

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 27 notifications on Electrical Engineering, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Fluid Systems and Components for General Use, Food Technology, Health Care Technology, etc., from Brazil, Canada, Chile, European Union, Kenya, United States, 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 (22 - 28 June 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CANADA	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/592	Vaping products including vaping devices, vaping parts and vaping substances <i>The proposal sets out requirements under both the authority of the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act (TVPA) and the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (CCPSA) . The provisions proposed under the TVPA would apply to vaping products and their packaging that are intended for retail sale or otherwise furnished to a consumer in Canada.</i>	5 September 2019
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	CHILE	26/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/478	Cosmetics <i>It introduces the possibility of issuing Good Practices Manufacture for the cosmetic products industry, as a technical standard.</i>	60 days from the notification

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COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	EUROPEAN UNION	26/06/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/666/Corr.1	<p>Cosmetics - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>The draft Commission Regulation and Annex submitted with the notification contained clerical errors. The errors have been corrected and concern editorial changes as follows:</i></p> <p><i>As regards the draft Commission Regulation, there is a change in Article 3 (entry into application of the Act): Point 2 (c) replaced by 2 (b) .</i></p> <p><i>As regards the draft Commission Regulation Annexes, entry 98 of Annex III was inserted in Annex II (corrections) by mistake instead of in annex I (amendments) .</i></p>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	INDONESIA	27/06/2019	G/TBT/N/IDN/122	<p>Kitchen machines and appliances for heating liquids for utilization of household electricity</p> <p><i>This draft of decree states that all of Kitchen Machines and Appliances for Heating Liquids for Utilization of Household Electricity produced within the country or imported, distributed and marketed in the country shall fulfil the SNI requirements. The producers which produced these products therefore shall comply with those requirements proven by having Product Certificate for Using SNI Mark.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/562/Add.4	<p>Street light fixtures for discharge and LED lamps</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro issued Ordinance 308, 24 June 2019 (Portaria 308, 24 June 2019) in order to promote some adjustments in the ordinance 20, 15 February 2017, that approved regulation for street lighting fixtures, by extending for 6 months the periods of vacancy provided for in articles 15 and 16 and maintaining other provisions.</i></p>	—
GENERATORS	BRAZIL	26/06/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/880	<p>Ac generators (alternators)</p> <p><i>Draft technical regulation proposing improvement of the regulatory measure with safety and performance requirements, to be met by supplied electronic ballasts for Linear, Circular and Compact Tubular Fluorescent Lamps.</i></p>	—
GENERATORS	CHILE	27/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/480	<p>Electric generators or generators that work with liquid fuels</p> <p><i>This protocol establishes the procedure for certification for electric generators or</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				according to the scope and field of application of the UNEEN ISO 8528-13: 2017 standard.	
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
TRANSPORT EXHAUST EMISSIONS	BRAZIL	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/882	Control of pollutant and noise emissions <i>Resolution that prescribes new emission limits for air pollutants and noise of mopeds, motorcycles and similar new vehicles, to reduce and control the air pollution defined in the Air Pollution Control Program for Motorcycles and Similar Vehicles - PROMOT, by amending CONAMA Resolutions 297/2002 and 432/2011.</i>	—
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	BRAZIL	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/883	Road transport of dangerous goods <i>Resolution laying down requirements for road transport conditions of dangerous goods to prevent accidents to persons, property or the environment, to other goods or to the means of transport employed.</i> <i>It amends Resolution 5.232, 14 December 2016.</i> <i>It revokes Resolution 3665, 4 May 2011 and Resolution 3762, 26 January 2012 within 180 days of the publication of this Resolution 5848, 25 June 2019.</i>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PRESSURE REGULATORS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	27/06/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/382	Pressure regulators for liquefied petroleum gas <i>Pressure regulators for liquefied petroleum gas are subject to mandatory inspection under the certification system of the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) . The BSMI is proposing to adopt the revised CNS 7088 "Pressure regulators for liquefied petroleum gas" (2019) as the new testing and inspection standard, to replace CNS 7088 (1998) . It is proposed that, beginning from 1 May 2020, pressure regulators for liquefied petroleum gas covered in the inspection scope must comply with the revised CNS 7088 when imported or placed on the market.</i>	60 days from notification
PRESSURE VESSELS	UKRAINE	25/06/2019	G/TBT/N/UKR/130/Add.2	Transportable pressure equipment - Addendum <i>Ukraine would like to inform the WTO Members on the amendments to the Technical Regulation for Transportable pressure equipment approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 536 of 4 July 2018 (G/TBT/N/UKR/130, G/TBT/N/UKR/130/Add.1) .</i> <i>The main objective of the amendments is to ensure compliance of economic operators with the requirements of the Technical Regulation by postponing the date of entry into force of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of</i>	—

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				<i>Ukraine dated 4 July 2018 No. 536 from 07.07.2019 to 01.01.2020.</i>	
VESSELS AND CONTAINERS MOUNTED ON VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1498	<p>Fuel containers used on heavy vehicles</p> <p><i>In response to petitions for rulemaking from the American Trucking Associations (ATA) and the Natural Gas Vehicles for America (NGVAmerica), NHTSA is proposing to amend the visual inspection labeling requirement in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 304, "Compressed natural gas fuel container integrity," to state that CNG fuel containers used on heavy vehicles should be inspected at least once every 12 months.</i></p>	20 August 2019
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	CANADA	26/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/506/Rev.1	<p>Food intended for human consumption - Revision</p> <p><i>The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is launching a public consultation on proposed regulations on the labelling of pre-packaged food destined for sale in Canada. Known as "Food Labelling Modernization", the regulatory proposal is aimed at developing a more modern food labelling system to better protect consumers from deception and improve the consumers' ability to make informed purchasing decisions.</i></p>	4 September 2019; Online consultation closes on 4 September 2019
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	CANADA	27/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/575/Add.1	<p>Vodka - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has published the final Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Vodka) on 26 June 2019. The amendments are intended to facilitate interprovincial trade, to harmonize more closely with trading partners and to enable product innovation.</i></p>	—
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	ECUADOR	26/06/2019	G/TBT/N/ECU/400/Add.1	<p>Edible fats and oils - Addendum</p> <p><i>In compliance with the provisions of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade AOTC and the Decision 827 of the Andean Community CAN, Ecuador wishes to inform that an extension of the deadline for receiving comments on the draft technical regulation PRTEINEN 064 (2R) "Edible fats and oils" notified under the symbol G / TBT / N / ECU / 400 of 30 April 2019. In light of the above, the deadline for receiving comments will be until July 29, 2019, inclusive.</i></p>	July 29, 2019
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
LABORATORY MEDICINE	CANADA	27/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/569/Add.1	<p>Sperm and ova for assisted human reproduction - Addendum</p> <p><i>There is a need to strengthen the federal regulatory framework governing the safety of</i></p>	—

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				donor sperm and ova used for the purposes of assisted human reproduction in Canada.	
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	CANADA	25/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/591	Drugs and Medical devices <i>The proposed regulations will modify the Medical Device Regulations (MDR) and the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR) in order to operationalize provisions in the 2014 Protecting Canadians from Unsafe Drugs Act, as well as to add certain post-market surveillance provisions for medical devices.</i>	70 days from date of posting in Canada Gazette, Part I
PHARMACEUTICS	CHILE	26/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/477	Control of pharmaceutical products for human use <i>Updating of the pharmaceutical regulation in matters of Concepts of counterfeit products; Pharmacovigilance; Regulation before Withdrawals of the market for quality or similar faults; and agreements with health authorities foreign.</i>	60 days from the notification
PHARMACEUTICS	CHILE	26/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/479	Pharmaceutical products <i>Update regulations relating to the requirements of stability studies, both in the stages of sanitary registration of a product pharmaceutical authorization of use as subsequent modifications that occur after the authorization; all in order to maintain their quality and effectiveness throughout their useful life.</i>	60 days from the notification
PHARMACEUTICS	CHILE	27/06/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/481	Pharmaceutical products <i>Technical Guides associated with the Equivalence demonstration Therapeutics of pharmaceutical products.</i>	60 days from the notification
METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	ECUADOR	26/06/2019	G/TBT/N/ECU/381/Add.1	Gray and nodular cast iron products - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates in relation to the Third Review of the Regulation Project Ecuadorian Technician PRTE INEN 062 (3R) "Products of gray and nodular iron foundries", notified by the document identified by document G / TBT / N / ECU / 381 of April 24, 2019, that the notified measure is withdrawn.</i>	—
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	BRAZIL	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/884	Measuring instruments covered by the legal metrology <i>Establish the guidelines and general requirements applicable to the evaluation process of the "model" (physical representation of a weight or measure) that serves as the</i>	—

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				<p>basis for "approval of the model", such as the stage of legal control of the measuring instruments.</p> <p>It revokes Inmetro ordinance 484, 7 December 2010 (Portaria Inmetro 484, de 7 de Dezembro de 2010).</p>	
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
BRAKING SYSTEMS	BRAZIL	25/06/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/547/Add.2	<p>Friction materials intended to use in automotive brake systems of road vehicles - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims to inform that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro issued Ordinance 282 with the purpose of adjusting Technical Regulation that established technical requirements to be complied by friction materials intended to be used in automotive brake systems of road vehicles (categories M, N and O) previously adopted as final text through the Inmetro Ordinance 17, 10 January 2014 (Portaria Inmetro No. 17, 10 January 2014).</i></p>	—
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/881	<p>Container-hauler for road vehicles and Twistlock for container vehicle (VPC)</p> <p><i>The Ordinance 280, 6 June 2019, adjusts requirements established on the Ordinance 561, 29 December 2019, for container-hauler for road vehicles and Twistlock for container vehicle (VPC), on the dates of entry into force related to manufacturers, importers and retailers.</i></p>	—
SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES					
CARGO	KENYA	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/891	<p>Operationalization and improvement of Cargo logistics at the Ports of Entry and Inland Container Depots</p> <p><i>The Government through the office of Head of Public Service appreciates that the cost of transacting business and efficiency at Ports of Entry is dependent on actions by the government Agencies, shipping lines, clearing agents as well as the cargo owners.</i></p>	—
WOOD TECHNOLOGY					
WOOD-BASED PANELS	KENYA	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/890	<p>Decorative melamine faced boards for interior uses</p> <p><i>This Kenyan Standard specifies the surface requirements and dimensional tolerances for decorative melamine faced boards for interior use which are common for particleboards,</i></p>	20 August 2019

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				<i>extruded particleboards, fibreboards for interior use which are common for particleboards, extruded particleboards fibreboards and sandwich boards for</i>	
WOOD-BASED PANELS	KENYA	28/06/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/892	Melamine faced boards for interior uses <i>This Kenyan Standard specifies test methods for the determination of characteristics of melamine faced boards (MFB).</i>	20 August 2019