

# 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 28 notifications on Chemicals, Construction Materials and Building, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages etc. from the Canada, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, 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 (12 - 18 May 2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	ESTONIA	16/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EST/14</a>	Tobacco products  <i>In addition to the standard size of revenue stamp (20 x 44 mm) a reduced size of the revenue stamp (16 x 32 mm) will be introduced from 1 January 2019. An amendment concerns the revenue stamps for cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos and smoking tobacco. Two size of revenue stamps will be valid in parallel providing a smooth transition to the use of smaller size revenue stamps. An entrepreneur decides the size of a revenue stamp upon ordering.</i>	90 days from notification

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<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	COLOMBIA	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/214/Add.4</a>	Detergents and soaps - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Colombia hereby notifies that the draft amendment to Resolution No. 689 of 2016 of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development, "Adopting the Technical Regulation establishing the maximum levels of phosphorus and the biodegradability of surfactants in detergents and soaps, and introducing other provisions", notified on 15 January 2018 by the World Trade Organization in document G/TBT/N/COL/214/Add.3 , has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 1770 of 4 May 2018.</i>	—
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UNITED KINGDOM	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GBR/32</a>	Cosmetics and personal care products  <i>The draft regulations prohibit the use of plastic microbeads as an ingredient in the manufacture of rinse-off personal care products and the sale of any such products containing microbeads.</i>	90 days from notification
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1107/Add.3</a>	Building codes - Addendum  <i>Updates the regulation to incorporate by reference the 2015 editions of the nationally recognized model building codes and standards produced by the International Code Council.</i>	—
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1110/Add.3</a>	Industrial building safety - Addendum  <i>Updates the regulation to incorporate by reference the 2015 editions of the nationally recognized model building codes and standards produced by the International Code Council.</i>	—
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS</b>					
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	15/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/322</a>	Gas grills  <i>Gas grills are becoming popular in outdoor activities and concerns have been raised about their safety. With a view to protecting consumers from risks arising from unsafe gas grills, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection proposes to regulate the safety of gas grills. The conformity assessment procedure for all such products will be Registration of Product Certification or Type-Approved Batch Inspection.</i>	60 days from notification

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EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT	UNITED STATES	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1111/Add.3</a>	Amusement devices - Addendum  <i>Updates the regulation to incorporate by reference the 2015 editions of the nationally recognized American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards.</i>	—
<b>ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/763</a>	Luminaires  <i>- KC 60598-2-20 will be amended in order to strengthen the safety management for chain-like luminaires which may cause electric shocks. - Relevant safety standards for LED luminaires will be enacted to add their systems to the safety management.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RUS/86</a>	High voltage equipment  <i>The Draft of Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union "On the Safety of High Voltage Equipment" sets out requirements for high voltage equipment.</i>	09 July 2018
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY</b>					
PROTECTION AGAINST FALLING AND SLIPPING	JAPAN	17/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/597</a>	Construction code of safety belts  <i>Amend the name of "safety belts" and technical requirements prescribed by "Construction Code of safety belts" entirely.</i>	60 days from notification
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	15/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/356/Add.1</a>	Safety headgear - Addendum  <i>Please be advised that the comments received regarding draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-206-SCFI/SSA2-2016, Safety helmets for motorcyclists (prevention of head injuries/reduction of the severity of such injuries) - Health promotion activities - Safety specifications and test methods, commercial information and labelling, published in the Official Journal on 17 April 2017, have been published.</i>	—
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	UNITED STATES	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1109/Add.3</a>	Fire prevention code - Addendum  <i>Updates the regulation to incorporate by reference the 2015 editions of the nationally recognized model building codes and standards produced by the International Code Council.</i>	—
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1365</a>	Stationary source emission standards  <i>Amends rule relating to the emission standards and requirements for NOx RACT for specified boilers, combustion turbines, internal combustion engines, asphalt plant dryers, incinerators, wallboard dryers, calcining mills, calciners, gypsum rock dryers, emergency generators, load shaving units, and miscellaneous sources.</i>	25 May 2018

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	17/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1367</a>	<p>Blowout preventer systems and well control revisions</p> <p><i>The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is proposing to revise existing regulations for well control and blowout preventer systems. This proposed rule would revise requirements for well design, well control, casing, cementing, real-time monitoring (RTM), and subsea containment. These revisions modify regulations pertaining to offshore oil and gas drilling, completions, workovers, and decommissioning in accordance with Executive and Secretary of the Interior's Orders to ensure safety and environmental protection, while correcting errors and reducing certain unnecessary regulatory burdens imposed under the existing regulations. Accordingly, after thoroughly reexamining the original Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control final rule (WCR), experiences from the implementation process, and BSEE policy, BSEE proposes to amend, revise, or remove current regulatory provisions that create unnecessary burdens on stakeholders while ensuring safety and environmental protection. The proposed regulations would also address various issues and errors that were identified during the implementation of the recent rulemaking on these issues.</i></p>	10 July 2018
<b>FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE</b>					
COMPRESSORS AND PNEUMATIC MACHINES	UNITED STATES	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1341/Add.1</a>	<p>High pressure piping systems - Addendum</p> <p><i>The rules proposed and published at State Register, Volume 42, Number 32, pages 897-904, 5 February 2018 (32 SR 897 page 897): <a href="https://mn.gov/admin/assets/SR42_32%20-%20Accessible_tcm36-325780.pdf">https://mn.gov/admin/assets/SR42_32%20-%20Accessible_tcm36-325780.pdf</a>, are adopted as proposed. Incorporates by reference updated national codes and engineering standards regarding high pressure steam and other heating media piping, ammonia refrigeration piping, bioprocess piping, and the welding requirements for these high pressure piping systems.</i></p>	—
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/764</a>	<p>Labelling standards for foods</p> <p><i>The proposed amendments seek to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider the actual measured values of nutrition components to be within the range of acceptable sampling error if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The actual measured values of nutritional components are within the range that is recognized by the regulation on processing the unit values used in detailed labelling methods</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	60 days from notification

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				<i>(2) The indicated average values of nutritional components are produced by two or more institutions every six months.</i>	
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/765</a>	<p>Labelling standards for genetically modified foods</p> <p><i>Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Labelling Standards for Genetically Modified Foods (Advance Notice No. 2018-192 of the MFDS)".</i></p> <p><i>- The new provisions related to exemptions from GM labelling are added in Article 3.</i></p>	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	MEXICO	15/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/308/Add.4</a>	<p>Eggs and egg products - Addendum</p> <p><i>Please be advised that the amendment to point 15 of Mexican Official Standard NOM -159-SSA1-2016, Products and services. Eggs and egg products. Sanitary provisions and specifications. Test method, published in the Official Journal on 16 January 2018, has been published.</i></p>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	NEW ZEALAND	15/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NZL/81</a>	<p>Primary and processed organic products</p> <p><i>The New Zealand Government is considering whether new regulations are needed for organic products sold in New Zealand. The Government is seeking feedback on whether a new organic standard should be voluntary or mandatory, and if a standard is mandatory, how should Government check that businesses meet the standard.</i></p> <p><i>If, following consultation, Government decides that a mandatory standard is needed, new primary legislation will need to be passed into law before a standard can be developed. The timeframe for such legislation is uncertain. Once any needed legislation is passed, an organic standard would be developed and consulted on before it was finalised.</i></p> <p><i>For comments received in response to this notification, the closing date for submissions as specified in the discussion document is extended to 60 days from the date of this notification.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THAILAND	16/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/513</a>	<p>Nutrition labelling</p> <p><i>To amend the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Nutrition Labelling on Thai Recommended Daily Intakes (Thai RDI) for Thai people over 6 years of age of "Sodium", which is a nutrient associated with Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and affect the health of Thai population, to comply with the Codex standards.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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FRUITS, VEG-ETABLES	UNITED STATES	15/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1358/Corr.1</a>	Mangos - Corrigendum  <i>The United States wishes to withdraw the notification G/TBT/N/USA/1358 issued on 10 April 2018.</i>	—
FRUITS, VEG-ETABLES	UNITED STATES	17/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1366</a>	Irish potatoes  <i>This proposed rule would implement a recommendation from the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Potato Committee (Committee) to revise the varietal classifications that determine the size requirements for Irish potatoes grown in certain designated counties of Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon. As provided under section 8e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, the proposed modification would also apply to all imported long type Irish potatoes. This proposed rule would also make administrative revisions to the subpart headings to bring the language into conformance with the Office of Federal Register requirements.</i>	09 July 2018
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	SOUTH AFRICA	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZAF/229</a>	Popcorn Kernels  <i>The proposed regulations cover the quality standards, containers, packing and marking requirements, prohibited particulars, sampling procedures, as well as, offences and penalties</i>	60 days from notification
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	15/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/523/Add.1</a>	Prescription and ethical drug products - Addendum  <i>Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Vanessa's Law) The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/523 (dated 3 May 2017) were adopted and published on 2 May 2018 as the Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations and the Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (DIN Requirements for Drugs Listed in Schedule C to the Food and Drugs Act that are in Dosage Form).</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	15/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/528/Add.1</a>	Opioids - Addendum  <i>Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Opioids) The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/528 (dated 19 June 2017) were adopted and published on 2 May 2018 as the Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Opioids) . Given the potential for harm associated with opioid drugs and the related public health crisis, the Government of Canada has identified the need for strengthened post-market oversight of opioids and the need to better inform patients about the safe use of opioids and their associated risks.</i>	—

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<b>PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS</b>					
BOTTLES, POTS, JARS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1049/Corr.1</a>	Single-use drinking water bottles made of polyethylene terephthalate - Corrigendum  <i>The final date for comments under item 10 should read '60 days from notification'.</i>	—
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
CYCLES	ARGENTINA	17/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/151/Add.17</a>	Bicycles - Addendum  <i>It is communicated that by Joint Resolution No. 20/2018 of the Ministry of Commerce and Secretariat of Industry repeals the "Compulsory Certification Regime for Essential Requirements of Safety for the commercialization of roofs and new pneumatic bicycles cameras " established by Resolution ex SICyPyME N ° 153/2005, its amendments and / or complementary (G / TBT / N / ARG / 151 / Add.4, Add.6-8, Add.10, Add.12 and Add.14-15).</i>	—
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	THAILAND	14/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/512</a>	Motorcycles  <i>The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed to enforce TIS 2915 - 25XX Safety Requirements for Motorcycle: Emission from Engine Level 7 as a mandatory standard. This standard applies only on the motorcycles powered by internal-combustion engines (Category L3, L4 and L5) . It covers the safety requirements relating the levels of gaseous pollutants which emitted from motorcycles (i.e. carbon monoxide, oxide of nitrogen and hydrocarbon) and durability of pollution control devices. It also prescribes requirements, marking and labelling, sampling and criteria for conformity and testing. The standard does not apply to pure electric motorcycles, hydrogen fuel cell motorcycles</i>	60 days from notification