

# WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN

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This publication seeks to provide cohesive information in a weekly basis on the foreign notifications of the WTO members under the TBT agreement on their notified technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures.

Philippine exporters and relevant stakeholders are invited to review the proposed regulations. Comments that will be received by the BPS will be transmitted to the governments concerned for their consideration.

### IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

A total of 25 notifications on Fluid Systems and Components for General Use, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology, Packaging and Distribution of Goods, Petroleum and Related Technologies etc., from Argentina, Brazil, Kenya, Panama, Ukraine, and other countries are listed.

We would like to hear from you. For any questions, suggestions or requests for full text of notified regulations, please contact us at [bps@dti.gov.ph](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

We are glad to be of service to you!

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (19 - 25 January 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING</b>					
POWER STATIONS IN GENERAL	MÉXICO	24/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/447</a>	Products related to power plants  <i>This Draft Official Mexican Standard is applicable Electric Power Plants that need to obtain the values of the variables for the determination of the ELC in terms of the Efficiency Provisions and ELC when use any of the generation processes listed.</i>	22 March 2019
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY</b>					
DRINKING WATER	KENYA	22/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/780</a>	Packaged flavoured drinking water  <i>This East Africa Standards specifies requirements, test methods and sampling methods for ready-to-drink flavoured drinking water</i>	27 February 2019

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<b>FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE</b>					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	PANAMÁ	24/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/88/Add.1</a>	Air conditioners - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Panama announces that in relation to the Draft Technical Regulations DGNTICOPANIT 102-2016, Energy efficiency and labeling in air conditioners type four, notified on January 11, 2017, under the symbol (G / TBT / N / PAN / 88), it is reported that through Resolution No. 151 of December 20, 2018, is granted an extension of entry into force until June 30, 2019 for importation and until December 30, 2019 for the marketing without the label.</i>	
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	PANAMÁ	24/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/89/Add.1</a>	Air conditioners - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Panama reports that in relation to the Draft Technical Regulation DGNTICOPANIT 103-2016, Energy Efficiency and Labeling in split type air conditioners, free discharge and without air duct, notified on January 11, 2017, under the symbol (G / TBT / N / PAN / 89), it is reported that by Resolution No. 151 of December 20, 2018, an extension of entry into effect is granted until June 30, 2019 for its importation and until December 30, 2019 for marketing without the label.</i>	
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	21/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/93/Add.3</a>	Wine products - Addendum  <i>It is reported that Resolution No. 10/2018 of the National Institute of Viticulture modifies the Section VI. - Income of products to factory of ANNEX I of Resolution INV N ° 1/2003 on the "Standards for the production of Sparkling Wine, Sparkling Wine, Champagne or Champagne, Wine Natural Sweet Foaming, Natural Frosting Wine, Natural Fruity Sparkling, Gasified Wine, and Wine Cocktail ", notified under document G / TBT / N / ARG / 93. The paragraphs that are repealed, as well as the one incorporated by the text that is notified, are highlighted on the page 14 of this one.</i>	—
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	25/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/772/Add.2</a>	Smoked fish - Addendum  <i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA published in the Official Gazette, number 13, on 18 January 2019 the Ministerial Technical Regulation 1, 15 January 2019, establishing the identity and quality characteristics for smoked fish, regarding the public consultation notified under the documents G/TBT/N/BRA/772 and G/TBT/N/BRA/772/Add.1 . This Technical Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication with a grace period of 180 days for proposed adjustments.</i>	—

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	TURKEY	23/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TUR/146</a>	<p>Food (excluding spring water, drinking water, natural mineral water, water for special med [...])any food additives, flavourings</p> <p><i>This Regulation sets out general principles, needs and responsibilities governing food information to consumers and in particular food labelling.</i></p>	15 March 2019
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	UKRAINE	23/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UKR/146</a>	<p>Fruit juices and certain similar products</p> <p><i>The Draft Order establishes requirements on labelling of fruit juices and certain similar products to ensure proper awareness of consumers (users) and aimed to prevent business practice, misleading consumers. The requirements apply for fruit juices and certain similar products intended for human consumption.</i></p> <p><i>The Draft Order also provides a transitional period until January 1, 2023 for fruit juices and certain similar products, which were placed or will be placed on the market by January 1, 2023. The placement of that fruit juices and certain similar products on the market cannot be prohibited or limited due to the failure to comply with all or certain provisions of the requirements approved by this draft order before the expiration of products validity.</i></p>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	UKRAINE	23/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UKR/147</a>	<p>Honey</p> <p><i>The Draft Order establishes requirements on labelling of honey to ensure proper awareness of consumers (users) and aimed to prevent business practice, misleading consumers. The requirements apply for honey intended for human consumption.</i></p> <p><i>The Draft Order also provides a transitional period until 1 January 2023 for honey, which was placed or will be placed on the market by 1 January 2023. The placement of that honey on the market cannot be prohibited or limited due to the failure to comply with all or certain provisions of the requirements approved by this draft order before the expiration of products validity.</i></p>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	UKRAINE	23/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UKR/148</a>	<p>Coffee extract, soluble coffee extract, soluble coffee, instant coffee, chicory extract,[...]oluble chicory, instant chicory</p> <p><i>The Draft Order establishes requirements on labelling of coffee extracts and chicory extracts to ensure proper awareness of consumers (users) and aimed to prevent business practice, misleading consumers. The requirements apply for coffee extracts and chicory extracts intended for human consumption,except for "café torrefacto</i></p>	60 days from notification

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<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
MEDICAMENTS	ARGENTINA	23/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/251/Add.2</a>	<p>Medicinal specialties for human use - Addendum</p> <p><i>It is reported that by Provision No. 513/2019 of the National Drug Administration, Food and Medical Technology is proceeded to update the registration procedures in the Registration of Medicinal Specialties (REM) with Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (IFA) of Synthetic and semi-synthetic origin that do not require demonstration of Bioequivalence and / or Bio-availability in the terms of Article 3 of Decree 150/92 (T.O. 1993).</i></p> <p><i>The update seeks to comply with the principles of efficiency, economy, transparency and predictability in the technical and administrative evaluation of the procedures.</i></p>	—
OPHTHALMIC EQUIPMENT	ARGENTINA	23/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/355</a>	<p>Sun goggles</p> <p><i>The technical requirements that must be met are established manufacturers and / or importers of sun glasses.</i></p> <p><i>The aforementioned subjects must register with the ANMAT. The registration number will identify both the manufacturer and / or importer and their products and will not require authorization of physical plants.</i></p> <p><i>The mentioned activities should be developed under the technical direction of a registered professional, with tertiary or university qualifying degree in the subject.</i></p> <p><i>For registration purposes, the tests that validate the UV degree must be presented. declared, issued by official or private laboratories accredited by the Agency Argentine Accreditation created by Decree No. 1474/94 and its complementary regulations In the case of imported products, an authenticated copy of the tests of origin provided that they have been carried out by an accredited laboratory according to the ISO 17025 by accreditation body recognized by the international bodies of accreditation of laboratories (ILAC, EA, APLAC, etc.). Accredited according to ISO 17025.</i></p> <p><i>Manufacturers and / or importers who are in business must give compliance with the procedures foreseen within the 180 days counted from the 21st of January 2019.</i></p>	Not Applicable
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	23/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/808</a>	<p>Syringe and needle filter</p> <p><i>The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) has newly established standard specifications for 'Syringe, filter', 'Needle, filter' and 'Needle, filter, reusable' to clarify the test specifications and methods for quality control of filtration performance of these products.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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<b>METALLURGY</b>					
STEEL WIRE, WIRE ROPES AND LINK CHAINS	ARGENTINA	21/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/340/Add.1</a>	Steel wire ropes - Addendum  <i>Please be advised that the draft Resolution "Technical quality and safety requirements for steel wire ropes", notified in document G/TBT/N/ARG/340, has been approved under Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 153/2018.</i>	—
<b>PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS</b>					
CANS, TINS, TUBES	KENYA	21/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/774</a>	Glass containers  <i>This Draft East African Standard gives guidelines on the manufacture, types, selection and use of glass containers for packaging.</i>	03 March 2019
CANS, TINS, TUBES	KENYA	21/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/775</a>	Paper and Board food contact packaging material  <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for paper and board food contact packaging material.</i>	03 March 2019
CANS, TINS, TUBES	KENYA	21/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/776</a>	Desiccants  <i>This Draft East Africa Standard gives the guidelines on the selection and use of desiccants in packaging.</i>	03 March 2019
CANS, TINS, TUBES	KENYA	22/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/778</a>	Paper plates and cups for food packaging  <i>This Draft East Africa Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for paper plates and cups with or without lids used for food packaging</i>	03 March 2019
CANS, TINS, TUBES	KENYA	22/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/779</a>	Formaldehyde in aqueous extracts prepared from paper and board intended to come in contact with foodstuffs  <i>This Draft East Africa Standard specifies the determination of formaldehyde in aqueous extracts prepared from paper and board intended to come in contact with foodstuffs. The limit of determination is 1 mg/kg</i>	03 March 2019
<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
NATURAL GAS	ARGENTINA	25/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/82/Add.2</a>	Gas natural - Addendum  <i>It is reported that by Resolution No. 42/2019 of the National Gas Regulatory Entity (ENARGAS) approves Standard NAG 451 (2019) "Procedure for the qualification of imported vehicles, propelled by the use of natural gas", except for those light, identified as M1 and N1, which will be out of scope for a specific treatment.</i>	—

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GASEOUS FUELS	ARGENTINA	21/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/108/Add.2</a>	Liquefied petroleum gas - Addendum  <i>It is reported that by Resolution No. 316/2018 of the Secretariat of Energy is amended and complemented Resolution SE No. 136/2003 (Mod. Resolution SE No. 800/2004) in relation to the "Requirements and Procedures to be met by domestic manufacturers, importers, workshops and fractionators and certification bodies for composite packaging fully coated to contain Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) with a unit capacity of TEN (10), TWELVE (12), and FIFTEEN (15) KILOGRAM (jug of composite material)".</i>	—
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	KENYA	21/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/777</a>	Road vehicles  <i>Vehicles that are exported to Kenya shall be expected to comply with KS 1515:2000 - Kenya Code of Practice for Inspection of Road Vehicles.</i>	N/A
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC)	CANADA	24/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/576</a>	Lighting equipment  <i>Notice is hereby given by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada that the following has been published on its Web site:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Interference-Causing Equipment Standard, ICES-005, Issue 5, Lighting Equipment, sets out limits and methods of measurement of radiated and conducted radio frequency emissions produced by lighting equipment, as well as administrative requirements for such equipment.</i></li> </ul>	90 days after publication
<b>TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY</b>					
TEXTILE FABRICS	KENYA	22/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/781</a>	Textile fabrics  <i>The COP specifies requirements and recommendations based on good practices in carrying out production, sisal leaf processing, storage, inspection, sisal fibre processing, transportation and marketing of sisal</i>	28 February 2019
TEXTILE FABRICS	KENYA	22/01/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/782</a>	Cotton ( <i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> )  <i>This CoP specifies requirements and recommendations based on best practices for site selection, land preparation, production, harvesting and postharvest management, ginning, lint classing, spinning, seed milling, fabric and finished products manufacture, transportation and marketing of cotton (<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>), see flow chart in Annex C.</i>	28 February 2019