

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.

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A total of 59 notifications on Construction Materials and Building, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Fluid Systems and Components for General Use, Food and Beverages, Paint and Color Industries etc., from Chile, the European Union, Kenya, Malawi, 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (09 - 15 February 2019)

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AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	THAILAND	02/13/2019	G/TBT/N/THA/532	Tobacco product and cigarette packaging <i>Packaging of domestic or imported cigarette must have the format and characteristics as prescribed where there shall be no text, picture, logo, sign, trademark, image, marking, design or other matters apart from those allowed in this Notification, e.g.</i> - Package or container of cigarettes, and box, case or carton of cigarettes must be rectangle in shape, - All sides of the outer surface of package or container of cigarettes, and box, case or carton of cigarettes must be in matt opaque couche (Pantone Opaque Couche - Pantone 448 C,	60 days from notification

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				- Brand or variant must be in Thai or English, using "TH Sarabun PSK" font as font type and not exceeding 1.5 mm in height. The font colour must be pale gray (Pantone Cool Grey 2 C) . Display is allowed only in one position, etc.	
CHEMICALS					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	02/15/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/643	Chemical substances <i>This draft Commission Regulation aims at amending Annex XIV of the REACH Regulation. Annex XIV lists the substances which are subject to the authorisation requirement laid down in Title VII of the Regulation. The draft proposes to include 12 additional substances in that Annex.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEMS	CHILE	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/452/Add.1	Central heating boilers using gaseous fuels - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile announces that the protocol of analysis and / or test of the safety of a product of the Electricity and Fuels Directorate (SEC), notified on 9 August 2018 under G / TBT / N / CHL / 452, has been approved by the Special Decision (Resolución Exenta) SEC No. 26.142 of October 31, 2018 and is expected to come into effect on June 1, 2020.</i>	—
CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEMS	CHILE	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/453/Add.1	Central heating boilers using gaseous fuels - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile announces that the protocol of analysis and / or test of the safety of a product of the Electricity and Fuels Directorate (SEC), notified on 9 August 2018 under G / TBT / N / CHL / 453, was approved by the Special Decision (Resolución Exenta) SEC No. 26.142 of October 31, 2018 and is expected to come into effect on June 1, 2020.</i>	—
CONCRETE STRUCTURES	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/19	Packaged, dry, combined materials for mortar and concrete <i>This specification covers the production, properties, packaging, and testing of packaged, dry, combined materials for concrete and mortars</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS	EGYPT	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/114/Add.1	Miscellaneous products - Addendum <i>This addendum concerns the notification of the Ministerial Decree No. 44/2019 (2 pages, in Arabic) that extends the product coverage of Ministerial Decree No. 43/2016 which was formerly notified in G/TBT/N/EGY/114, dated 1 February 2016 .</i>	—

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DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UNITED STATES	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1432/Add.1	Residential wood heaters, hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces - Addendum <i>On 30 November 2018, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a rule titled "Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces." The EPA is reopening the public comment period on the proposed rule that closed on 14 January 2019. The EPA is taking this action to allow time for the public to comment on the proposed rule for at least 30 days following the public hearing, which was held on 17 December 2018.</i>	12 February 2019
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	13/02/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1438	External power supplies <i>The Department of Energy (DOE) is publishing this final rule to amend its current regulations regarding certain aspects related to its energy conservation standards and scope of coverage for external power supplies. The contents of these technical amendments correspond with provisions enacted by Congress through the Power and Security Systems Act and EPS Improvement Act. DOE is also correcting a misprint related to a table detailing certain statutorily-prescribed requirements.</i>	None
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PRESSURE REGULATORS	CHILE	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/444/Add.1	Automatic Valves - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile announces that the protocol of analysis and / or test of the safety of a product of the Electricity and Fuels Directorate (SEC), notified on June 26, 2018 under G / TBT / N / CHL / 444, has been approved by the Special Decision (Resolución Exenta) SEC No. 26.641 of December 3, 2018 and is to enter into force on November 30, 2019.</i>	—
PRESSURE REGULATORS	CHILE	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/445/Add.1	Manual valves <i>The Republic of Chile announces that the protocol of analysis and / or test of the safety of a product of the Electricity and Fuels Directorate (SEC), notified on 27 June 2018 under G / TBT / N / CHL / 445, was approved by Special Decision (Resolución Exenta) SEC No. 26.641 of December 3, 2018 and is</i>	—
PLASTICS PIPES	CHILE	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/448/Add.1	Aluminum Core Multilayer Tubes for Combustible Gases, and Their Accessories - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile announces that the protocol of analysis and / or test of the safety of a product of the Electricity and Fuels Directorate (SEC), notified July 24, 2018 G / TBT / N / CHL / 448, was approved by the</i>	—

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				<i>Special Decision (Resolución Exenta) SEC No. 26.092 of 29 October 2018 and is due to enter into force on 1 December 2019.</i>	
PRESSURE VESSELS	CHILE	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/449/Add.1	<p>Metal cartridges for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile announces that the protocol of analysis and / or test of the safety of a product of the Electricity and Fuels Directorate (SEC), notified July 26, 2018 G / TBT / N / CHL / 449, was approved by the Special Decision (Resolución Exenta) SEC No. 26.641 of December 3, 2018 and is to enter into force on November 30, 2019.</i></p>	
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	UNITED STATES	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/863/Add.2/Corr.1	<p>Fans - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>On 3 July 2014, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a final rule adopting new energy conservation standards for residential furnace fans (hereafter the "July 2014 final rule"). This correction addresses typographical errors that appear in both the preamble of the July 2014 final rule and regulatory text in the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"). In certain locations (primarily table headings), the units for fan energy rating ("FER") were inadvertently listed as "Watts/cfm." This document corrects the units designation to "Watts/1000 cfm." Neither the error nor the corrections in this document affect the substance of the energy conservation standards rulemaking or any conclusions reached in support of the final rule.</i></p>	—
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
CHEESE	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/796	<p>Cheddar cheese</p> <p><i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cheddar cheese intended for direct consumption and/ or for further processing.</i></p>	30 March 2019
CHEESE	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/797	<p>Gouda cheese</p> <p><i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for gouda cheese intended for direct consumption and/ or for further processing.</i></p>	30 March 2019
CHEESE	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/798	<p>Tilster cheese</p> <p><i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for tilster cheese intended for direct consumption and/ or for further processing in conformity with the description in Section 3 of this Standard.</i></p>	30 March 2019

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CHEESE	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/799	Processed cheese <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for processed cheese intended for direct consumption.</i>	30 March 2019
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/800	Evaporated milks <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for Evaporated milks intended for direct consumption or further processing.</i>	30 March 2019
CHEESE	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/801	Camembert Cheese <i>This Kenya Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for camembert cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing, in conformity with the description in Clause 3 of this standard.</i>	30 March 2019
CHEESE	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/802	Brie cheese <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for brie cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing, in conformity with the description in Clause 3 of this standard.</i>	30 March 2019
CHEESE	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/803	Cheeses in brine <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the general requirements and methods of sampling and test for all cheeses in brine intended for direct consumption and/ or for further processing.</i>	30 March 2019
CHEESE	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/804	Danbo cheese <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for danbo cheese intended for direct consumption and/or for further processing in conformity with the description in Section 3 of this Standard.</i>	30 March 2019
CHEESE	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/805	Cheese <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the general requirements, sampling and test methods for cheeses intended for direct consumption and/ or for further processing. It applies to all products in compliance with the definition of cheese including those varieties of cheese for which individual or group standards have been developed. Subject to the provisions of this standard, standards for cheeses may contain provisions which are more specific than those in this standard and, in such cases, those more specific provisions shall apply to the individual variety or groups of varieties of cheese.</i>	30 March 2019

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FRUITS, VEG-ETABLES	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/806	Canned tropical fruit salad <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for canned tropical fruit salad.</i>	30 March 2019
BEVERAGES	KENYA	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/807	Pickled fruits and vegetables <i>This Kenya Standard specifies requirements and methods of test and sampling for pickled fruits and vegetables. The products covered by this Standard include, but are not limited to onions, garlic, mango, radish, ginger, beetroot, royal plum, peppers, hearts of palm, cabbage, lettuce, lemons, baby corn (young corn), and green mustard (Brassica juncea ssp) . It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This Standard does not cover pickled cucumbers, kimchi, table olives, sauerkraut, chutneys and relishes.</i>	30 March 2019
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	MÉXICO	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/390/Add.2	Yogurt - Addendum <i>The publication of the "Official Mexican Standard NOM-181-SCFI / SAGARPA-2018, Yogurt is reported - Denomination, physicochemical and microbiological specifications, commercial information and methods test "(Cancels NOM-181-SCFI-2010)</i>	—
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	MÉXICO	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/391/Add.2	Powdered milk or dehydrated milk - Addendum <i>The publication of the "Official Mexican Standard NOM-222-SCFI / SAGARPA-2018, Milk powder or dehydrated milk-Raw material-Specifications, commercial information and methods of test"</i>	—
CHEESE	MÉXICO	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/395/Add.2	Cheeses - Addendum <i>The publication of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-223-SCFI / SAGARPA-2018, Cheese, description, commercial information and test methods is reported</i>	—
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/20	Maize grain (zea mays) <i>This draft Malawi standard applies to maize (corn) for direct human consumption, i.e. ready for its intended use as human food, presented in packaged form or sold loose from the package direct to the consumer. The standard specifies requirements for whole grain shelled dent maize (Zea mays indentata L.) and/or shelled flint maize (Zea mays indurate L.) .</i>	—
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/21	Bun <i>This draft Malawi standard provides requirements and methods of sampling and test for buns.</i>	60 days from notification

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FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/22	Fresh and frozen whole fin fish <i>This draft standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for fresh and frozen whole fin fish intended for human consumption</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/23	Farmed Tilapia (Bream) <i>This draft standard applies to farmed fresh whole bream of genus Tilapia and Oreochromis, for direct consumption or further processing.</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/24	Fish sausages <i>This draft standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for fish sausages intended for human consumption or as an ingredient in other foods.</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/25	Crackers from marine and fresh fish, crustacean and molluscan shellfish <i>This draft standard specifies requirements crackers, biscuits and other similar snacks prepared from marine and freshwater fish, crustacean and molluscan shellfish</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/26	Dried fresh water small pelagics <i>This draft standard specifies the requirements and methods of test for dried Engraulicypris sardella, Rastrineobola argentea, Rastrineobola sardella, Stolothrissa tanganiacae, Limnothrissa miodon, and Poecilothrissa moeruensis and Engraulicypris bangweuluensis. Note: This includes common names used such as Kapenta, Chisense, Usipa, Matemba Omena/ Dagaa/mukene/Ndagala and isambaza .</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/27	Canned sardine and sardine type products <i>This draft Malawi standard applies to canned sardines and sardine-type products packed in water or oil or other suitable packing medium. It does not apply to speciality products where fish content constitute less than 50 % m/m of the net contents of the can.</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/28	Quick frozen fish fillets <i>This draft standard specifies applies to quick frozen fillets of fish as defined below and offered for direct consumption without further processing. It does not apply to products indicated as intended for further processing or for other industrial purposes</i>	60 days from notification

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FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/29	Fresh and chilled fish <i>This draft standard applies to fresh and chilled fish as defined and offered for direct consumption without further processing. It does not apply to products indicated as intended for further processing or for other industrial use.</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/30	Smoked finfish, smoke-flavoured finfish and smoke-dried finfish <i>This draft standard applies to smoked, smoke-flavoured and smoke-dried finfish prepared from fresh, chilled or frozen raw material. It deals with whole finfish, fillets and sliced and similar products thereof. The standard applies to finfish, either for direct consumption, for further processing, or for addition into speciality or minced products where finfish constitutes only part of the edible contents.</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/31	Salted fish and dried salted fish <i>This draft standard applies to salted fish and dried salted fish which has been fully saturated with salt (heavily salted) or to salted fish which has been preserved by partial saturation to a salt content not less than 12 % by weight of the salted fish for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/32	Tomato concentrates (tomato puree and paste) <i>This draft Malawi standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for processed tomato concentrates offered for direct consumption including for catering purposes or for repacking if required.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/33	Tomato sauce and ketchup <i>This draft Malawi standard prescribes the requirements and the methods of test for tomato sauce and ketchup.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/34	Preserved tomatoes <i>This draft Malawi standard prescribes requirements and methods of sampling and test for preserved tomatoes offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required.</i>	60 days from notification
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS, OILSEEDS	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/37	Fortified edible oils <i>This draft standard specifies requirements for fortified refined edible oils derived from oil seeds and oil-bearing fruits. These oils are suitable for use as cooking oils and salad oils.</i>	60 days from notification

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EDIBLE OILS AND FATS, OILSEEDS	MALAWI	2/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/38	Vegetable ghee <i>This draft Malawi standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for vegetable ghee.</i>	60 days from notification
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS, OILSEEDS	MALAWI	2/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/39	Animal fats <i>This draft Malawi standard applies to the animal fats described in Clause 3 presented in a state for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	2/12/2019	G/TBT/N/RUS/91	Food products <i>Draft Amendments No. 5 to the Customs Union Technical Regulation "On Safety of Food Products" (CU TR 021/2011) are elaborated in accordance with the Plan of development of technical regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union and amendments to the technical regulations of the Customs Union, approved by the decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission of 1 October 2014 N° 79 (as amended by the decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission of 12 February 2016 N° 43) . Draft amendments No. 5 to the Customs Union Technical Regulation "On Safety of Food Products" (CU TR 021/2011) are formulated to bring it in accordance with the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014 regarding the exclusion of state supervision (control) as a form of conformity assessment, and clarification of the definition of "process of production (manufacturing) of food products".</i>	10 April 2019
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	THAILAND	02/13/2019	G/TBT/N/THA/533	Food utensils made of thermoset plastic with the polymerization of formaldehyde <i>The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed a new mandatory standard on Melamine-formaldehyde, Urea-formaldehyde and Melamine-urea-formaldehyde Utensils for Food: Safety Requirements (TIS 2921 - 25XX(20XX)) .This draft standard covers food utensils made of thermoset plastic with the polymerization of formaldehyde. It specifies definitions, materials, safety requirements, packaging, marking and labelling, sampling and testing.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	URUGUAY	02/15/2019	G/TBT/N/URY/26/Corr.2	Labeling of packaged foods - Corrigendum <i>The correct text of point 9 of the notification G / TBT / N / URY / 26 is as follows: Proposed date of adoption: August 29, 2018 Proposed date of entry into force: August 29, 2018 - A period of 18 months is granted to adapt to the provisions of the Decree</i>	—

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FRUITS, VEG-ETABLES	UNITED STATES	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1437	<p>Fruits and vegetables</p> <p><i>This rule will remove seven voluntary U.S. grade standards and one consumer standard for fresh fruits and vegetables from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) . This regulatory action is being taken as part of USDA's work to eliminate regulations that are outdated, unnecessary, ineffective, or impose costs that exceed benefits. None of the eight voluntary standards slated for removal from the CFR are related to a current, active marketing order, import regulation, or export act. The cost of printing these eight standards in the CFR annually exceeds the benefits of further inclusion in the CFR. These voluntary standards and all subsequent revisions or new standards for these products will be available in a separate publication. The standards for the affected commodities will continue to be administered by the AMS Specialty Crops Inspection (SCI) Division and catalogued using the existing numbering system for voluntary standards. Any proposed, new, or revised voluntary standards will appear in the Federal Register with the opportunity for public comment.</i></p>	02 April 2019
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	UNITED STATES	13/02/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1439	<p>Meats, prepared meats, meat products and other animal produce</p> <p><i>The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposes to amend its regulations to update a number of outdated administrative and organizational references, clarify agency action as it relates to the withdrawal or denial of service, update the official shields and grademarks associated with the grading service, and make reference to the use of instrument grading equipment as a means of determining official grades on beef and lamb carcasses.</i></p>	08 April 2019
FRUITS, VEG-ETABLES	SOUTH AFRICA	13/02/2019	G/TBT/N/ZAF/234	<p>Pulses</p> <p><i>The proposed regulations cover the quality standards, containers, packing, and marking requirements, sampling procedures, methods of inspection and offences and penalties.</i></p>	08 April 2019
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	15/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KOR/811	<p>Medical devices</p> <p><i>Following the amendment to the Medical Device Act on 11 December 2018, its subordinate legislation, "Medical Device Act Enforcement Regulation", has been amended to include the following :</i></p> <p><i>a. foreign bodies that should be reported, time limit and procedures for report, actions taken to the reported, etc.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<i>b. preparations for and scope of on-site inspection in foreign medical devices establishments, actions applied to medical devices with potential risks, procedures to lift the imposed restrictions, etc.</i>	
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT, PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
NOISE EMITTED BY MEANS OF TRANSPORT	CHILE	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/377/Add.2	<p>Light and medium vehicles, motorcycles - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile announces, in connection with the "Technical Protocol on Procedures for the measurement of noise emitted by light and medium vehicles and motorcycles during testing dynamic and stationary" notified on 15 November 2016 as G / TBT / N / CHL / 377, that the Special Decision (Resolución Exenta) No. 704 of the Directorate General of the Environment notified on November 26, 2018 as Addendum 1, was modified by the Special Decision (Resolución Exenta) No 129 of the Directorate-General for the Environment and published on January 31, 2019. The purpose of the amendment was to incorporate the following standards in Table 1 (Regulations of countries of origin relating to measurement procedures): "Regulation No. 51, of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) - Revision 2, of the March 9, 2011 "and" SAE Procedure J1470, 2013 Edition".</i></p>	—
PAINT AND COLOUR INDUSTRIES					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/35	<p>Undercoats for paints</p> <p><i>This draft standard specifies requirements and method of sampling and tests for undercoats for use under air-drying paints and for application over primed steel and wood and on sealed and primed masonry, hardboard, compressed fiberboard and similar materials used in the construction and furnishing of buildings.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	MALAWI	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/MWI/36	<p>Decorative high gloss enamel paints</p> <p><i>This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for air-drying gloss enamel paints for use on suitably primed and uncoated steel, wood, masonry, hard board, compressed fibre board and similar materials used in the construction and finishing of buildings.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
CRASH PROTECTION AND RESTRAINT SYSTEMS	ITALY	02/14/2019	G/TBT/N/ITA/34	<p>Car seat reminder devices for vehicles</p> <p><i>Law No 117 of 1 October 2018 introduced the obligation for drivers of vehicles from international categories M1, N1, N2 and N3 residing in Italy and transporting with them children under 4 years of age, with the</i></p>	23 April 2019

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				<i>required restraint systems, to use a specific car seat reminder alarm device that prevents minors from being left behind in the vehicle. The same regulation called for the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MIT) to set out the technical build and functional specifications for such devices through the adoption of a specific decree.</i>	
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/772/Add.1	Event data recorders - Addendum <i>NHTSA withdraws its 13 December 2012 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed a new Federal motor vehicle safety standard (FMVSS) mandating installation of an Event Data Recorder (EDR) that meets NHTSA's current EDR standard in most light vehicles. At the time NHTSA published the NPRM, the agency noted that a significant number of light vehicles were being sold without EDRs, and said it believed a mandate was needed. Today, EDRs are installed on nearly all new light vehicles. In light of these changed circumstances, NHTSA believes that a mandate for today's EDRs is no longer necessary and withdrawal of the NPRM is therefore warranted.</i>	—
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
PLASTICS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	02/12/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/642	Single use plastic products, fishing gear and products made from oxo-degradable plastic <i>This proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council addresses certain plastic products to prevent and reduce their impact on the environment, in particular the aquatic environment, and on human health. Where alternatives are easily available and affordable, single-use plastic products will be banned from being placed on the Union market. For other products, the focus is on prevention measures, such as consumption reduction, marking requirements and product design requirements.</i>	60 days from notification