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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 34 notifications on Chemicals, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages, Road Vehicles Engineering, Textile and Leather Technology etc. from Bolivia, Brazil, the European Union, Thailand, the 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (20 - 26 January 2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	22/01/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/536	Pesticides - Oxasulfuron <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance oxasulfuron is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Existing authorised plant protection products containing oxasulfuron will be withdrawn from the market. The non-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 approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC. This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide. However, following non-approval, separate action may be taken on MRLs and if so a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.</i>	60 days from notification

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CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	BOLIVIA	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/BOL/8	<p>Cosmetic products</p> <p><i>The notified draft Decision on cosmetic products covers the following: Purpose; Scope; Definitions; General requirements; Mandatory sanitary notification (NSO) for cosmetic products; Recognition of the NSO; Marketing; Sanitary surveillance; Sanitary control activities; Sanitary safety measures; Infringements and administrative penalties; Advertising and promotion; and General production and storage requirements.</i></p>	18 March 2018
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	COLOMBIA	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/COL/230	<p>Cosmetic products</p> <p><i>The notified draft Decision on cosmetic products covers the following: Purpose; Scope; Definitions; General requirements; Mandatory sanitary notification (NSO) for cosmetic products; Recognition of the NSO; Marketing; Sanitary surveillance; Sanitary control activities; Sanitary safety measures; Infringements and administrative penalties; Advertising and promotion; and General production and storage requirements.</i></p>	18 March 2018
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	ECUADOR	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/ECU/337	<p>Cosmetic products</p> <p><i>The notified draft Decision on cosmetic products covers the following: Purpose; Scope; Definitions; General requirements; Mandatory sanitary notification (NSO) for cosmetic products; Recognition of the NSO; Marketing; Sanitary surveillance; Sanitary control activities; Sanitary safety measures; Infringements and administrative penalties; Advertising and promotion; and General production and storage requirements.</i></p>	18 March 2018
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	PERU	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/PER/99	<p>Cosmetic products</p> <p><i>The notified draft Decision on cosmetic products covers the following: Purpose; Scope; Definitions; General requirements; Mandatory sanitary notification (NSO) for cosmetic products; Recognition of the NSO; Marketing; Sanitary surveillance; Sanitary control activities; Sanitary safety measures; Infringements and administrative penalties; Advertising and promotion; and General production and storage requirements.</i></p>	18 March 2018
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	ISRAEL	23/01/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/709/Add.2	<p>Cosmetics - Addendum</p> <p><i>The draft regulations, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/709/Add.1, dated 7 June 2017, have been amended and replaced by the Israel Ministry of Health, following comments submitted by WTO member states.</i></p>	—

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ORGANIC CHEMICALS	SINGAPORE	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/SGP/42	Hydrofluorocarbons <i>NEA is proposing to control 18 types of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) under the Second Schedule of the Environmental Protection and Management Act (EPMA) . Under the proposed control, companies importing or exporting the listed HFCs, whether in pure or mixture forms, are required to obtain a Hazardous Substances (HS) licence from NEA (Pollution Control Department) . Licence holders are required to comply with the stipulated licensing conditions.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	UNITED STATES	26/01/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1100/Add.2	Home insulation - Addendum <i>The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") seeks comments on proposed amendments to its Trade Regulation Rule Concerning the Labeling and Advertising of Home Insulation ("R-value Rule" or "Rule") . This document provides background on the R-value Rule and this proceeding; and discusses public comments received by the Commission and solicits further comments on the proposed amendments to clarify, streamline, and improve the Rule's requirements.</i>	23 March 2018
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/274/Add.1	Baby walkers - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penhu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to the legal inspection requirements of baby walkers", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/274 on 22 May 2017, was promulgated on 23 January 2018 and will come into effect on 1 July 2018.</i>	—
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
NUCLEAR ENERGY ENGINEERING	UNITED STATES	26/01/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1087/Add.1	Nuclear power plant components - Addendum <i>The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations to incorporate by reference (IBR) the latest revisions of three regulatory guides (RGs) approving new, revised, and reaffirmed Code Cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) . This action allows nuclear power plant licensees and applicants for construction permits, operating licenses, combined licenses, standard design certifications, standard design approvals and manufacturing licenses to voluntarily use the Code Cases listed in these RGs as alternatives to engineering standards for the construction, inservice inspection (ISI), and inservice testing</i>	—

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				<i>These engineering standards are set forth in the ASME's Boiler and Pressure Vessel (BPV) Codes and ASME Operation and Maintenance (OM) Codes, which are currently incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations. This final rule announces the availability of the final versions of the three RGs that are being incorporated by reference. Further, the final rule announces the availability of a related RG, not incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations that lists Code Cases that the NRC has not approved for use.</i>	
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	MEXICO	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/181/Add.5	Respirators - Addendum <i>Alternative procedure authorized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare for Mexican Official Standard NOM-116-STPS-2009, "Safety - Personal protective equipment - Negative-pressure air-purifying respirators for protection against particulate hazards - Specifications and test methods".</i>	—
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	26/01/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1165/Add.2	Motor vehicle emissions - Addendum <i>Reviews rules regarding process operations, emission standards for motor vehicles and motor vehicle engines, transport rule NOX ozone season trading program, liquefied natural gas, chemical bulk storage, petroleum bulk storage, single species, sportfish activities, chronic wasting disease, control of the emerald ash borer, marine fish, lobster and crabs, shellfish management, sanitary condition of shellfish lands, and water quality standards for Class I and Class SD waters.</i>	17 February 2018
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PRESSURE REGULATORS	OMAN	22/01/2018	G/TBT/N/OMN/342	Pressure regulators <i>Requirements for Pressure regulators, automatic change-over devices</i>	30 days from notification
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	BOLIVIA	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/BOL/3/Add.4	Processes in the food industry - Addendum <i>The Plurinational State of Bolivia hereby advises, in connection with the draft technical regulations on the labelling of foods and products destined for human consumption that consist of, contain or derive from genetically modified organisms, notified in document G/TBT/N/BOL/3 of 22 October 2015, that the Schedule of Genetically Modified Organisms has been updated pursuant to an Administrative Resolution issued by the Ministry of the Environment and Water.</i>	—

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHILE	22/01/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/337/Add.2	Food for human consumption - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile hereby notifies that the amendment to Ministry of Health Supreme Decree No. 977, notified on 14 January 2016 in document G/TBT/N/CHL/337 , was issued on 29 December 2017 pursuant to Exempt Resolution No. 1.671, published on 12 January 2018, which will enter into force on 26 January 2018.</i>	—
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	23/01/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/805/Add.1	Rice - Addendum <i>The draft standard of SI 7301 notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/805 (dated 11 June 2014), was revised by the relevant technical committee at the Standards Institution of Israel (SII) . This draft revision will enter into force 6 months from publication in Israel Official Gazette.</i>	—
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	KUWAIT	23/01/2018	G/TBT/N/KWT/277/Rev.1/Add.1	Labelling of pre-packaged food stuffs - Addendum <i>Following discussion during the 25th Gulf Technical Committee for Food and Agriculture Standards relating to the case of mixed foods, such as nuts, whereas the components come from different countries, the query was: which country should be mentioned? The committee agreed, in the light of rules of origin, to add a new item to the current GSO 9 as follows: Item: 5.6.3 When a product is composed of mixed foodstuffs (such as mixed dried fruits, mixed nuts, etc.) that undergo processing in a second country, where the fundamental nature of the components does not change, the country of origin for each component shall be mentioned.</i>	—
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MOZAMBIQUE	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/MOZ/12	Cashew <i>Establish rules for the fomentation, production, commercialization, industrialization and export of cashew and their by-products in the national territory.</i>	60 days from notification
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	THAILAND	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/507	Infant and young child food <i>Following the Control of Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food Act Section 4 (first paragraph), Section 16 (second and third paragraph), the Minister of Public Health, upon the advice of the National Committee for the Control of the Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food, announces the guidance, methods, conditions, and details regarding the development of information and dissemination channels of information on infant food.</i>	60 days from notification

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MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	THAILAND	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/508	<p>Infant and young child food</p> <p><i>Following the Control of Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food Act Section 4 (first paragraph), Section 17, and Section 29, the Minister of Public Health, upon the advice of the National Committee for the Control of the Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food, announces the scientific evidence to support the information on infant food, young child food, and complementary food.</i></p>	60 days from notification
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	THAILAND	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/509	<p>Infant and young child food</p> <p><i>Following the Control of Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food Act Section 4 (first paragraph), Section 20 (second paragraph), and Section 29, the Minister of Public Health, upon the advice of the National Committee for the Control of the Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food, announces Guideline, methods, and conditions of customary giving to health professionals.</i></p> <p><i>In summary:</i></p> <p><i>The producers, importers, sellers, or their representatives, are prohibited to give or offer to give gifts, money, incentives, or any other benefits to the health professionals, except in the case of customary giving which must follow the following conditions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• value in each occasion is no more than 3,000 Thai baht</i> <i>• must be similar to practices done to regular people.</i> <i>• must not have any condition of exchange in favour</i> <i>• gifts, money, incentives, or any other benefits must not have the name, logo, symbols that refers to the infant food, young child food, and complementary food</i> 	60 days from notification
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	THAILAND	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/510	<p>Infant and young child food</p> <p><i>Following the Control of Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food Act Section 4 (first paragraph), Section 21, and Section 29 of the BMS Code Act, the Minister of Public Health, upon the advice of the National Committee for the Control of the Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food, announces the Guidance, methods and conditions in sponsoring the public health professional organizations and public universities that offer curriculums on maternal and child health, in organizing academic conference, training or seminars in association with infant food, young child food or complementary food.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<p><i>In summary:</i></p> <p>1) <i>The producers, importers, sellers, or their representatives (the sponsor) could provide financial support for the meeting following this notification in the case that the public health professional organizations or public universities that offer curriculums on maternal and child health submit the work plan or project proposal in official written form to the sponsor. The plan or project must provide academic benefit;</i></p> <p>2) <i>The sponsoring of the meeting must be gratis with no conditions whatsoever that require any action in return to promote infant food, young child, or complimentary food for infant;</i></p> <p>3) <i>The sponsor must submit a report regarding the sponsorship on meeting, training or seminar to the National Committee on the Control of the Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food on annual basis.</i></p>	
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	THAILAND	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/511	<p>Infant and young child food</p> <p><i>Following the Control of Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food Act Section 4 (first paragraph), and Section 23 (second and third paragraph) 29, the Minister of Public Health, upon the advice of the National Committee for the Control of the Marketing of Infant and Young Child Food, announces Guideline, methods, and conditions of donation of infant food or young child food to health care institutions or health personnel.</i></p> <p><i>In summary:</i></p> <p>1) <i>"Donor" refers to the producers, importers, sellers, or their representatives, who wish to donate infant food or young child food</i></p> <p>2) <i>"Infant food or young child food with special purpose" refers to infant food or young child food that are specifically used for those with inborn errors of metabolism</i></p> <p>3) <i>Infant food or young child food with special purpose can be donated to health care institutions that have infants or young children that have been diagnosed with inborn errors of metabolism in their care</i></p> <p>4) <i>Infant food or young child food can be donated as necessary to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• non-profit organizations that works on mother and child health and provide care for orphans, abandoned children, and infants whose mother are diagnosed with conditions that cannot breastfeed.</i> <i>• Health care institutions in areas that are declared as affected by emergencies</i> <p>5) <i>The donors must submit report of their donation to the National Committee for Control of Marketing of Infant and Young Child food.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	25/01/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/288/Add.1	Health food for human consumption - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Regulations governing the labeling of health food," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/288 on 28 August 2017, was promulgated on 29 December 2017 and implemented on 1 January 2018.</i>	–
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	26/01/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/787	Product registration <i>This Resolution changes the Resolution - RDC No. 250 of 20 October 2004, which provides for procedures related to the revalidation of product registration and provides other measures.</i> <i>The caput of art. 1 and of art. 4 of the Resolution - RDC No. 250, dated 20 October 2004, shall become effective with the following wording:</i> <i>"Article 1. The revalidation of the registration must be requested in advance of a maximum of twelve months and a minimum of six months of the date of maturity of the registration, being considered automatically revalidated, regardless of the decision, if it has not been rendered until the day of termination of that."</i> <i>"Art. 4 In the counting of the term to request the revalidation of the record, the final day of validity will be considered as the day of the beginning to count down the maximum advance of twelve months and minimum of six months of the day of registration, under the terms of the previous article."</i> <i>It is revoked the paragraph 3 of art. 2 of the Resolution - RDC No. 250, 2004.</i>	Not applicable
METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	PHILIPPINES	22/01/2018	G/TBT/N/PHL/195/Rev.1	Iron and steel products - Revision <i>The draft Department Administrative Order (DAO) states the new technical regulations on the mandatory product certification of deformed Steel Bars, Rerolled Steel Bars and Equal Leg Steel Angle Bars to ensure the quality, safety, and traceability of steel products which entails high level of protection for safety, thus, all existing policies and procedures regarding the mandatory implementation of the standards for the aforementioned standards are revised.</i>	26 January 2018

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PAINT AND COLOR INDUSTRIES					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	BRAZIL	23/01/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/768/Add.1	Lead in paints - Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - INMETRO and the Ministry of Environment are proposing to give trading partners an opportunity to provide comments and suggestions in relation to the Draft Bill establishing maximum limit of lead in paints and materials similar to Surface coating, elaborated in the category of the National Commission Chemical Safety Agency (CONASQ), with a coordination of the Ministry of the Environment (Ministério do Meio Ambiente-MMA) .</i>	4 March 2018
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	BOLIVIA	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/BOL/6/Add.1	Motor vehicles - Addendum <i>Modification of the rules to be applied in Bolivia regarding the importation of new motor vehicles under Law No. 165 of August 2011, as amended by Law No. 821 of 16 August 2016. The rules in question are those contained in the Technical Regulation on the issue of prior authorizations for new motor vehicles.</i>	—
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	24/01/2018	G/TBT/N/ECU/32/Add.16	Motor vehicles - Addendum <i>By means of this Addendum No. 16, the Republic of Ecuador advises that the comment period for draft Amendment No. 4 to Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 034 on the minimum safety requirements for motor vehicle parts, notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/32/Add.1 of 21 September 2007, will run until 23 April 2018, after which the Amendment will be formally adopted.</i>	—
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	26/01/2018	G/TBT/N/KOR/751	Motor vehicles <i>The following amendments will be made: Establishing rollover safety standards for fuel system of hydrogen fuel cell or CNG vehicle with a total vehicle weight of 4.5 tons or more (Article 91-7 and Appendix 11-6): Prevent damage to the fuel system due to vehicle structure deformation during rollover (Fuel system (pressure vessel, valve, etc.) should not be in contact with the ground and the vehicle structure during the rollover test)</i>	60 days from notification

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RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
TYRES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	22/01/2018	G/TBT/N/KOR/750	<p>Tyres</p> <p><i>Those who make or import tyres for vehicles, should observe the noise standards of tyres. The noise level of tyre should be measured. The results be reported to authority and attached on the products.</i></p>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO, AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	26/01/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/972/Add.4	<p>Information and communication technology - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (we, Access Board, or Board) is issuing this direct final rule to amend its regulations addressing accessibility requirements for information and communication technology to correct several inadvertent drafting errors in a final rule published in the Federal Register on 18 January 2017. Specifically, this direct final rule corrects two typographical errors and the unintentional deletion of longstanding requirements for TTY compatibility and functionality that have been in place for nearly two decades. These minor amendments neither establish new substantive accessibility requirements, nor impose any costs on regulated entities. The Access Board is issuing these amendments directly as a final rule because we believe they are noncontroversial, unlikely to receive adverse comment, and will prevent confusion.</i></p>	2 February 2018
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
LEATHER TECHNOLOGY	COLOMBIA	26/01/2018	G/TBT/N/COL/86/Add.6	<p>Labelling requirements for made-up articles - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Colombia hereby notifies a draft amendment to Article 4, Definitions, and Article 5 of Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism Resolution No. 1950 of 17 July 2009 "Issuing the Technical Regulation on the labelling of made-up articles", notified on 1 September 2009 by the World Trade Organization in document G/TBT/N/COL/86/Add.4 . Comments on the draft amendment may be submitted until 25 April 2018.</i></p>	—
TEXTILE FIBRES	UNITED STATES	26/01/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1299/Add.1	<p>Textile fiber product, products of the textile industry - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Commission amends the Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act ("Textile Rules") to delete the requirement that an owner of a registered word trademark, used as a house mark, furnish the FTC with a copy of the mark's registration with the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") before using the mark on labels.</i></p>	—