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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 47 notifications on Agriculture, Chemical Technology, Environment, Health Protection and Safety, Food Technology, Generalities, Terminology, Standardization and Documentation, Metallurgy, Services, Company Organization, Management and Quality, Administration, Transport and Sociology etc., from European Union, Republic of Korea, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, Uganda, United States, Viet Nam 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

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (15 - 21 February 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
	UNITED KINGDOM	21/02/2020	G/TBT/2/Add.128	Communication from the United Kingdom - Addendum <i>Pursuant to Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade ("the TBT Agreement"), the United Kingdom hereby informs the Committee of measures in place to ensure the implementation and administration of the World Trade Organization (WTO) TBT Agreement, following its withdrawal from the European Union on 31 January 2020.</i>	—
AGRICULTURE					
AGRICULTURAL MACHINES, IMPLEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	17/02/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/876	Garden blowers, vacuums and blower vacuums <i>KATS proposes to establish a new technical regulation (KC 60335-2-100) to harmonize international standard (IEC 60335-2-100) for hand-held mains-operated garden blowers, vacuums and blower vacuums. Existing technical regulations for the products (KC 60335-2-80 and KC 60335-2-2) will be replaced with the new technical regulation for the KC certification.</i>	60 days from notification

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AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/644/Add.1	Desmedipham (pesticide active substance) - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1100 of 27 June 2019 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance desmedipham, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 was adopted on 27 June 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 175 of 28 June 2019.</i>	—
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/646/Add.1	Pesticide active substance - Tolclofos-methyl - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1101 of 27 June 2019 renewing the approval of the active substance tolclofos-methyl in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 was adopted on 27 June 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 175 of 28 June 2019.</i>	—
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/647/Add.1	Pesticides - Dimethoate - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1090 of 26 June 2019 concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance dimethoate, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 was adopted on 26 June 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 173 of 27 June 2019.</i>	—
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/651/Add.1	Pesticide active substance - Methiocarb - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1606 of 27 September 2019 concerning the non-renewal of the approval of the active substance methiocarb, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 was adopted on 27 September 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 250 of 30 September 2019.</i>	—

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PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/699	<p>Pesticides - Beta-cyfluthrin</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance beta-cyfluthrin is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. EU Member States shall withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing beta-cyfluthrin as active substance. The non-renewal of approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly assessed and approved under Directive 91/414/EEC. This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and plant protection products containing it. Following non-approval and the expiry of all grace periods for stocks of products containing this substance, separate action will likely be taken on MRLs and a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.</i></p>	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/648/Add.1	<p>Cosmetics - Addendum</p> <p><i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1857 of 6 November 2019 amending Annex VI to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products was adopted on 6 November 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 286 on 7 November 2019.</i></p>	—
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/650/Add.1	<p>Cosmetics - Addendum</p> <p><i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1858 of 6 November 2019 amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cosmetic products was adopted on 6 November 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 286 of 7 November 2019.</i></p>	—
WOOD-PROTECTING CHEMICALS	VIET NAM	17/02/2020	G/TBT/N/VNM/160	<p>Wood preservatives : water-borne preservatives</p> <p><i>The draft national technical regulation on Wood Preservatives specifies the quality criteria and usage conditions for the water-borne wood preservatives.</i></p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation does not apply to wood preservatives which are testing samples, displaying samples, temporarily imported for exported and in transit.</i></p>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/404	<p>Electric storage drink water heaters</p> <p><i>Electric storage drink water heaters have been subject to mandatory inspection under the Commodity Inspection Act by the Bureau of Standards Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) since 1 January 1992. In line with the energy policy, the BSMI proposes to require that electric storage drink water heaters be subject to Sections 10.7 "capacity of inner tank test" and 10.8 "standardized standby loss of every 24 hours Est,24 test" of CNS 12623, where the measured value (Est,24) shall comply with that stated in "Requirements on Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) for electric storage tank boiling water heaters."</i></p>	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
CLEANING APPLIANCES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	17/02/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/877	Air-cleaning appliances <i>Particular requirements for air-cleaning appliances (KC 60335-2-65) will be amended to strengthen safety controls. A new proposal requires the industry to indicate a warning notice about ozone gas emissions from the products.</i>	60 days from notification
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	17/02/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/878	Battery chargers <i>Particular requirements for battery chargers (KC 60335-2-29) will be harmonized with relevant international standards (IEC 60335-2-29). The main change is to increase the output voltage (42.4V □120V) of battery chargers.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LUMINAIRES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	17/02/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/879	Luminaires <i>KATS proposes to amend the existing technical regulation (KC 10023) to eliminate duplication in mandatory certification requirements for Korea Certification (KC) and Energy Efficiency Rating Certification. Additionally, KC 61195 and KC 62035 will be amended to implement the Minamata Convention on Mercury. KC 61195 intends to control mercury levels in LFLs (general lighting) and add missing items in former revision of standard. KC 62035 intends to prohibit the use of HPMW for indoor lighting purpose.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	19/02/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1581	Toxic chemicals in children's products <i>Establishes disclosure program for chemicals of concern used in the manufacturing of children's products and a process to review high priority chemicals of concern for future regulatory actions.</i>	19 April 2020
ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/649/Add.1	Substances - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1692 of 9 October 2019 on the application of certain registration and data-sharing provisions of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council after the expiry of the final registration deadline for phase-in substances was adopted on 9 October 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 259 of 10 October 2019.</i>	—

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ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	INDIA	17/02/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/142	<p>Barium carbonate</p> <p><i>Barium Carbonate is one of the important raw material widely used in the manufacture of different types of ceramic dielectric capacitors for high frequency application and for hard ferrites. The other important use is as an ingredient for the manufacture of ceramic glaze frits and fluxes, optical and ophthalmic glasses and special cut glasses. It is also used in other electro ceramic materials used a resistors, circuit breakers etc. The standard of Barium Carbonate for ceramic and glass industry prescribes minimum purity and impurity profile in maximum covering iron, sodium oxide and other metal sulphates etc. Barium Carbonate Technical is used for removing of sulfates in phosphoric acid production and chlorine alkali electrolysis. Barium Carbonate Technical is also used in the manufacture of various Barium compounds like Barium Chloride, Barium Nitrate, Barium Sulphide etc. The standards prescribe minimum content of Barium and Carbonate, besides impurity profile. The locally manufactured or imported Barium Carbonate shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 3205:1984, reaffirmed 2015 and IS 12928: 1990, reaffirmed 2017) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) . Bureau of Indian Standards of the State Governments shall be the enforcing authority.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1559/Add.1	<p>Consumer refrigeration products - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 23 December 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a test procedure notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") for consumer refrigeration products. The NOPR stated that written public comments would be accepted until 21 February 2020. On 27 January 2020, DOE received a joint request from the North-west Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA), the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to extend the comment period for the NOPR by 60 days so that the data their teams are collecting and analyzing could be submitted to the docket and considered by the DOE. On 5 February 2020, DOE received a request from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) to extend the comment period for the Test Procedure NOPR for Consumer Refrigeration Products by 30 days. DOE has reviewed this request and will be granting a 45 day extension of the public comment period until 6 April 2020.</i></p>	6 April 2020
WASTES	ALBANIA	20/02/2020	G/TBT/N/ALB/95	<p>Integrated waste: plastic carrying bags</p> <p><i>This draft-law guarantees the protection of the environment and human health from the consequences of using plastic carrying bags, reducing the amount of plastic thrown around in the environment, which will reduce the costs of waste management and minimize the potential adverse environmental and human health impacts.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
WASTES	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/652/Add.1	Electrical and electronic equipment-Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2019/1845 of 8 August 2019 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) in certain rubber components used in engine systems was adopted on 8 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 283 of 5 November 2019.</i>	—
WASTES	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/653/Add.1	Electrical and electronic equipment-Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2019/1846 of 8 August 2019 amending, for the purposes of adapting to scientific and technical progress, Annex III to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead in solders used in certain combustion engines was adopted on 8 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 283 of 5 November 2019.</i>	—
WASTES IN GENERAL	BANGLADESH	20/02/2020	G/TBT/N/BGD/3	Electrical and electronic products <i>Hazardous Waste (E-waste) Management Rules, 2019. These rules will be applicable for the following categories of electrical and electronic products:</i> <i>1. Household appliance</i> <i>2. Monitoring and Control equipment</i> <i>3. Medical Equipment</i> <i>4. Automatic Machine</i> <i>5. IT and telecommunication equipment</i>	March 2020
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
BALL AND PLUG VALVES	TURKEY	17/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TUR/156	Valves-Cast iron ball valves for combustible gases <i>This standard covers ball valves for combustible gases for distribution (except for use on pipeline transportation) which are used for natural gas and liquified petroleum gas "LPG" and which have nominal diameter (DN) from 65 mm up to 300 mm (included). This standard does not cover steel and copper alloy ball valves. Type of fittings to be used according to working pressure classes and working conditions such as temperature, thermal fluctuations and the like does not cover the materials produced and dimensions produced.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
CHEESE	UGANDA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1192	Gouda cheese <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Gouda cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEESE	UGANDA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1193	Cottage cheese <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cottage cheese intended for direct consumption and for further processing.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEESE	UGANDA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1194	Mozzarella cheese <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for mozzarella cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing.</i>	60 days from notification

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
CHEESE	UGANDA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1195	Cream cheese <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cream cheese for direct consumption and for further processing.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEESE	UGANDA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1196	Cheddar cheese <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cheddar cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing.</i>	60 days from notification
OTHER MILK PRODUCTS	UGANDA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1191	Fermented/cultured milk <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for fermented (cultured) milk for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
GENERALITIES. TERMINOLOGY. STANDARDIZATION. DOCUMENTATION					
STANDARDIZATION. GENERAL RULES	UNITED STATES	19/02/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1441/Add.3	Appliances, consumer products, commercial/ industrial equipment - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy is updating and modernizing aspects of its current rulemaking method for considering new or revised energy conservation standards for consumer products and certain types of industrial equipment. The rule clarifies the process DOE will follow with respect to its application to these items, makes the specified rulemaking procedures binding on DOE, and revises certain provisions to bring consistency with existing statutory requirements. Other changes include expanding early opportunities for public input on the Appliance Program's priority setting and rulemaking activities, setting a significant energy savings threshold for updating standards, establishing a window between test procedure final rules and standards proposals, and delineating procedures for rulemaking under the separate direct final rule and negotiated rulemaking authorities.</i>	—
STANDARDIZATION. GENERAL RULES	UNITED STATES	19/02/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1583	Energy conservation program for appliance standards <i>Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking - The Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing amendments to its decision-making process for selecting energy conservation standards. More specifically, DOE is proposing changes that would require DOE to conduct a comparative analysis of the relative costs and benefits of all of the proposed alternative levels for potentially establishing or amending an energy conservation standard in order to make a reliable determination that the chosen alternative is economically justified.</i>	16 March 2020
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY (VOCABULARIES)	UNITED STATES	19/02/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/158	Textile fiber products <i>Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") proposes amending the Rules and Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act ("Textile Rules" or "Rules") to incorporate the most recent ISO 2076 standard for generic fiber names. The proposed amendment should reduce compliance costs and increase flexibility for firms providing textile fiber information to consumers.</i>	19 March 2020

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN GENERAL	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/RUS/99	<p>Medical devices</p> <p><i>The Draft amendments to the Rules for registration and examination of safety, quality and effectiveness of medical devices apply to medical devices issued for circulation in the territory of the Eurasian economic union and provide for the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -clarification of terms and definitions; -clarification of the mechanism for implementing the procedure for approval by States of the recognition of the expert opinion of the reference state; -determination of cases when changes are made to the registration dossier of medical devices in the notification procedure; - clarification of the procedure for canceling the validity (cancellation) of the registration certificate of a medical device. 	20 April 2020
MEDICAMENTS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	17/02/2020	G/TBT/10.7/N/151	<p>Agreement on Mutual Reliance on Inspection Results of Good Manufacturing Practice for Medicinal Products between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Swiss Federal Council</p> <p><i>The objectives of the Agreement are to promote an understanding between the Parties of each other's GMP system, to facilitate the exchange of information relating to GMP inspections, and to rely on each other's GMP inspection results.</i></p>	—
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
BELT DRIVES AND THEIR COMPONENTS	TURKEY	17/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TUR/155	<p>V belts</p> <p><i>This standard covers V belts and specifies their identifications, classifications, sampling, inspection, testing and marketing.</i></p> <p><i>This standard covers V belts in Clause 4.1.2</i></p>	60 days from notification
METALLURGY					
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	UGANDA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1190	<p>High-strength low-alloy steel (HSLA) for hot rolled sheet and cold rolled sheet</p> <p><i>This Uganda Standard specifies the requirements for steel sheet in coils and cut lengths for highstrength low-alloy steel (HSLA) supplied as hot-rolled sheet and cold-rolled sheet.</i></p> <p><i>For the purposes of determining conformance with this specification and the various material specifications, values shall be rounded to the nearest unit in the right-hand place of figures used in expressing the limiting values.</i></p> <p><i>For the purposes of determining conformance with this product specification, measured values, calculated values, or observed values shall be rounded to the nearest unit in the right hand place of figures used in expressing the limiting values.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1189	Aluminium-zinc coated plain steel sheets, aluminium-zinc coated corrugated steel sheets <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for continuous hot-dip Aluminium-Zinc (AZ) coated plain and corrugated steel sheets for roofing, cladding, fencing, fabrication and general use.</i> <i>This standard does not cover the special purpose profiles. The Aluminium-Zinc alloy composition by mass is nominally 55% Aluminium, 1.6% Silicon and balance Zinc. The product is intended for applications where the corrosion characteristics of Aluminium coupled with those of Zinc are most desired.</i>	60 days from notification
STAINLESS STEELS	UGANDA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1188	Stainless steel tanks <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies constructional requirements, sampling and test methods for non-pressurized stainless steel storage tanks for food related items.</i>	60 days from notification
STEEL WIRE, WIRE ROPES AND LINK CHAINS	UGANDA	20/02/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1184	Steel wire products for fencing <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for steel wires and wire products used for fencing purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	19/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/405	Mercury-added products <i>The Environmental Protection Administration previously announced the enactment of the "Restrictions on the Imports and Sales of Mercury Thermometers" on March 26, 2008. In addition, on July 5, 2019, it announced the amendments to the "Listed Toxic Chemical Substances and the Handling Control Measures" to ban the use of mercury in the manufacture of switches, relays, high-pressure mercury lamps for general lighting, and non-electronic measuring instruments from January 1, 2021. It is the timetable for the announced ban on the manufacture of the aforementioned mercury-added products. As for imports, further control is required. In view of the harm of mercury to the environment and human health, with the development of electronic equipment and consumer electronics, the demand for the use of mercury-added products has been decreasing. Therefore, to be in line with the "Minamata Convention on Mercury", it is announced that from January 1, 2021, the imports of mercury-added switches, relays, high-pressure mercury lamps for general lighting, & non-electronic measuring instruments (barometers, hygrometers, manometers, thermometers, sphygmomanometers, etc.) are prohibited to strengthen domestic mercury control and achieve the goal of maintaining environmental safety.</i>	60 days from notification

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PAINT AND COLOUR INDUSTRIES					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	VIET NAM	17/02/2020	G/TBT/N/VNM/159	<p>Wood PU paints and varnishes (polyurethane)</p> <p><i>The draft national technical regulation on wood paints and varnishes. Part 1. PU paints and varnishes (Polyurethane) specifies the technical and managerial requirements for wood paints and varnishes. Part 1. PU paints and varnishes (Polyurethane) .</i></p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation does not apply to wood paints and varnishes which are used as testing samples, product samples, displaying samples, temporarily imported for exported and in transit.</i></p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation applies to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Domestic and foreign organizations, individuals manufacturing, processing, trading, exporting and importing food grade salt in the territory of Vietnam; •State management agencies, concerned organizations and individuals. <p><i>This draft technical regulation stipulates the responsibilities of organizations, individuals and implementing organizations of managing agencies.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CANADA	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/CAN/556/Add.1	<p>Motor vehicle - Addendum</p> <p><i>The proposed amendment notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/556 (dated 4 June 2018) was adopted and came into force 20 February 2020 as the "Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Made under the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (National Safety Marks and Importation)".</i></p> <p><i>The amendment reduces trade barriers by amending the requirements related to temporary importation, vehicles imported from Mexico, and vehicles imported from the United States and Mexico for parts. This amendment is aligned with the NAFTA objectives to eliminate trade barriers and facilitate the cross border movement of goods and services between Canada, the United States and Mexico, and delivers on specific commitments to remove barriers to the importation of used motor vehicles from Mexico.</i></p>	—
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	21/02/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/389/Add.1	<p>Passenger cars, motorcycles, [...]accessories thereof - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that "Amendment to the Fuel Economy Standards and Regulations on Vehicle Inspection and Administration", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/389 on 23 September 2019, was promulgated on 5 February 2020 and came into effect on the same day.</i></p>	—

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SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	MYANMAR	21/02/2020	G/TBT/2/Add.129	<p>Communication from Myanmar - Addendum</p> <p>1. The Ministry of Education of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is the central government authority that is responsible for the implementation at the national level of the provisions concerning notification procedures as per Article 10.10 of the TBT Agreement.</p> <p>2. The Department of Research and Innovation (DRI) is the national standardization body of the Republic on the Union of Myanmar. DRI ensures that preparation and adoption of national standards and conformity assessment procedures are in line with international standards and relevant guidelines where they exist in accordance the WTO TBT Agreement.</p> <p>3. The Department of Research and Innovation (DRI) has been designated as the national enquiry point for TBT by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as per Article 10.3 of the TBT Agreement.</p>	—
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	19/02/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1582	<p>Rail vehicles accessibility</p> <p>Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking - We, the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (hereafter, "Access Board", "Board", or "we"), are issuing this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to begin the process of updating our existing accessibility guidelines for rail vehicles covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) . By this ANPRM, the Access Board invites public comment on the substance of recommendations contained in the report issued by its Rail Vehicles Access Advisory Committee (RVAAC) and poses related questions. The Board will consider comments received in response to this ANPRM, along with the recommendations in the RVACC report, to develop proposed updates to our rail vehicle accessibility guidelines in a future rulemaking.</p>	14 May 2020
QUALITY IN GENERAL	VIET NAM	19/02/2020	G/TBT/N/VNM/161	<p>Products and goods with unsafe capability</p> <p>This draft Circular specifies the List of products and goods with unsafe capability under management responsibility of Ministry of Information and Communications (the "List of Group 2 products and goods" for short); forms and principles for quality management of products and goods with unsafe capability.</p>	15 April 2020
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RECEIVING AND TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT	EUROPEAN UNION	18/02/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/654/Add.1	<p>Radio spectrum use for short-range devices - Addendum</p> <p>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1345 of 2 August 2019 amending Decision 2006/771/EC updating harmonised technical conditions in the area of radio spectrum use for short-range devices (notified under document C(2019) 5660) was adopted on 2 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 212 of 13 August 2019.</p>	—