

# WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN

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This publication seeks to provide cohesive information in a weekly basis on the foreign notifications of the WTO members under the TBT agreement on their 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.

### IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

A total of 35 notifications on Agriculture, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology etc., from Argentina, Brazil, European Union, Gulf Cooperation Council, United States of America and other countries are listed.

We would like to hear from you. For any questions, suggestions or requests for full text of notified regulations, please contact us at [bps@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

We are glad to be of service to you!

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (08 - 14 September 2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	BRAZIL	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/837</a>	Exportation of cattle, buffaloes, sheep and goats live, for slaughter or reproduction  <i>Technical regulation establishes the requirements and procedures for exportation of: cattle, buffaloes, sheep and goats live, for slaughter or reproduction. It revokes Technical Regulation 13, 30 March 2010 (Instrução Normativa n° 13, de 30 de março de 2010) and Technical Regulation 53, 10 November 2011 (Instrução Normativa n° 53, de 10 de novembro de 2011)</i>	Not applicable
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	12/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1086</a>	Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment  <i>This technical regulation applies to packaging conditions for tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, and almeassel tobacco and hand rolling tobacco</i>	60 days from notification

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<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	BURUNDI	14/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/7</a>	<p>Toothpaste</p> <p><i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for toothpaste (fluoridated and non-fluoridated) for use with a toothbrush in the cleaning of natural teeth</i></p>	60 days from notification
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
CERAMIC TILES	COLOMBIA	11/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/172/Add.3</a>	<p>Ceramic tiles - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Colombia communicates in relation to Resolution 180 of January 21, 2013 notified on February 18, 2013 by the World Trade Organization through the document identified by document G / TBT / N / COL / 172 / Add.2, that there is a draft modification and update of the technical regulation on ceramic tiles.</i></p>	90 Days from the Date of Distribution of Notification
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS</b>					
FURNITURE	ARGENTINA	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/342/Add.2</a>	<p>Furniture in general - Addendum</p> <p><i>The texts corresponding to signatures G / TBT / N / ARG / 342 and G / TBT / N / ARG / 342 / Add.1 were they report for the present.</i></p>	—
FURNITURE	MEXICO	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/366/Add.2</a>	<p>High chairs for children - Addendum</p> <p><i>The publication of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-205-SCFI-2017, Products is reported infantil-Operation of high chairs for infant safety-Specifications and methods test.</i></p>	—
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY</b>					
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	11/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/384/Add.6</a>	<p>Helmets, safety headgear - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - INMETRO issued Ordinance 316/2018 (Portaria Inmetro 316, de 5 de Setembro de 2018) to approve adjustments and clarifications to the Conformity Assessment Requirements for Helmets for Drivers and Passengers of Motorcycles and Similar, previously done by the INMETRO Ordinance 456/2010 (Portaria Inmetro N° 456, de 1° de Dezembro de 2010), notified under document G/TBT/N/BRA/384/Add.1.</i></p> <p><i>The adjustments and clarifications are due to technological innovations of ABNT NBR 7471: 2015 to improve security.</i></p>	05 November 2018
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	INDIA	11/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/85</a>	<p>Helmets</p> <p><i>Notification for bringing Protective Headgear (Helmet) for two wheeler riders under compulsory certification under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	PARAGUAY	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/105</a>	Protective helmets  <i>The Draft Resolution establishes Certification mandatory, the Prior Import License Regime and the labeling and labeling of the same.</i>	30 days from the notification
FIRE-RESISTANCE OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND ELEMENTS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	14/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/320/Add.1</a>	Fire doors of buildings - Addendum  <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Legal Inspection Requirements of Fire Doors of Buildings", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/320 on 13 April 2018, was promulgated and came into effect on 23 August 2018.</i>	—
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/440</a>	Plants and Fungi  <i>This standard regulates plants and fungi. It lists the species of plants and fungi that must not be added to food or offered for sale as food. It also lists the species of plants and fungi that may not be used in food except as a source of a flavouring substance.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	BAHRAIN	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/547</a>	Plants and Fungi  <i>This standard regulates plants and fungi. It lists the species of plants and fungi that must not be added to food or offered for sale as food. It also lists the species of plants and fungi that may not be used in food except as a source of a flavouring substance.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KUWAIT	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/433</a>	Plants and Fungi  <i>This standard regulates plants and fungi. It lists the species of plants and fungi that must not be added to food or offered for sale as food. It also lists the species of plants and fungi that may not be used in food except as a source of a flavouring substance.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	OMAN	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/380</a>	Plants and Fungi  <i>This standard regulates plants and fungi. It lists the species of plants and fungi that must not be added to food or offered for sale as food. It also lists the species of plants and fungi that may not be used in food except as a source of a flavouring substance.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	QATAR	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/545</a>	Plants and Fungi  <i>This standard regulates plants and fungi. It lists the species of plants and fungi that must not be added to food or offered for sale as food. It also lists the species of plants and fungi that may not be used in food except as a source of a flavouring substance.</i>	60 days from notification

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VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1084</a>	Plants and Fungi  <i>This standard regulates plants and fungi. It lists the species of plants and fungi that must not be added to food or offered for sale as food. It also lists the species of plants and fungi that may not be used in food except as a source of a flavouring substance.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	YEMEN	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/148</a>	Plants and Fungi  <i>This standard regulates plants and fungi. It lists the species of plants and fungi that must not be added to food or offered for sale as food. It also lists the species of plants and fungi that may not be used in food except as a source of a flavouring substance.</i>	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/441</a>	Natural toxicants - Residues  <i>This Standard sets out the maximum levels (MLs) of specified natural toxicants in nominated foods. As a general principle, regardless of whether or not an ML exists, the levels of natural toxicants in all foods should be kept As Low As Reasonably Achievable (the ALARA principle) . An ML has been established for those foods which provide a significant contribution to the total dietary exposure. Food not listed in this Standard may contain low levels of natural toxicants. However, MLs have not been assigned to these foods because they present a low public health risk. The general provisions of the Food Acts relating to the availability of safe foods apply to all foods. MLs have been set at levels that are consistent with public health and safety and which are reasonably achievable from sound production</i>	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	BAHRAIN	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/548</a>	Natural toxicants - Residues  <i>This Standard sets out the maximum levels (MLs) of specified natural toxicants in nominated foods. As a general principle, regardless of whether or not an ML exists, the levels of natural toxicants in all foods should be kept As Low As Reasonably Achievable (the ALARA principle) . An ML has been established for those foods which provide a significant contribution to the total dietary exposure. Food not listed in this Standard may contain low levels of natural toxicants. However, MLs have not been assigned to these foods because they present a low public health risk. The general provisions of the Food Acts relating to the availability of safe foods apply to all foods. MLs have been set at levels that are consistent with public health and safety and which are reasonably achievable from sound production</i>	60 days from notification

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MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	OMAN	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/381</a>	<p>Natural toxicants - Residues</p> <p><i>This Standard sets out the maximum levels (MLs) of specified natural toxicants in nominated foods. As a general principle, regardless of whether or not an ML exists, the levels of natural toxicants in all foods should be kept As Low As Reasonably Achievable (the ALARA principle) .</i></p> <p><i>An ML has been established for those foods which provide a significant contribution to the total dietary exposure. Food not listed in this Standard may contain low levels of natural toxicants. However, MLs have not been assigned to these foods because they present a low public health risk. The general provisions of the Food Acts relating to the availability of safe foods apply to all foods.</i></p> <p><i>MLs have been set at levels that are consistent with public health and safety and which are reasonably achievable from sound production and natural resource management practices.</i></p>	60 days from notification
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MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1085</a>	<p>Natural toxicants - Residues</p> <p>This Standard sets out the maximum levels (MLs) of specified natural toxicants in nominated foods. As a general principle, regardless of whether or not an ML exists, the levels of natural toxicants in all foods should be kept As Low As Reasonably Achievable (the ALARA principle) .</p> <p>An ML has been established for those foods which provide a significant contribution to the total dietary exposure. Food not listed in this Standard may contain low levels of natural toxicants. However, MLs have not been assigned to these foods because they present a low public health risk. The general provisions of the Food Acts relating to the availability of safe foods apply to all foods.</p> <p>MLs have been set at levels that are consistent with public health and safety and which are reasonably achievable from sound production and natural resource management practices.</p>	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	YEMEN	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/149</a>	<p>Natural toxicants - Residues</p> <p>This Standard sets out the maximum levels (MLs) of specified natural toxicants in nominated foods. As a general principle, regardless of whether or not an ML exists, the levels of natural toxicants in all foods should be kept As Low As Reasonably Achievable (the ALARA principle) .</p> <p>An ML has been established for those foods which provide a significant contribution to the total dietary exposure. Food not listed in this Standard may contain low levels of natural toxicants. However, MLs have not been assigned to these foods because they present a low public health risk. The general provisions of the Food Acts relating to the availability of safe foods apply to all foods.</p> <p>MLs have been set at levels that are consistent with public health and safety and which are reasonably achievable from sound production and natural resource management practices.</p>	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	ARGENTINA	14/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/343</a>	<p>Materials and articles in contact with food</p> <p>The notified Project establishes the list of additives and polymerization aids authorized for the manufacture of plastic materials and</p>	04 November 2018

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				<i>the respective limits of composition, specific migration and restrictions of use. Also, define the calculation method and the use of correction factors.</i>	
BUTTER	BURUNDI	14/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/6</a>	Butter  <i>This East African Standard adopted as Burundi Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for butter intended for direct consumption or for further processing. This East African Standard adopted as Burundi Standard does not apply to butter derived from milk other than cow milk.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	11/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/613/Rev.1/Add.2</a>	Wine and derivatives of grape and wine - Addendum  <i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA amended Technical Regulation 14, 8 February 2018, to set the additional official identity, quality standards for wine and derivatives of grape and wine products as well as the requirements to be acquainted, that was notified under the code G/TBT/N/BRA/613/Rev.1/Add.1 , through Ministerial Technical Regulation No. 48, 31 August 2018 published in the Official Gazette on 10 September 2018.</i>	—
SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	BRAZIL	11/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/838</a>	Sugars and sugar confectionery  <i>Technical Regulation of sugar, defining the official classification standard, identity, quality, sampling, mode of presentation, marking and labelling, as regards the classification of product.</i>	Not applicable
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	TURKEY	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TUR/122</a>	Sports food  <i>The purpose of this Communiqué is to determine the composition of sports food.</i>	01 November 2018
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY	CHINA	12/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1286</a>	Medical devices  <i>This measure is drafted in accordance with the Regulations on the Supervision and Administration of Medical Devices. It aims to strengthen the supervision and administration of imported medical devices, regulate imported medical device agents and ensure the safety and effectiveness of imported medical devices, The agents shall abide by the relevant provisions of the Regulations on the Supervision and Administration of Medical Devices and other laws and regulations, shall be responsible for the authenticity and legality of the related works and take legal responsibility for relevant acts of the agent products.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>Moreover, the agents shall also satisfy corresponding requirements and fulfill the relevant obligations.</i>	
MEDICAMENTS	PERU	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PER/84/Add.1</a>	Biotechnological products - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Peru reports that with regard to the Draft Manual of Good Practices for Manufacturing of Pharmaceutical Products notified under the symbol G / TBT / N / PER / 84 of date January 28, 2016; The "Manual of Good Manufacturing Practices of Products" has been issued Pharmaceuticals "(final or definitive) by means of Supreme Decree N ° 021-2018-SA published in the Official Gazette "El Peruano" of August 22, 2018. Its entry into force is within a period of one (1) year counted from the day following its publication.</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	14/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/337</a>	Pharmaceutical products  <i>To protect the pharmaceutical intellectual property of invention industry, as well as reducing the risk of patent infringement of generic drug industry, the Ministry of Health and Welfare proposes to implement the patent linkage under the regulation for Patent Linkage of Drugs.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	MEXICO	11/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/229/Add.5</a>	Computer programs and electronic systems - Addendum  <i>The publication of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-185-SCFI-2017, Programs is reported computer systems and electronic systems that control the operation of the systems for measurement and dispatch of gasoline and other liquid fuels-Specifications, methods of test and verification (cancels NOM-185-SCFI-2012).</i>	—
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING	EUROPEAN UNION	10/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/598</a>	Composite brake blocks, freight wagons  <i>This draft Commission Regulation concerns the application of the NOI TSI (rolling stock - noise) pass-by limit values to the existing freight wagons</i>	60 days from notification
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	14/09/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1305/Rev.1</a>	School buses - Revision  <i>The Department is proposing to repeal and recreate 92 III. Adm. Code 440 to consolidate its type I and type II school bus construction standards into one Part. This rulemaking proposes to repeal the type I standards in their entirety so that the Department may recreate this Part to include both bus types.</i>	24 September 2018