

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 44 notifications on Chemical Technology, Electrical Engineering, Environment, Health Protection and Safety, Food Technology, Paint and Colour Industries etc., from Brazil, China, Egypt, the European Union, Indonesia 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 (12 - 18 October 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	COLOMBIA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/COL/240/Add.1	Foodstuffs for animals - Addendum <i>The Republic of Colombia communicates regarding the draft resolution of the Colombian Agricultural Institute - ICA on the procedure for the registration of manufacturers and importers of animal feed.</i>	14 January 2020
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
OTHER PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1383	Volatile organic compounds content in cleaning agents <i>This standard specifies the content limits of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in industrial cleaning agents.</i>	60 days from notification

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OTHER PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	TANZANIA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/313	Detergent grade - Zeolite <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for Zeolite - detergent grade.</i>	60 days from notification
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	TANZANIA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/314	Household laundry detergent bars <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for household laundry detergent bars</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	YEMEN	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/YEM/165	Talc powder for infants <i>This Yemeni technical regulation is concerned with the requirement and methods of sampling and testing of talcum powder for infants except for this infants powder that contains pharmaceutical and therapeutic substances and does not include talcum powder industrial or food purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHING INDUSTRY					
FOOTWEAR	EGYPT	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/191/Add.1	Sports shoes - Addendum <i>This addendum concerns the notification of Draft of the Egyptian standard ES 3572 "Sports footwear and its Parts".</i>	—
FOOTWEAR	EGYPT	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/194/Add.1	Footwear and its parts - Addendum <i>This addendum concerns the notification of Draft of the Egyptian standard ES 3571 "Footwear and Its Parts".</i>	—
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	UGANDA	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1117	Clay roofing tiles and ridges <i>This draft standard specifies requirements for roofing tiles and ridges intended for use as roof covering where durability and appearance are required to provide a weather-resistant surface of specified design.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	14/10/2019	G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.13	Low-voltage electrical products - Addendum <i>Please be advised that the draft Resolution amending the "Regime governing the mandatory certification of compliance with the essential safety requirements for low-voltage electrical products marketed in Argentina", established by Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 169/2018 is available for public</i>	60 days from date of circulation

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LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CHILE	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/504	<p>Products for indoor lighting use</p> <p><i>The minimum standard of energy efficiency for ampoules. It is updated to account for the progress made since its validity in 2013. This report provides the background that is based on increasing the standard of energy efficiency, and its technical, economic and environmental evaluation.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
FIRE PROTECTION	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1392	<p>Combustible gas detectors for industrial and commercial use</p> <p><i>This part specifies the classification, requirements, test, inspection rules and marks of point-type combustible gas detectors for industrial and commercial use. This part is applicable for point-type combustible gas detectors installed in industrial and commercial places to detect all kinds of combustible gases and vapors.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FIRE PROTECTION	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1393	<p>Household combustible gas detectors</p> <p><i>This part specifies the requirements, test, inspection rules and marks of household combustible gas detectors. This part is applicable for household detectors for detecting methane, propane and carbon monoxide.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FIRE PROTECTION	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1394	<p>Portable combustible gas detectors for industrial and commercial use</p> <p><i>This part specifies the classification, requirements, test, inspection rules and marks of portable combustible gas detectors for industrial and commercial use. This part is applicable for portable combustible gas detectors installed in industrial and commercial places to detect all kinds of combustible gases and vapors.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FIRE PROTECTION	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1395	<p>Line-type optical beam combustible gas detectors for industrial and commercial use</p> <p><i>This part specifies the classification, requirements, test, inspection rules and marks of line-type optical beam combustible gas detectors for industrial and commercial use. This part is applicable for line-type optical beam combustible gas detectors installed in industrial and commercial places to detect all kinds of combustible gases and vapors.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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FIRE-FIGHTING	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1396	Sprinklers <i>This part specifies the classification, nominal operating temperature, color indication, model specifications, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, operation instructions and packaging, transportation and storage of specific application sprinklers in automatic sprinkler system.</i>	60 days from notification
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	QATAR	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/QAT/562	Air-conditioners <i>The above mentioned standard mainly specifies the updating of QS 2663-2015 on energy labeling requirements and the Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) requirements, concerned with single-package (such as window type) and split-system non-ducted air conditioners using air- and water-cooled condensers and heat pumps employing air-cooled condensers and ducted air-conditioners using air-to-air heat pumps for residential, commercial and industrial sector as applicable in accordance with Qatari standards.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/ARG/378	Lead in wines <i>The modification of the maximum content limit is proposed of lead established on limits and analytical tolerances in wines for the free circulation and export.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEESE	BRAZIL	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/921	Matured "minas" cheese <i>The notified regulation opens a 60-day period for public consultation on the draft of a technical regulation that aims to establish the standards of identity and quality for matured "Minas" cheese.</i>	06 December 2019
CHEESE	BRAZIL	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/922	Processed cheese <i>The notified regulation opens a 60-day period for public consultation on the draft of a technical regulation that aims to establish the standards of identity and quality for cream cheese.</i>	9 December 2019
CHEESE	BRAZIL	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/923	"Minas" cheese <i>The notified regulation opens a 60-day period for public consultation on the draft of a technical regulation that aims to establish the standards of identity and quality for "Minas" cheese.</i>	8 December 2019

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CHEESE	BRAZIL	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/924	Provolone cheese <i>The notified regulation opens a 60-day period for public consultation on the draft of a technical regulation that aims to establish the standards of identity and quality for provolone cheese.</i>	8 December 2019
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/925	Milk desert <i>The notified regulation opens a 60-day period for public consultation on the draft of a technical regulation that aims to establish the standards of identity and quality for milk desert.</i>	8 December 2019
CHEESE	BRAZIL	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/926	Ricotta cheese <i>The notified regulation opens a 60-day period for public consultation on the draft of a technical regulation that aims to establish the standards of identity and quality for ricotta cheese.</i>	8 December 2019
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	EGYPT	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/1/Add.8	Cereals, pulses and derived products - Addendum <i>This addendum concerns the notification of Draft of the Egyptian Standard ES 384,992,1332 "Halawa Tehenia".</i>	—
TEA	EGYPT	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/2/Add.9	Tea - Addendum <i>This addendum concerns the notification of Draft of the Egyptian Standard ES 559-1 "Tea and Methods of Analysis and Testing, Part 1: Tea".</i>	—
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	INDONESIA	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/IDN/113/Add.1	Tuna, sardines and mackerel in cans - Addendum <i>Producer or importer must put SNI mark on their products as stated in the letter of approval of SNI marking (SPPT SNI) . The requirements and the procedures are explained in the regulation.</i>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDONESIA	14/10/2019	G/TBT/N/IDN/123	Halal Product <i>This draft technical regulation covers mandatory implementation of halal product assurance in particular products as proven by halal certificate issued by Halal Insurance Agency or other Halal Agencies in with BPJPH.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	MEXICO	14/10/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/178/Add.9	Labelling of pre-packaged food and non alcoholic beverages - Addendum	10 December 2019

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				<i>Please be advised of the publication of the draft amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-051-SCFI/SSA1-2010: General specifications for the labelling of pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages - Commercial and health information, published on 5 April 2010.</i>	
GENERALITIES. TERMINOLOGY. STANDARDIZATION. DOCUMENTATION					
PUBLIC INFORMATION SYMBOLS. SIGNS. PLATES. LABELS	EUROPEAN UNION	15/10/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/685	<p>Luminance, luminance ratio and ingress protection for variable message traffic signs</p> <p><i>This draft delegated act under the Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 (the CPR) contains the establishment of classification systems for variable message traffic signs under EN 12966.</i></p>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
VETERINARY MEDICINE	JAPAN	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/JPN/618/Add.1	<p>Veterinary biologics except in vitro diagnostics - Addendum</p> <p><i>Amendment of these Ministerial Ordinances notified in G/TBT/N/JPN/618 was adopted and published in "KAMPO" (Official Gazette, Available in Japanese) on 19 September 2019 and comes into force in 3 years after the date of its publication in "KAMPO".</i></p>	—
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	CHINA	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1397	<p>Remote power feeding</p> <p><i>This section specifies the safety requirements of the remote feed communication circuit.</i></p>	60 days from notification
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	CHINA	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1398	<p>Information technology equipment designed to be installed outdoor</p> <p><i>This section specifies additional safety requirements for information technology equipment designed to be installed outdoor.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	JAMAICA	14/10/2019	G/TBT/N/JAM/81	<p>Labelling of pre-packaged goods</p> <p><i>The standard establishes general labelling requirements for goods. It is applicable to all goods which are sold, distributed or used, except those for which specific requirements have been elsewhere prescribed in CARICOM Regional Standards, or national regulations.</i></p>	10 December 2019
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	JAMAICA	14/10/2019	G/TBT/N/JAM/82	<p>Pre-packaged goods</p> <p><i>This standard specifies requirements for the information to be included on labels of goods</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				pre-packaged for sale, the method of display of such information, and where necessary, the wording and units of measurements to be used.	
PAINT AND COLOUR INDUSTRIES					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1384	Harmful substances of architectural wall coatings <i>The standard specifies the terms and definitions, product classification, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, package and label for substances that are harmful to the human body and the environment in all kinds of architectural wall coatings.</i>	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1385	Harmful Substances of Vehicle Coatings <i>The standard specifies the terms and definitions, product classification, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, package and label for substances that are harmful to the human body and the environment in various vehicle coating.</i>	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1386	Harmful substances of woodenware coatings <i>The standard specifies the terms and definitions, product classification, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, package and label for substances that are harmful to the human body and the environment in various woodenware coatings.</i>	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1388	Harmful Substances of Industrial Protective Coatings <i>The standard specifies the terms and definitions, product classification, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, package and label for substances that are harmful to the human body and the environment in various industrial protective coatings.</i>	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1389	Interior floor coatings; paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) <i>The standard specifies the terms and definitions, product classification, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, package and label for substances that are harmful to the human body and the environment in interior floor coatings.</i>	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1390	Marine coatings; paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers)	60 days from notification

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				<i>This standard specifies the terms and definitions, product classification, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, package and label for substances that are harmful to the human body and the environment in marine coatings.</i>	
INKS. PRINTING INKS	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1391	Ink; printing ink <i>This standard specifies the basic requirements, technical content and inspection methods of VOCs content limit of ink, the main technical content includes VOCs content limit of offset printing ink, gravure printing ink, flexo printing ink, uv curing ink, etc.</i>	60 days from notification
PAPER TECHNOLOGY					
TISSUE PAPER	EGYPT	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/232	Tissue paper <i>This draft standard specifies the requirements of paper products (tissue paper), including: facial tissues, toilet rollers, kitchen rollers and for household purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
PASSENGER CARS. CARAVANS AND LIGHT TRAILERS	JAPAN	17/10/2019	G/TBT/N/JPN/636	Passenger vehicles <i>These revisions of the standards under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy include energy consumption efficiency (fuel efficiency) standards for a targeted fiscal year (FY2030), measurement method, requirement for indication, etc. of the products listed in column 4.</i>	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ADHESIVES	CHINA	16/10/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1387	Adhesive; prepared glues and other prepared adhesives <i>This standard specifies the limitation requirements for volatile organic compound content in adhesive.</i>	60 days from notification