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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 65 notifications on Agriculture, Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages etc., from China, European Union, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (17 - 23 November 2018)

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AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	GRENADA	23/11/2018	G/TBT/N/GRD/20	<p>Labelling of retail packages of tobacco products</p> <p><i>The standard is an adopted revised regional (CARICOM) standard and replaces the existing GDS 1: Part 6: 1997. This standard applies to the labelling of individual packages and cartons of tobacco products intended for retail sale in the Grenada.</i></p> <p><i>This standard specifies the information, the method of display of such information, the wording and presentation of health warnings to be included on the labels of retail packages of tobacco products intended to be sold in the Grenada.</i></p> <p><i>This standard does not apply to the labelling of cases of such individual packages or cartons, irrespective of sizes, provided the cases are</i></p>	60 days from notification

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BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS FOR PROCESSING AND STORAGE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE	RWANDA	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/190	Abattoir <i>This Rwanda Standard covers the typical layout plan, major design requirements, sitting and utilities, major operational, service, storage, waste treatment and dispatch facilities, waste disposal system, water supply, hygiene and sanitary for abattoirs carrying all slaughter animals.</i>	60 days from notification
BEEKEEPING	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/212	Conservation and maintenance of honey bees <i>This code prescribes essential aspects of apiary management for better conservation of honey bees and growth of apiculture and also covers requirements for healthy maintenance of honey bee colonies.</i>	60 days from notification
BEEKEEPING	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/213	Packaged bee box <i>This standard specifies the dimensions and other requirements of package bee boxes. These boxes are designed in such a way so as to carry only a queen and cluster of honeybees from one place to another, providing adequate ventilation, food and protection.</i>	60 days from notification
BEEKEEPING	RWANDA	22/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/214	Beekeeping <i>1.1 This Code of Practice applies to apiary management operations like sitting and maintenance of hives, harvesting and processing of bee products. 1.2 This code of practice does not cover specifications of products like honey, wax, and hives among others.</i>	60 days from notification
BEEKEEPING	RWANDA	22/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/215	Comb foundation sheet <i>This Rwanda Standard specifies the material, sizes and other requirements for comb foundation sheets made of beeswax.</i>	60 days from notification
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
NUTS	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/196	Macadamia kernels <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for macadamia kernels of varieties (cultivars) grown from Macadamia integrifolia, Macadamia tetraphylla, Macadamia ternifolia and their hybrids. This standard does not apply to macadamia kernels that are processed by salting, sugaring, flavouring or roasting or for industrial processing of macadamia product other than food.</i>	60 days from notification
NUTS	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/197	Roasted macadamia <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for roasted macadamia of varieties (cultivars)</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>grown from Macadamia integrifolia, Macadamia ternifolia, Macadamia tetraphylla, and their hybrids intended for human consumption.</i>	
CHEMICALS					
REFRIGERANTS AND ANTIFREEZES	FRANCE	23/11/2018	G/TBT/N/FRA/189	Equipment or installations using refrigerants <i>The purpose of this Order is to determine the minimum safety rules necessary for the use of flammable refrigerants, previously prohibited in ERP</i>	60 days from the date of notification
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	RWANDA	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/183	Bacteria-based household cleaning products <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for bacteria-based household cleaning products. This Document covers products based on viable microorganisms for the treatment of septic systems, sanitary sewage pipelines for wastewater and for other sites with the aim of degrading organic matter and reducing odors. It does not cover the cleaning products to be used in hospitals and other establishments related to health.</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	RWANDA	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/184	Calabash oil for cosmetic industry <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Calabash oil for cosmetic industry.</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	RWANDA	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/185	Ghee for cosmetic industry <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for ghee for cosmetic industry.</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	RWANDA	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/186	Moringa oil for cosmetic industry <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Moringa oil for cosmetic industry.</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	RWANDA	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/187	Pet shampoo <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for shampoos that are especially designed to be used on pets, commonly dogs and cats.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICALS FOR PURIFICATION OF WATER	RWANDA	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/188	Chemicals for purification of water <i>This Preliminary Draft Standard describes the characteristics and specifies the requirements and the corresponding test methods for bentonite. Used for treatment of water intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification

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COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UGANDA	23/11/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/691/Add.1/Corr.1 ; G/TBT/N/UGA/691/Corr.1	Hair spray - Corrigendum <i>Uganda informs WTO Members that the correct reference number for the Draft Uganda Standard "Hair spray - Specification" notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/691 and the subsequent Addendum is "DUS 1701:2017".</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1395/Add.2	Chemical substances - Addendum <i>EPA is withdrawing significant new use rules (SNURs) promulgated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 28 chemical substances, which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . EPA published these SNURs using direct final rulemaking procedures, which requires EPA to take certain actions if an adverse comment is received. EPA received adverse comments and a request to extend the comment period regarding the SNURs identified in the direct final rule. Therefore, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule SNURs identified in this document, as required under the direct final rule-making procedures.</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1428	Chemical substances <i>EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 66 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . The chemical substances are subject to Orders issued by EPA pursuant to section 5 (e) of TSCA. This action would require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these 66 chemical substances for an activity that is proposed as a significant new use to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required with that determination.</i>	31 December 2018
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
EXTERNAL STRUCTURES	RWANDA	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/189	External structures for garage <i>This draft Rwanda standard provides the requirements for construction and management of motor vehicle repair garage. It excludes garage waste management which is covered in RS 368. It is applicable to commercial repair garage.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>It is not applicable to residential garages (attached and detached garages) fuelling stations or services stations and washing stations that performs car servicing works.</i>	
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	CHINA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/CHN/1300	Household refrigerator <i>The announcement clarifies that large refrigerators with the volume higher than 500L will be included into compulsory certification.</i>	60 days from notification
GAS HEATERS	CHINA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/CHN/1301	Domestic gas appliances <i>The Rules describe the scope of application, certification mode, major process of certification, general requirements for certification, certificate, use of certification mark, charge, etc.</i>	60 days from notification
COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	EUROPEAN UNION	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/620	Refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function <i>This draft Commission Regulation sets minimum energy performance, reparability, recyclability and information requirements for refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function (e.g. supermarket cabinets, beverage coolers, small ice-cream freezers, gelato-scooping cabinets and vending machines), as there exists a cost-effective potential to limit their energy consumption and improve their contribution to resource efficiency objectives. In accordance with Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC, products not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to be placed on the EU market. The draft Regulation is based on the findings of two technical, environmental and economic studies, which have been carried out with stakeholders.</i>	60 days from notification
COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	EUROPEAN UNION	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/621	Refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function <i>The draft Commission Delegated Regulation establishes requirements for the energy labelling and the provision of product information of refrigerating appliances with a direct sales function (e.g. supermarket cabinets, beverage coolers, small ice-cream freezers, gelato-scooping cabinets and vending machines) . In particular, it defines an energy label with A to G classes and requires suppliers to upload the label data, the product information sheet and technical documentation into a product registration database before products can be placed on the EU market.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>The draft Commission Delegated Regulation is based on the findings of the technical, environmental and economic studies, which have been carried out with stakeholders.</i>	
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	CHINA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/CHN/1302	Electrical apparatus for explosive atmosphere <i>The Rules describe the scope of application, certification mode, major process of certification, general requirements for certification, certificate, use of certification mark, charge, etc.</i>	60 days from notification
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
NUCLEAR ENERGY ENGINEERING	UNITED STATES	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1427	Nuclear power plant engineering <i>The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference the 2015 and 2017 Editions of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (BPV Code) and the 2015 and 2017 Editions of the ASME Operation and Maintenance of Nuclear Power Plants, Division 1: OM: Section IST (OM Code), respectively, for nuclear power plants. The NRC is also proposing to incorporate by reference two revised ASME code cases. This action is in accordance with the NRC's policy to periodically update the regulations to incorporate by reference new editions of the ASME Codes and is intended to maintain the safety of nuclear power plants and to make NRC activities more effective and efficient.</i>	23 January 2019
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
RADIATION PROTECTION	MEXICO	23/11/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/437	Sources of ionizing radiation <i>This Draft Standard applies to practices, sources of ionizing radiation contained in consumer products and sources of ionizing radiation attached to practices that by their characteristics may be exempt from all or part of the regulatory controls established by the National Nuclear Safety Commission and Safeguards. Ionizing radiation generating equipment are outside the scope of this standard: used for the purpose of medical diagnosis, radioactive material of natural origin, transport of radioactive material, import or export of radiation sources ionizing, medical uses of sources of ionizing radiation, manufacturing, acquisition, transfer, import and / or export of radiopharmaceuticals, administration of radioactive material to animals for diagnostic purposes, treatment and / or research, manufacturing, acquisition and transfer of sources of ionizing radiation,</i>	14 December 2018

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				<i>contaminated objects or the final disposal, recycling or reuse of the sources, the spare parts of ionizing radiation generating equipment.</i>	
LIQUID WASTES, SLUDGE	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/204	Wastewater treatment plants <i>This Draft Standard defines key terms used in the field of wastewater treatment plants.</i>	60 days from notification
LIQUID WASTES, SLUDGE	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/205	Wastewater treatment plants <i>This Rwanda Standard defines safety requirements for wastewater treatment plants to be constructed or reconstructed for the protection of employees involved in wastewater treatment process.</i>	60 days from notification
LIQUID WASTES, SLUDGE	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/206	Wastewater treatment plants <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies data which is necessary for the planning, design, bidding, performance Guarantees, construction, start-up and compliance testing of a wastewater treatment plant or parts of it. This standard gives fundamental information about the practices; this standard has not attempted to specify all available practices. This standard provides general requirements and processes for wastewater treatment plants for more than 50 PT.</i>	60 days from notification
SOLID WASTES	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/207	Solid wastes <i>This Rwanda Standard prescribes guidelines for safe management of solid waste disposal sites in the form of landfills, land treatment facility and incinerators.</i>	60 days from notification
SOLID WASTES	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/208	Solid wastes <i>This Draft Rwanda standard prescribes the recommended procedure for the handling, collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste to ensure safety of operatives, passers-by, animals and the environment. Domestic, commercial and industrial solid waste is part of this standard. Waste from health-care units is covered in RS 208. Construction and demolition waste is covered in RS 367. Electrical and Electronic wastes (E-waste) are covered in RS 276 (Part 1 and 2) .</i>	60 days from notification
SOLID WASTES	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/209	Solid wastes <i>This standard prescribes guidelines for design of solid waste disposal sites taking the form of landfill, land treatment and incineration facilities.</i>	60 days from notification

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AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1337/Add.1	Air emission sources - Addendum <i>This action amends certain existing testing regulations to reflect corrections, updates, and the addition of alternative equipment and methods for source testing of emissions. These revisions will improve the quality of data and provide flexibility in the use of approved alternative procedures. The revisions do not impose any new substantive requirements on source owners or operators.</i>	—
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ISRAEL	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/1026/Corr.1	Labelling of pre-packaged food - Corrigendum <i>This corrigendum is to inform that the URL in notification G/TBT/N/ISR/1026 should be read as follows: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/ISR/18_6012_00_x.pdf</i>	—
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	20/11/2018	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/191	Meat <i>1.1 The scope of this code covers hygiene provisions for raw meat, meat preparations and manufactured meat from the time of live animal production up to the point of retail sale. It further develops 'The Recommended Rwanda Code of Practice: General Principles of Food Hygiene' in respect of these products. Where appropriate, the Annex to that code (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System and Guidelines for its Application) and the Principles for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria for Foods are further developed and applied in the specific context of meat hygiene.</i> <i>1.2 For the purposes of this code, meat is that derived from domestic ungulates, domestic solipeds, domestic birds, lagomorphs, farmed game, farmed game birds (including ratites) and wild game. This Code of Practice may also be applied to other types of animals from which meat is derived, subject to any special hygienic measures required by the competent authority. Further to general hygiene measures applying to all species of animal as described above, this code also presents specific measures that apply to different species and classes of animals, e.g. wild game killed in the field.</i> <i>1.3 The hygiene measures that are applied to the products described in this code, shall take into account any further measures and food handling practices that are likely to be applied by the consumer. It shall be noted that some of the products described in this code may not be subjected to a heat or other biocidal process before consumption.</i>	60 days from notification

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				1.4 <i>Traditional practices may result in departures from some of the meat hygiene recommendations presented in this code when meat is produced for local trade.</i>	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/192	Alcoholic beverages <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Urwagwa.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/193	Banana based alcoholic beverages <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for banana based alcoholic beverages. This standard does not apply to urwagwa, banana wine and plant flavoured alcoholic beverages.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/194	Plant flavoured alcoholic drinks <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for plant flavoured alcoholic drinks.</i>	60 days from notification
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/195	Energy drinks <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for energy drinks.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/198	Wheat flour <i>This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for wheat flour prepared from common wheat, Triticum aestivum L. or club wheat, Triticum compactum Host, or mixtures thereof intended for human consumption. It does not apply to wheat flour obtained from</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/199	Milled maize (corn) products <i>This East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for whole maize meal, granulated maize meal, sifted maize meal, maize grits and maize flour from the grains of common maize (Zea mays L.) intended for human consumption. Maize grits intended for brewing, manufacturing of starch, any other industrial use are not covered. This standard does not apply to fortified milled maize (corn) products.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/200	Green gram <i>This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for the dry whole grains of the green gram of Vigna radiata intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification

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CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/201	Sorghum grains <i>This East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for sorghum grains of varieties (cultivars) grown from Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/202	Finger millet grains <i>This East African Standard specifies the requirements sampling and test methods for finger millet grains of varieties (cultivars) grown from Eleusine coracana (L.) Gaertner intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/203	Composite flour <i>This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for composite flour intended for human consumption. This standard does not apply where there are specific standards for blends or composites exist.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/211	Comb foundation mill <i>This Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements for the comb foundation mill used for embossing plain and pure beeswax sheets with the honeycomb cell outline.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	SINGAPORE	23/11/2018	G/TBT/N/SGP/39/Add.1	Ready-to-eat food - Addendum <i>Singapore would like to notify WTO Members of the following changes to the proposed measures (previously notified via G/TBT/N/SGP/39) 1, taking into consideration feedback and comments received from stakeholders and interested parties.</i>	30 days from the date of notification of this Addendum
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEP- ARATE CUS- TOMS TER- RITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/285/ Rev.1/Add.1	Imported foods and related products - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Partial Amended Provisions for the Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/285/Rev.1 on 13 February 2018, was promulgated and came to effect on 18 October 2018.</i>	—
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	TURKEY	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/134	Food simulants <i>The purpose of this Regulation is to determine the specifications for food simulants to be used for testing migration of constituents of plastic materials and articles in contact with food</i>	14 January 2019

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MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	TURKEY	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/135	Plastic materials and articles in contact with food <i>The purpose of this Communiqué is to determine the specifications for plastic materials and articles that are in contact with food and compliance testing rules</i>	14 January 2019
GLASS AND CERAMICS INDUSTRIES					
GLASS IN BUILDING	RWANDA	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/RWA/210	Glass in building <i>This Rwanda Draft standard covers guiding provisions for glazing in buildings with respect to their effect on energy, light (Visual) and solar environments in the building. This Standard does not cover the following: a) Glazing systems including Frameless glazing system b) Patent glazing</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	22/11/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/847	Pharmaceutical products <i>Draft Decree that establishes the pharmaceutical reverse logistics activities for drugs discarded by consumers with the participation of importers, manufacturers, distributors and merchants, in accordance with the provisions of Law 12.305, 2 August 2010, which established the National Policy on Solid Waste and Decree 7.404, 23 December 2010.</i>	19 December 2018
PHARMACEUTICS	21/11/2018	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/JPN/611	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system <i>Proposed "Shitei Yakubutsu" (designated 3 substances), and their "proper uses" designated under the Act</i>	Not applicable
MEDICAMENTS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/315/Add.1	Active pharmaceutical ingredients - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to the Regulations for the Inspection and Examination of Imported Medicaments", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/315 on 1 February 2018, was promulgated on 22 August 2018 and entered into force on 24 August 2018.</i>	—
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
IT APPLICATIONS IN OTHER FIELDS	JAPAN	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/JPN/612	9GHz-band solid state radar systems for ships <i>To amend the regulations for 9GHz-band solid state radar systems for ships.</i>	60 days from notification

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MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING					
WELDING EQUIPMENT	EUROPEAN UNION	23/11/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/622	<p>Welding equipment</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Regulation sets compulsory requirements on the energy efficiency (minimum efficiency of the internal power supply unit, and maximum low-power-mode consumption), as well as on the material efficiency (such as the disassemblability of certain components) of welding equipment. In accordance with Framework Directive 2009/125/EC, products not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to be placed on the EU market.</i></p> <p><i>The draft Regulation is based on the findings of a technical, environmental and economic study which has been carried out in consultation with stakeholders. The measures proposed were subject to an impact assessment.</i></p>	60 days from notification
METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	MAURITIUS	23/11/2018	G/TBT/N/MUS/8	<p>Steel bars, steel wires and steel fabrics</p> <p><i>The regulations specify the characteristics of Steel Bars, Steel Wires and Steel Fabrics and conditions of imports for same.</i></p>	60 days from notification
RAILWAY ENGINEERING					
RAILWAY ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	MEXICO	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/436	<p>Railways</p> <p><i>The draft Official Mexican Standard notified is applicable in the territory of United States of Mexico to subject persons, holders of concessions and license holders, who provide the public service of rail transport.</i></p> <p><i>Are excluded from its scope the tracks located inside an installation which are not part of the general network of lines of communication and those which are used exclusively for rapid urban transport operations which do not are not connected to the general network.</i></p>	08 January 2019
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
CYCLES	ARGENTINA	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/ARG/151/Rev.1	<p>Bicycles - Revision</p> <p><i>The notified draft text was prepared following the revision of the corresponding to Decision (Resolución) ex SICPME No 220/2003 and its additional provisions and amendments notified by means of documents G / TBT / N / ARG / 151 and Add.1-19.</i></p> <p><i>The notified measure provides for the essential quality and safety requirements bicycles that are marketed on the territory of the Argentine Republic, as well as that the repeal of the current regime.</i></p>	60 days from the notification

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MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	CHILE	21/11/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/396/Add.1	Hybrid and electric vehicles - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile announces, in relation to the technical requirements and requirements construction and safety requirements for hybrid and electric vehicles notified on 31 March 2017 under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 396, the promulgation of Decree No. 145 of the Ministry of transport and telecommunications of 29 December 2017, published in the Official Journal on November 12, 2018.</i>	—
SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	20/11/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1069/Add.1	Recreational vehicles - Addendum <i>This rulemaking revises the exemption for the manufacture of recreational vehicles to clarify which recreational vehicles qualify for an exemption from HUD's Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards and Manufactured Home Procedural and Enforcement regulations. HUD is adopting a recommendation of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC) but expanding the definition of recreational vehicle and modifying it to require certification with the updated ANSI standard, A119.5-15.</i>	—
RUBBER AND PLASTICS INDUSTRIES					
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	22/11/2018	G/TBT/N/KOR/802	Plastic products <i>Plastic products will be subject to Compliance with Safety standards Consumer Products. Compliance with Safety standards Consumer Products: Manufacturers and importers confirm the consumer products conforms to safety standards. It is self-confirmation without marking of safety confirmation.</i>	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	22/11/2018	G/TBT/N/KOR/803	Plastic products <i>Concentration of lead, cadmium and phthalates in plastic products</i>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDI- OVISUAL SYS- TEMS IN GEN- ERAL	ISRAEL	22/11/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/1024/Corr.1	Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment - Corrigendum <i>The remark relating to the entry in force included in paragraphs 6 and 9 of the notification should be read as follows: Both the old standards and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force of this new revision until 20 December 2020. During this time product may be tested according to the old or the new revised standards</i>	—

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
TELECOMMUNI- CATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	22/11/2018	G/TBT/N/KOR/804	<p>Telecommunication terminal equipment</p> <p><i>This criterion is to specify technical specifications of Telecommunication Terminal equipment. Three articles are amended to reflect the recent trends of new technology. These partial revisions are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To add the electrical specification such as transmitter power spectral density and power level of 5GBASE-T and 10GBASE-T - To add the physical layer specification for link budget PR40 of 10G-EPON - To add the 10GBASE-SR, LR, ER transmit characteristics such as wavelength range, transmitter eye mask definition, etc. 	60 days from notification