certain paints and varnishes for buildings and repairing of wheeled vehicles" (G/TBT/N/UKR/135) was adopted on 2 October 2018 (the Order №1394) and will enter into force on 30 May 2019.</i>	—
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
LIQUID FUELS	COSTA RICA	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/CRI/183	Biofuels <i>The notified regulation establishes the technical specifications relating to the quality of anhydrous ethanol fuel and its mixtures with RON 91 and RON gasoline 95 used as fuels at the national level. It applies to fuel ethanol anhydrous and its mixtures with EX RON 91 and EX RON 95 gasoline, which are sold on the national territory, in bulk or at retail.</i>	60 days from the notification
LIQUID FUELS	MÉXICO	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/440	Portable pressure vessels and equipment and accessories of liquefied petroleum gas service stations <i>This Draft Official Mexican Standard applies throughout the national territory and is of general and mandatory observance for the regulated, which perform the stages of design, construction, pre-start, operation, maintenance, closing and dismantling of service stations with specific purpose for the sale to the liquefied petroleum gas public, through the national territory, filling of</i>	25 January 2019

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PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	SINGAPORE	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/SGP/48	<p>Petrol and diesel</p> <p>NEA will introduce limits for methanol, methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl (MMT), phosphorus and fatty acid methyl ester (FAME) additives in petrol and diesel. From 1 July 2019, all petrol and diesel retailed at petrol stations and other authorised outlets will have to comply with the new limits.</p> <p>Regulation 11B(1) of the Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) Regulations state that a person must not, inter alia, import any diesel or petrol, with the intention for it to be used in any motor vehicle being driven in Singapore, unless the diesel or petrol conforms to the standards specified in the Eight Schedule.</p>	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	THAILAND	13/12/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/483/Add.1	<p>Road vehicle tyres - Addendum</p> <p>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Pneumatic Tyres for Motor Cycles and Mopeds (TIS 2720-2558 (2015)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/483, was adopted on 22 November 2018 and will enter into force after 60 days of publication in the Official Gazette (21 January 2019).</p>	—
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	12/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/328/Add.2	<p>Automobile tyres - Addendum</p> <p>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to provide the English translation, as the attachment, of "Amendment to Legal Inspection of Automobile Tyres" notified by G/TBT/N/TPKM/328 /Add.1.</p>	—
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
LEATHER AND FURS	TURKEY	11/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/138	<p>Semichrommed vachetta leather</p> <p>This standard covers the definition, classification and specifications, sampling, examination and tests and placing on the market of semichrommed vachetta leather.</p>	60 days from notification