

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.

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A total of 53 notifications on Agriculture, Domestic and commercial equipment. Entertainment. Sports, Environment. Health protection. Safety, Food technology, Health care technology, etc., from Israel, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Tanzania, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (23-29 May 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
FERTILIZERS	KENYA	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/734/Add.1	Magnesium nitrate fertilizer - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2423 Magnesium Nitrate fertilizer, technical grade - Specification; was adopted on 9 April 2020.</i>	—
FERTILIZERS	KENYA	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/737/Add.1	Potassium sulphate fertilizer - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2422 Potassium sulphate fertilizer, technical grade - Specification; was adopted on 9 April 2020</i>	—

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PLANT GROWING	KENYA	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/859/Add.1	Seed potato (<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>) - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2077:2019 Seed potato – Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/859 as DKS 2077:2019 was adopted on 9 April 2020.</i>	–
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
CHEMICALS FOR PURIFICATION OF WATER	ISRAEL	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1146	Aluminium sulfate for treatment of water intended for human consumption <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 5438 part 9, dealing with aluminium sulfate for treatment of water intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/895	Cosmetic ingredients <i>The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea is enacting the "Regulation on Review for Establishment and Adjustment of Standards for Usage of Cosmetic Ingredients".</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHING INDUSTRY					
CLOTHING INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	28/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/242/Add.4	Clothing textiles - Addendum <i>The Commission has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of a collection of information associated with the Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles and the Standard for the Flammability of Vinyl Plastic Film. Written comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by 25 June 2020.</i>	–
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SYSTEMS	MEXICO	28/05/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/389/Add.2	Meters and transformers - Addendum <i>The response is communicated to the comments received regarding the Draft Official Standard Mexicana PROY-NOM-001-CRE / SCFI-2017, Electrical energy measurement systems-Meters and Instrument transformers - Metrological specifications, test methods and conformity assessment procedure, published on January 15, 2018.</i>	--

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	ISRAEL	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1145	Diaper changing units for public use <i>First amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 5115 part 3 dealing with diaper changing units for public use.</i>	60 days from notification
FURNITURE	ISRAEL	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1147	Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use <i>First amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 682 part 1 dealing with the safety requirements of children's cots and folding cots.</i>	60 days from notification
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/415	Bedside sleepers <i>In response to the concerns raised by the public about the safety of bedside sleepers due to incidents in recent years that resulted in severe injuries to infants, the Bureau of standards, Metrology and Inspection intends to regulate the safety and quality of bedside sleepers.</i>	30 days from notification
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/771/Add.2	Infant carriers - Addendum <i>In December 2013, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a consumer product safety standard for hand-held infant carriers.</i>	—
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	UNITED STATES	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/903/Add.2	Residential clothes washers - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating a data collection process through this request for information ("RFI") to consider whether to amend its test procedures for clothes washers. Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before 22 June 2020.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
FLUORESCENT LAMPS. DISCHARGE LAMPS	ISRAEL	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1149	Fluorescent lamps <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 520, together with the voluntary standards SI 520 part 2 and SI 61199, to be replaced with SI 61195 and SI 61199, dealing with fluorescent lamps.</i>	60 days from notification

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LUMINAIRES	ISRAEL	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1150	Luminaires <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 20 part 1, dealing with luminaires.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
RADIATION PROTECTION	KENYA	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/872/Add.1	Corpses containing radioactive materials - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2029:2019 Corpses containing radioactive materials – Safe handling – Code of practice; was adopted on 9 April 2020.</i>	–
RADIATION PROTECTION	KENYA	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/873/Add.1	Discharge of patients undergoing treatment with radioactive substances - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2030:2019 Discharge of patients undergoing treatment with radioactive substances – Code of practice; was adopted on 9 April 2020.</i>	–
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/896	Quasi-drugs <i>The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea amended the "Designated Scope of Quasi-Drugs" so as to expand the scope of use of Surgical Masks.</i>	29 May 2020
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	MOROCCO	27/05/2020	G/TBT/N/MAR/30	Protective masks of non-woven fabric for non-medical use <i>The notified Order establishes specifications for non-woven fabric masks, which must be made from virgin spunbond polypropylene.</i>	16 May 2020
RADIATION PROTECTION	TANZANIA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/468	Protection against ionizing radiation : specification for industrial radiographic installations <i>This Tanzania standard provides requirement for design of industrial radiographic installations for the use of sealed nuclear substances, including fixed (permanent) and temporary structures.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/508/Add.5	Water heaters, pool heaters - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating an effort to determine whether to amend the current energy conservation standards for consumer water heaters. Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before 6 July 2020.</i>	–

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PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	UNITED STATES	28/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/590/Add.3	Mattresses, mattress pads - Addendum <i>The Commission has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of a collection of information associated with the Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads, and the Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets. Written comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by 25 June 2020.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/691/Add.5	Battery chargers, external power supplies - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating an effort to determine whether to amend the current energy conservation standards for External Power Supplies ("EPS"). Written comments and information will be accepted on or before 6 July 2020.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/873/Add.2	Commercial and industrial electric motors - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating an effort to determine whether to amend the current energy conservation standards for electric motors. Written comments and information will be accepted on or before 22 June 2020.</i>	—
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	UNITED STATES	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1268/Add.2	Petroleum products in general - Addendum <i>PHMSA is withdrawing the 18 January 2017, ANPRM concerning vapor pressure for crude oil transported by rail.</i>	—
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1432/Add.3	Residential wood heaters, hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces - Addendum <i>The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to amend the Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces. Comments must be received on or before 6 July 2020.</i>	—
EXPLOSION PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1565/Add.1/Corr.1	Electronic detonators - Corrigendum <i>The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is correcting a footnote in the preamble of a direct final rule that appeared in the Federal Register on 14 January 2020 and that became effective on 16 March 2020.</i>	—

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	29/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1599/Add.1	Chemical data reporting - Addendum <i>EPA is finalizing amendments to the definition of small manufacturer, including a new definition for small government, in accordance with the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).</i>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	ISRAEL	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1143	Air conditioners <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 994 part 1, dealing with air conditioners.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	BRAZIL	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1010	Regulatory measures of low impact <i>Proposal of revocation of regulatory measures of low impact of pre-packaged products, tacitly withdrawn, which effects have been extinguished over the time and the need or purpose for the society could not be identified.</i>	—
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1144	Jams, marmalades, fruit jellies, confitures and powidl <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 7296 (formerly SI 34), dealing with jams, marmalades, fruit jellies, confitures and powidl.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1148	Salads made from vegetable matter, preserved by cold storage <i>Revision of the partially Mandatory Standard SI 1254, dealing with salads made from vegetable matter and preserved by cold storage.</i>	60 days from notification
TEA	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/894	Labelling standards for foods <i>Republic of Korea is proposing to amend the "Labelling Standards for Foods".</i>	60 days from notification

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CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/464	Rice flour <i>This draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for rice flour obtained from grinding milled rice of the varieties grown from rice grains, Oryza spp. intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/465	Breakfast cereals <i>This Tanzania Standard prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for flaked/puffed breakfast cereals including muesli and cereal bars, for direct human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/466	Oat grains <i>This Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for oat grains of varieties (cultivars) grown from Avena sativa and Avena byzantina intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/467	Soy sauce <i>This Tanzania Standard prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for salty soy sauce, light soy sauce and dark (thick) soy sauce obtained from fermentation of soybeans (Glycine max (L.) Merr.) for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CHOCOLATE	TANZANIA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/469	Chocolate <i>This Tanzania standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for the various types of chocolates processed for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
COCOA	TANZANIA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/470	Cocoa powder (unsweetened) <i>This Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for unsweetened cocoa powder intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
COCOA	TANZANIA	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/471	Drinking chocolate (sweetened cocoa powder) <i>This Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, sampling methods and test for drinking chocolate (sweetened cocoa powder) intended for use as a beverage for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification

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PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	UKRAINE	27/05/2020	G/TBT/N/UKR/165	Materials and articles intended to come into contact with food <i>The draft Law defines the legal and organizational framework to ensure the safety of materials and articles intended for direct or indirect contact with foodstuffs in the process of their production, circulation and use.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/893/Add.11	Food labelling - Addendum <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Submit written comments (including recommendations) on the collection of information by 19 June 2020.</i>	
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BANGLA-DESH	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/BGD/3/Add.1	Electrical and electronic products - Addendum <i>The final date for comments as mentioned in paragraph 10 of the notification G/TBT/N/BGD/3 will remain open until 30 June 2020.</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/994/Corr.1	Chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and azithromycin and its salts - [This document has been cancelled] <i>The notification G/TBT/N/BRA/994 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	26/05/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/994/Add.1/Corr.2	Chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, and azithromycin and its salts - Corrigendum <i>The notification G/TBT/N/BRA/994/Add.1 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/664	Biological products <i>The Minimum Requirements for Biological Products shall be partially amended to add the standard for a vaccine product to be newly approved.</i>	30 days from notification

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LABORATORY MEDICINE	KENYA	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/871/Add.1	Ionizing radiation to human subjects - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 1954:2019 Medical research – Administration of ionizing radiation to human subjects – Requirements; was adopted on 9 April 2020.</i>	–
METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	INDIA	27/05/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/148	Steel and steel products <i>This Order seeks to ensure conformity to Steel & Steel Products listed in the Table-1 to the specified Indian Standards.</i>	60 days from notification
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
FUELS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/396/Add.1	Fuel used in stationary pollution source - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Co-firing Ratios and Component Standards for Fuel Used in Stationary Pollution Sources", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/396 on 18 December 2019, was promulgated on 23 March 2020 and came into effect on the same day.</i>	–
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
BODIES AND BODY COMPONENTS	INDIA	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/147	Automobile wheel rims <i>Automobile Wheel rims (Quality Control) Order, 2020.</i>	30 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	28/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/897	Motor vehicles and parts <i>Modify the lift axle standards of truck and special vehicle, and ban the installation of side facing seat (Draft Article 13 and Article 25).</i>	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
TYRES IN GENERAL	COSTA RICA	29/05/2020	G/TBT/N/CRI/136/Add.4	Pneumatic tyres - Addendum <i>The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica informs that it notified on December 17, 2012 the RTCR: 425: 2008 Technical Regulation for Pneumatic Tires under the symbol G / TBT / N / CRI / 136, in order to establish the technical requirements and labeling of pneumatic tires intended for the use of vehicles.</i>	–

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	BRAZIL	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1009	Regulatory measures <i>Proposal of revision of regulatory measures for normative acts already revoked tacitly, which effects have been extinguished over the time and the need or purpose for the society could not be identified.</i>	—
	KENYA	25/05/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1002	All products imported <i>This regulation lays down the provisions of verification of conformity to standards and other regulations whereas it shall apply to all products imported into Kenya.</i>	—