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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 proposed 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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Notifications on Agriculture, Chemicals, Food and beverages, Health care technology, Metallurgy etc. from the Arab league, Argentina, Brazil, the European Union, Kenya 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 (18 - 24 March 2017)

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AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	BAHRAIN	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/470	Pesticides and[...]other agrochemicals - Residues <i>This draft technical regulation is applies to maximum limits for the following pesticide residues in or on foods and agricultural commodities.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	KUWAIT	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/352	Pesticides and[...]other agrochemicals - Residues <i>This draft technical regulation is applies to maximum limits for the following pesticide residues in or on foods and agricultural commodities.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	OMAN	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/294	Pesticides and[...]other agrochemicals - Residues <i>This draft technical regulation is applies to maximum limits for the following pesticide residues in or on foods and agricultural commodities.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	QATAR	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/468	Pesticides and[...]other agrochemicals - Residues <i>This draft technical regulation is applies to maximum limits for the following pesticide residues in or on foods and agricultural commodities.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/972	Pesticides and[...]other agrochemicals - Residues <i>This draft technical regulation is applies to maximum limits for the following pesticide residues in or on foods and agricultural commodities.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/356	Pesticides and[...]other agrochemicals - Residues <i>This draft technical regulation is applies to maximum limits for the following pesticide residues in or on foods and agricultural commodities.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	YEMEN	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/72	Pesticides and[...]other agrochemicals - Residues <i>This draft technical regulation is applies to maximum limits for the following pesticide residues in or on foods and agricultural commodities.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	AUSTRALIA	3/22/2017	G/TBT/N/AUS/104/Add.1	Cosmetics and cosmetic ingredients - Addendum <i>A second consultation paper has been released to seek views on the Australian Government commitment to ban testing of cosmetics on animals. The purpose of the paper is to outline an option that would introduce the ban for Australia following the completion of the consultation processes. The paper provides background to the ban, findings from the initial consultation process and a proposed policy framework. To help shape the Implementation approach, stakeholders are invited to provide their feedback on the</i>	—

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COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	ECUADOR	3/22/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/332	Hygienic products for industrial use and food hygiene products <i>The draft Ecuadorian technical and sanitary standard for hygiene products for industrial use and food-grade hygiene products covers the following: object; scope; Definitions; Compulsory health notification (NSO); Reinstatement and modification of the health notification; Packaging and labels; allowed to operation; Certificate of free sale and export certificate; Good practices Manufacturing (GMP); Requirements and procedures for the certification of good Manufacturing (GMP); Fees for inspection and certification of good manufacturing practices; Notifications of change; Certificate of good manufacturing practice; Monitoring and control.</i>	17 April 2017
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS					
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	ECUADOR	3/22/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/281/Add.1	Household electrical appliances for inductive cooking - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby announces by means of this Addendum 1 the Technical Regulations RTE INEN 101 (Household electrical appliances for induction cooking) which was the subject of G / TBT / N / ECU / 281 of 24 September 2014. This technical regulation was issued of the Decision (Resolución) No. 17 035 of 2 February 2017 of the Undersecretariat for quality control under the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in the Official Journal (Registro Oficial) No. 964 of 16 March 2017.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/126/Add.2	Low Voltage Electrical Equipment - Addendum <i>It is reported that SC Resolution No. 207-E / 2017 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 297 / Add.6) Resolution SC No. 171/2016 that establishes the "Regime for the compulsory certification of the compliance with the essential safety requirements for low-voltage electrical products. Tension that are marketed in the country "and the related and / or related regulations are adjusted. In view of this adequacy, the provisions notified under s i g n a t u r e s G / TBT / N / ARG / 126 and its Addendum 1</i>	—

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.6	Low Voltage Products - Addendum <i>It is hereby informed that, through Resolution No. 207-E / 2017 of the Ministry of Commerce, the resolution SC No. 171/2016 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 297 / Add.5), which establishes the "Regime for the compulsory certification of compliance with the essential safety requirements for products that are marketed in the country " a n d t h e r e g u l a t i o n s R e l a t e d a n d / o r r e l a t e d . T h e d e a d l i n e s f o r t h e e n t r y i n t o f o r c e o f t h e m o d i f i c a t i o n s r e f e r r e d t o i n t h e p r e v i o u s p a r a g r a p h a r e i n d i c a t e d i n A r t i c l e s 1 4 , 1 5 a n d 1 6 .</i>	—
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
SOLAR ENERGY ENGINEERING	BRAZIL	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/461/Add.3	Systems and equipment for water heating using solar energy - Addendum <i>This document aims at informing that the Conformity Assessment Procedures, issued by the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology/INMETRO, and notified under document G/TBT/N/BRA/461/Add.1, (Ordinance N° 352, 6 July 2012) was now amended by Ordinance N° 58, 17 March 2017 (Portaria N° 58, de 17 de Março de 2017), with the purpose of rewording article 5 of Ordinance 352/2012, considering the difficulties of compliance technical and conformity assessment requirements faced by the part of the suppliers of solar water heating equipment, and considering that resale and installation are predominantly done by micro and small businesses.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY					
WASTES	EUROPEAN UNION	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/460	Hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment <i>The proposed Directive amends the existing Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2) in relation to pipe organs, non-road mobile machineries, reselling and spare parts for certain equipment, and rules for the exemptions.</i>	90 days from notification

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PRESSURE REGULATORS	ISRAEL	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/945	Pressure regulators for LPG <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 1921, dealing with pressure regulators for LPG. This draft standard revision adopts both the European Standard EN 16129: June 2013 and the American Standard ANSI/UL 144 - Eighth Edition: 25 May 2012 (and all its amendments till 5 November 2014) and allow compliance with either.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	BRAZIL	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/567/Add.6	Baby feeding bottles and nipples - Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology-INMETRO, issued the Ordinance N° 59, 17 March 2017, in order to amend Ordinance N° 490/2014 (G/TBT/N/BRA/567/ Add.1) and Ordinance 312/2015 (G/TBT/N/BRA/567/Add.3) . The amendments allow that a supplier's declaration for Baby Feeding Bottles and Nipples be issued when the acquired raw material comes with its own supplier's declaration of compliance with legal requirements. It rewords articles 5; 6; 8 and 9 of Ordinance N° 490/2014 by providing, among other things, the repeal of: Ordinance N° 35, 3 February 2009 and Ordinance N° 186, 22 June 2009; and rewords table 1 of Ordinance 312/2015. Other provisions of Ordinance 490/2015 and Ordinance 312/2015 remain unchanged.</i>	—
BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/613/Rev.1	Wine and derivatives of grape and wine - Revision <i>Revision of the technical regulation that set the official identity, quality standards for wine and derivatives of grape and wine products as well as the requirements. This document was mistakenly notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/675 when in fact it would be a revision to conform to the standards. It revokes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance N° 1.012, 17 November 1978; • Ordinance N° 91, 19 July 1988; • Ordinance N° 229, 25 October 1988; • Annex XII and XXII of Ordinance (Instrução Normativa) N° 01, 7 January 2000; • Ordinance (Instrução Normativa) N° 2, 27 January 2005; • Ordinance (Instrução Normativa) N° 5, 6 May 2005. 	—

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/675/Corr.1	Wine and derivatives of grape - Corrigendum <i>Please be informed that the information contained in G/TBT/N/BRA/675 is identical to that contained in G/TBT/N/BRA/613/Rev.1. Therefore, the notification G/TBT/N/BRA/675 is null and void.</i>	—
CHEESE	ECUADOR	3/22/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/333	Processed foods <i>The proposed Ecuadorian technical and sanitary standard for processed foods, food processing plants, food distribution, marketing and transport establishments and collective food establishments covers the following: object; scope; Definitions; Processed foods; General information; Health notification; Procedure for obtaining the health notification according to the risk profile; Requirements for health notification of processed foods; Processed foods; Foreign processed foods; Administration of the notification; Modification of the health notification; Reinscription of the health notification; Processed foods produced on production lines certified as applying good manufacturing practice; Technical representatives of food processing plants; Authorizations; Export of processed food; Batch warranty certificate; Certificate of free sale; Health certificate for export; Imported processed foods; Food processing plants; Operating license; Good manufacturing practices; Facilities and requirements related to good manufacturing practices; Equipment and utensils; Hygiene requirements for manufacturing; Raw materials and inputs; Production operations; Packaging, labeling and packaging; Storage, distribution, transportation and marketing; Insurance and quality control; Procedure for the certification of good manufacturing practices; Procedure for the registration of the certificate of good manufacturing practice; Procedure for the approval of a certificate of good manufacturing practice or a strictly higher certification; Notification of change on the certificate of good manufacturing practice; Certificate of good manufacturing practice; transport; Collective food establishments; Health conditions; Hygiene conditions for staff; Hygienic conditions related to handling; Practices in terms of cleanliness and pest control; Prohibitions; Monitoring and control; Monitoring and control of processed foods;</i>	17 April 2017

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				<i>Monitoring and control of establishments that develop and market food; Inspections as part of the monitoring and control activities of food processing plants certified as applying good manufacturing practice; Monitoring and control of collective food establishments; Sanctions.</i>	
POULTRY AND EGGS	EL SALVADOR	3/22/2017	G/TBT/N/SLV/192/Add.2	Poultry Products - Addendum <i>El Salvador informs WTO Members that the deadline for comments On document G / TBT / N / SLV / 192 / Add.1, was extended until 29 March 2017.</i>	29 March 2017
POULTRY AND EGGS	UGANDA	3/20/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/613	Egg powder <i>This draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for egg powder obtained from poultry eggs. This includes all egg powder processed from edible birds' eggs domesticated for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	ARGENTINA	3/21/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/318	Medicinal specialties for human medicine Holders of certificates entered in the Register of Medicinal Specialties (Registro de Especialidades Medicinales) for products with product status marketed companies must notify ANMAT of the circumstances or Knowledge that could pose a risk to the supply of these products and cause the temporary or permanent discontinuity of their presence on the market. Such notice shall be given at least one hundred and eighty (180) days full in advance; In the event that this is not possible, notification should take place in the five (5) days following the day on which he became aware of the circumstances relevant to the discontinuity of the presence of authorized products by ANMAT.	—
PHARMACEUTICS	ARGENTINA	3/22/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/319	Machines for making capsules, tablets or tablets <i>Natural or legal persons who manufacture, dispose, machines for making capsules, tablets or tablets, must, prior to the commencement of any of these activities, enroll in the National Registry of Chemical Precursors. The mentioned subjects must present, as an affidavit, in the category "Machine Operator" the application for registration or, where appropriate, re-registration in the Register, according to the forms provided.</i>	—

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	EUROPEAN UNION	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/71/Add.1	Medical devices - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on medical devices (COM (2012) 542), amending Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 and repealing Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC, was subject to amendment in the course of the legislative procedure.</i>	—
IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC TEST SYSTEMS	EUROPEAN UNION	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/72/Add.1	In Vitro diagnostic medical devices - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on in vitro diagnostic medical devices (COM(2012) 541), repealing Directive 98/79/EC and Commission Decision 2010/227/EU, was subject to amendment in the course of the legislative procedure.</i>	—
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/698/Add.1	Parts & accessories for adp. machines & units - Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology-Inmetro, issued the Ordinance N° 48, 8 March 2017 (Portaria N° 48, de 8 de março de 2017), with a view to promote improvements regarding the Conformity Assessment Program for Computer Accessories and Peripherals, previously notified under document G/TBT/N/BRA/698 by giving new wording to some items (4.6; 6.2.1; 6.2.4.;6.2.4.3) and including item 6.2.4.3.4 to Ordinance N° 170/2012.</i>	—
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	MEXICO	3/22/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/10/Add.1	Storage of data messages - Addendum <i>Response to the comments of the Draft Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-151-SCFI-2015, Requirements to be observed for the preservation of data messages and the digitization of documents, published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on May 6, 2016.</i>	—

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METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	KENYA	3/24/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/551	Cold rolled steel sections <i>This Standard specifies the dimensions and sectional properties of cold rolled steel sections of thicknesses up to 8 mm for use in structural and general purpose applications.</i>	6 May 2017
STEEL PROFILES	KENYA	3/24/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/552	Hot-rolled structural steel sections <i>Specifies the requirements for nominal dimensions, mass and basic sectional properties of hot-rolled structural steel sections. It also lays down rolling and cutting tolerances.</i>	6 May 2017
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	KENYA	3/24/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/553	Steel fabric for reinforcement of concrete <i>Standard covers the requirements for hard-drawn steel wire fabric for the reinforcement of concrete consisting of hard-drawn wire with cross wires welded to them.</i>	6 May 2017
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	KENYA	3/24/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/554	Weld mesh <i>The standard covers the requirements for weld mesh for general engineering works.</i>	6 May 2017
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	KENYA	3/24/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/555	Steel for the reinforcement of concrete <i>The Standard specifies requirements for ribbed weldable reinforcing steel used for the reinforcement of concrete structures. The standard covers steel delivered in the form of bars, coils and decoiled products. The standard contains provisions for three steel grades, all of 500 MPa characteristic yield strength, but with different ductility characteristics. The three grades are B500A, B500B and B500C.</i>	6 May 2017
COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS	UGANDA	3/21/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/614	Copper rod, bar and wire <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the composition, property requirements including electrical properties, and tolerances on dimensions and form for copper rod, bar and wire for general electrical purposes. Cross-sections and size ranges are: round, square and hexagonal rod with diameters or widths across-flats from 2 mm up to and including 160 mm; bar with thicknesses from 2 mm up to and including 40 mm and widths from 3 mm up to and including 200 mm; and round, square, hexagonal and rectangular wire with diameters or widths across-flats from 2 mm up to and including 25 mm,</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>as well as thicknesses from 0.5 mm up to and including 12 mm with widths from 1 mm up to and including 200 mm. The sampling procedures and test methods for verification of conformity to the requirements of this standard are also specified.</i>	
STEELS	UGANDA	3/21/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/615	Steel tubes for non-pressure purposes <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the general requirements, manufacturing process and test methods for tubes for scaffolding, hollow sections for structural and general engineering purposes and cold-drawn and cold-formed hollow sections made from welded or seamless tubes.</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	UGANDA	3/21/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/616	Plastic cling wrap film for food contact use <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the definitions and terms, product classifications, marking, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, labels, packaging, transport and storage of plastic cling wrap film for food contact use. This Standard applies to plastic cling wrap film for keeping food fresh (hereinafter referred to as cling wrap film) which is made of resin such as polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, polyvinyl dichloride, processed by the method of monolayer or multilayer extrusion.</i>	60 days from notification
PAPER TECHNOLOGY					
PAPER PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/943	Bituminous felt and cardboard <i>The existing Mandatory Standard, SI 80, dealing with bituminous felt and cardboard, shall be declared voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES FOR ROAD VEHICLES	CANADA	3/22/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/520	On-road heavy-duty vehicles, engines and trailers <i>Emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) are contributing to a global warming trend that is associated with long-term climate change. In 2014, on-road heavy-duty vehicles were the source of about 8% of total GHG emissions in Canada. The annual amount of GHGs emitted by these vehicles in Canada doubled between 1990 and 2014, from 28 to 56 megatonnes (Mt) of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) per year.</i>	18 May 2017

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				<p><i>In 2013, Canada began regulating GHG emissions from the on-road heavy-duty vehicle sector; however, without additional action, annual GHG emissions from freight transport, the majority of which come from heavy-duty vehicles, are projected to continue to increase and surpass annual GHG emissions from passenger transport by 2030. In October 2014, a notice of intent was published in the Canada Gazette, Part I (notified under G/TBT/N/CAN/431), announcing the Government of Canada's intention to develop proposed standards to further reduce GHG emissions from heavy-duty vehicles and engines in alignment with those of the United States.</i></p> <p><i>The objective of the proposed Amendments is to further reduce GHG emissions in Canada from new on-road heavy-duty vehicles, engines and trailers by establishing more stringent emission standards to help protect Canadians and the environment from the effects of climate change. Additionally, the proposed Amendments aim to maintain common Canada-United States GHG emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles, engines and trailers, and contribute to minimizing the overall regulatory burden for companies operating in the Canada-U.S. market.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed Regulations Amending the Heavy-duty Vehicle and Engine Greenhouse Gas Emission Regulations and Other Regulations Made Under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (the proposed Amendments) would introduce more stringent GHG emission standards that begin with the 2021 model year for on-road heavy-duty vehicles and engines. Further, the proposed Amendments introduce new GHG emission standards that would apply to trailers hauled by on-road transport tractors for which the manufacture is completed on or after January 1, 2018, starting with model year 2018 trailers. These emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles, engines and trailers would increase in stringency every three model years to the 2027 model year and maintain full stringency thereafter. The proposed Amendments would also amend two other regulations made under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 to ensure consistency with existing on-road vehicle and engine emission regulations.</i></p>	

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GLAZING AND WIPER SYSTEMS	ECUADOR	3/21/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/101/Add.4	Safety glass for motor vehicles - Addendum <i>By means of this Addendum No. 4, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Amendment No. 3 to Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 084 "Safety glass for motor vehicles", notified on 10 March 2014 in document G/TBT/N/ECU/101/Add.1 , was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 044 of 7 February 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 962 of 14 March 2017.</i>	—
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
FILMS AND SHEETS	ISRAEL	3/23/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/944	Two layered polyethylene film for milk and for liquid milk products <i>The existing Mandatory Standard, SI 977, dealing with two layered polyethylene film for milk and for liquid milk products, shall be declared voluntary. This declaration is done due to the fact that two layered polyethylene film are no longer in use in milk bags in Israel and that milk bags should comply with Israel Mandatory Standard SI 5113.</i>	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTIC ENGINEERING					
TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS	MEXICO	3/21/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/355	Equipment for the blocking of cellular, radiocommunication or [...] data and image <i>Response to the comments of the Draft Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-151-SCFI-2015, requirements to be observed for the preservation of data messages and the digitization of documents, published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on May 6, 2016.</i>	—