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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 46 notifications on Agriculture, Clothing, Construction Materials and Building, Food and Beverages, Metrology and Measurement, Physical Phenomena etc., from Colombia, Czech Republic, the European Union, Kenya, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, 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 (23 February - 01 March 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/644	Desmedipham (pesticide active substance) <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance desmedipham is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Existing authorised plant protection products containing desmedipham will be withdrawn from the market.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</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>Any subsequent action on MRLs will be subject to notification under the SPS procedure.</i>	
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/645	<p>Thiophanate-methyl (pesticide active substance)</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance thiophanate-methyl is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Existing authorised plant protection products containing thiophanate-methyl 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.</i></p> <p><i>This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance. Following non-approval and the expiry of all grace periods for stocks of products containing this substance, separate action will likely be taken on MRLs and a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/363	<p>Agro-pesticides, pesticides and other agrochemicals</p> <p><i>To make agro-pesticides comply with GHS and consistent with international hazard labelling, a business support IT system is to be devised to assist agro-pesticide businesses in label application. The IT system produces label samples and allows specification of products information, including hazard pictograms and hazard statements. The IT system also provides Agro-pesticide business with a better procedure in application of label use or modification.</i></p>	60 days from notification
AGRICULTURE	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/364	<p>Organic agricultural products</p> <p><i>The Organic Agriculture Promotion Act was promulgated on 30 May 2018 and will enter into effect on 30 May 2019. In accordance with Paragraph 1 of Article 14 of the Act, the "Mandatory and Prohibitory Items in the Contracts between Certification Bodies and Agricultural Product Operators" was drafted to ensure consistency of management. The proposed text took into account current experiences of implementing production and certification of organic agricultural products as well as practices adopted in developed countries.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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AGRICULTURE	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/365	Organic agricultural products <i>The Organic Agriculture Promotion Act was promulgated on 30 May 2018 and will enter into effect on 30 May 2019. In accordance with Paragraph 5 of Article 11 of the Act, the "Regulations Governing the Approval and Management of Accreditation Bodies for Organic Agricultural Products" was drafted to stipulate provisions for the approval and supervision of accreditation bodies, information to be listed in the approval document, etc. The proposed text took into account current experiences of implementing production and certification of organic agricultural products as well as practices adopted in developed countries.</i>	60 days from notification
AGRICULTURE	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/366	Organic agricultural products <i>With a view to supporting the implementation of the Organic Agriculture Promotion Act, the Agriculture and Food Agency is proposing a draft specifying the documents to be retained by certification bodies that operate certification of organic agricultural products. Such documents include quality manual, certification operation procedures, application records, qualifications of personnel, internal audit reports, subcontracting records, etc. The retention period is 6 years in principle and the documents may be retained in hard copies or electronic format.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/367	Cosmetics <i>Based on Paragraph 2, Article 8 of the Cosmetic Hygiene and Safety Act, the Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, has proposed the categories of cosmetics of which the manufacturing plants shall comply with cosmetic Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations.</i>	60 days from notification
CIVIL ENGINEERING					
EXTERNAL SEWAGE SYSTEMS	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/815	External sewage systems <i>This Kenya Standard lays down guidelines for selection of sewer men and safe system of work in sewerage system. It also recommends requisite training of workers be considered where applicable. These safety and health guidelines shall be adhered to during the work process when working in sewerage system.</i>	04 April 2019

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CLOTHING					
FOOTWEAR	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/818	Men's shoes <i>This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for men's closed shoes</i>	11 April 2019
FOOTWEAR	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/819	Men's open shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for men's open shoes.</i>	11 April 2019
FOOTWEAR	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/820	Ladies' closed shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for ladies' closed shoes</i>	11 April 2019
FOOTWEAR	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/821	Ladies' open shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for ladies' open shoes. The standard applies to ladies' open shoes of all constructions and all types of materials and designs.</i>	11 April 2019
FOOTWEAR	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/822	Children's shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for children's shoes (2 years and below) .</i>	11 April 2019
FOOTWEAR	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/823	Children's shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for children's shoes (above 2 to 6 years) .</i>	11 April 2019
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CERAMIC TILES	COLOMBIA	28/02/2019	G/TBT/N/COL/172/Add.4	Ceramic tiles - Addendum <i>The Republic of Colombia communicates in relation to the draft Resolution of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism "Whereby the technical regulation applicable to the label of ceramic tiles that are produced, imported and marketed in Colombia ", notified on 11 September 2018 by the World Trade Organization through the identified document with the symbol G / TBT / N / COL / 172 / Add.3, which has been issued on February 11, 2019, through Resolution No. 0220 of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, which will enter into effective on August 11, 2019, date from which, Resolution 180 of January 21, 2013 will be repealed.</i>	—
CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/814	Occupational safety and health : demolition of buildings <i>This standard lays down safety and health requirements for carrying out safely the demolition/dismantling of all types of</i>	04 April 2019

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				<i>buildings, for example, residential building (load-bearing structure, multistoreyed framed structures), public buildings and factories.</i>	
CONCRETE AND CONCRETE PRODUCTS	UGANDA	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1026	<p>Fly ash used for cement and concrete</p> <p><i>The Standard specifies the terms and definition, classification, grade, technical requirements, test method, inspection rules, packaging, marking, transportation and storage of the fly ash used for cement and concrete. The Standard is applicable to the fly ash used as admixture at time of mixing mortar and concrete, and fly ash used as active addition at time of cement production.</i></p>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	COLOMBIA	28/02/2019	G/TBT/N/COL/26/Add.2	<p>Refrigerators - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Colombia communicates in relation to Resolution 19 629 of July 15, 2003 of the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce "Whereby the adequacy of the information provided to consumers "notified January 28, 2016 by the Organization World Trade Organization, through the document identified in document G / TBT / N / COL / 26 / Add.1, that this has been repealed on December 26, 2018, through Resolution No. 93345 of 2018.</i></p>	—
OUTDOOR AND WATER SPORTS EQUIPMENT	COLOMBIA	28/02/2019	G/TBT/N/COL/174/Add.2	<p>Safety devices used in swimming pools— Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Colombia communicates in relation to Resolution 4113 of December 4, 2012 of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection "Whereby the technical regulation applicable to safety devices and their installation in swimming pools "notified February 7, 2013 by the World Trade Organization through the document identified with the symbol G / TBT / N / COL / 174 / Add.1, which has been repealed on March 27, 2015, through the Decree No. 554 of 2015</i></p>	—
HOME TEXTILES, LINEN	KENYA	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/825	<p>Fabrics for household curtains and drapery</p> <p><i>This draft East African Standard specifies performance requirements of fabrics for curtains and drapery. It covers all-knit, lace, stitch-bonded, foamback and woven fabrics to be used in the manufacture of curtains and drapery. It is applicable to all fabrics except those made of glass. Except where otherwise indicated, these requirements also apply to fabrics for window blinds</i></p>	14 April 2019

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ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/816	Storage, handling and transport of anhydrous ammonia <i>This Kenya Standard requirements for the design, repair, alteration, location, installation and operation of plant used for the storage, handling and transport of anhydrous ammonia in industrial and rural situations.</i>	02 April 2019
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	KENYA	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/817	Storage and handling of toxic substances <i>This Kenya Standard requirements for the design, repair, alteration, location, installation and operation of plant used for the storage, handling and transport of anhydrous ammonia in industrial and rural situations.</i>	02 April 2019
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	COLOMBIA	28/02/2019	G/TBT/N/COL/106/Add.3	Glass and glass ceramic utensils in contact with food, ceramic utensils [...] ota of the Secretariat - Addendum <i>The Republic of Colombia communicates in relation to Resolutions No. 1900 of 2008 and 3639 of 2008 "Whereby the technical regulation for glass and glass ceramic utensils in contact with food, ceramic utensils used in cooking in contact with the and ceramic pottery for institutional use, which are manufactured or imported for marketing in Colombia.", notified on August 1, 2008 and February 11, 2009 respectively, by the World Trade Organization, through the documents identified with the signatures G / TBT / N / COL / 106 / Add.1 and G / TBT / N / COL / 106 / Add.2, that these have been repealed in accordance with the provisions of article 2.2.1.7.6.7 of Decree 1595 of 2015.</i>	—
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	RWANDA	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/217	Toffee <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for toffee</i>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	RWANDA	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/218	Chewing gum <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for chewing gum.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	UGANDA	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1027	Food additives - Nitrogen <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for food grade nitrogen.</i>	60 days from notification

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FOOD ADDITIVES	UGANDA	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1028	Food additives - Gelatin <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for food grade gelatin, also known as edible gelatin.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
VETERINARY MEDICINE	SPAIN	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/ESP/40	Animal health products <i>The notified text lays down the requirements for authorization, registration, the marketing and use of animal health products.</i>	60 days from the notification
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/JPN/620	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system <i>Proposed "Shitei Yakubutsu" (designated 4 substances), and their "proper uses" designated under the Act</i>	Not applicable
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT, PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	27/02/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/208/Add.1	Measuring devices for determining the load per axle or wheel of rolling stock - Addendum <i>The Draft General Measure No 0111-OOP-C085-16 laying down the metrological and technical requirements for legally controlled measuring instruments, including testing methods for type approval and verification of the following legally controlled measuring instruments: measuring devices for determining the load per axle or wheel of rolling stock, has been adopted on 24 January 2019.</i>	—
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	27/02/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/209/Add.1	Measuring devices for determining the load per axle of road vehicles - Addendum <i>The Draft General Measure No 0111-OOP-C086-16 laying down the metrological and technical requirements for legally controlled measuring instruments, including testing methods for type approval and verification of the following legally controlled measuring instruments: measuring devices for determining the load per axle of road vehicles, has been adopted.</i>	—
MEASUREMENT OF VOLUME, MASS, DENSITY, VISCOSITY	CZECH REPUBLIC	27/02/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/210/Add.1	Fixed storage tanks used as instruments for measuring volume - Addendum <i>The Draft General Measure No 0111-OOP-C065-16 laying down the metrological and technical requirements for legally controlled measuring instruments, including testing methods for type approval and verification of the following legally controlled measuring instruments: fixed storage tanks used as instruments for measuring volume, has been adopted.</i>	—

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MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	27/02/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/214/Add.1	Pure-tone audiometers - Addendum <i>The Draft General Measure number:0111-OOP-C064-16, laying down the metrological and technical requirements for specified measuring instruments, including testing methods for type approval and verification of the following specified measuring instruments: 'pure-tone audiometers' has been adopted.</i>	—
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	27/02/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/215/Add.1	Tendon assemblies for prestressed concrete and rock anchors - Addendum <i>The Draft General Measure number: 0111-OOP-C070-18 laying down the metrological and technical requirements for specified measuring instruments, including testing methods for type approval and verification of the following specified instruments: 'tendon assemblies for prestressed concrete and rock anchors' has been adopted.</i>	—
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	CZECH REPUBLIC	27/02/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/216/Add.1	Measuring instruments and systems for measuring the flow of liquids other than water - Addendum <i>The Draft General Measure number: 0111-OOP-C066-16 laying down the metrological and technical requirements for specified measuring instruments, including testing methods for type approval and verification of the following specified instruments: 'measuring instruments and systems for measuring the flow of liquids other than water - stationary measuring systems except for dispensers' has been adopted.</i>	—
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	27/02/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/217/Add.1	Grain testers - Addendum <i>The Draft General Measure number: 0111-OOP-C058-16 laying down the metrological and technical requirements for specified measuring instruments, including testing methods for type approval and verification of the following specified instruments: 'grain testers' has been adopted.</i>	—
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
SACKS, BAGS	COLOMBIA	28/02/2019	G/TBT/N/COL/78/Add.2	Packaging - Addendum <i>The Republic of Colombia communicates in relation to Resolution No. 00224 of September 5, 2007 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development "Through which the Regulation is issued Technical No. RTC-002-MADR minimum requirements that must be met by the packaging of the products agricultural products for human consumption that are imported, produced and marketed in the territory national "notified on December 4, 2009 by the World Trade Organization, through the document identified by document</i>	—

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				<i>G / TBT / N / COL / 78 / Add.1, which has been repealed in accordance with the provisions of article 2.2.1.7.6.7 of Decree 1595 of 2015.</i>	
SACKS, BAGS	KENYA	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/827	Woven polyolefin sacks (bags) for cement <i>This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements for woven polyolefin sacks (bags) for packing cement</i>	14 April 2019
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ARG/68/Add.4	Motor vehicles - Addendum <i>It is reported that Resolution No. 78/2019 of the Secretariat of the Environment and Development Government Sustainable is established that the companies that manufacture and import automobiles classified in Categories M1 and N1, they must prove compliance with the CONFORMITY OF THE PRODUCTION (COP) defined in point 04. of ANNEX "M" to Decree No. 779/95, its amendments and reference standards and repeals Resolution SAyDS 61/99.</i>	—
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ARG/193/Add.8	Motor vehicles - Addendum <i>It is reported that Resolution No. 78/2019 of the Secretariat of the Environment and Development Government Sustainable is established that the companies that manufacture and import automobiles classified in Categories M1 and N1, they must prove compliance with the CONFORMITY OF THE PRODUCTION (COP) defined in point 04. of ANNEX "M" to Decree No. 779/95, its amendments and reference standards and repeals Resolution SAyDS 61/99.</i>	—
BODIES AND BODY COMPONENTS	KENYA	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/824	Bodies and body components of road vehicles <i>This code of practice specifies general, safety and environmental requirements for Road Vehicles and includes inspection schedule for Road Vehicles</i>	15 April 2019
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
TYRES	THAILAND	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/THA/534	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber <i>Notification of Ministry of Commerce: Certificate Requirement and Administrative Measure Relating to Importation of New Pneumatic Tyres of Rubber into the Kingdom of Thailand B.E. 2555(2012) (G/TBT/N/THA/413) was withdrawn. The importation of new pneumatic tyres shall be complied with requirements prescribed by TIS2718-2558 (2015) and TIS 2719-2558(2015) .</i>	—

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	JAPAN	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/JPN/621	Wireless LAN system <i>To amend the regulations for the above WLAN system.</i>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	25/02/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/398/Add.1	Telecommunications terminal equipment - Addendum <i>Please be advised that a reply has been published to the comments on draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-184-SCFI-2017: Regulatory elements and specific obligations to be observed by providers for the marketing and/or provision of telecommunications services using a public telecommunications network (cancels Mexican Official Standard NOM-184-SCFI-2012), published in the Official Journal on 7 March 2018.</i>	—
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	KENYA	26/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/826	Fishing gill nets <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of test for fishing gill nets.</i>	14 April 2019
LEATHER PRODUCTS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	01/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/368	Suitcases <i>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection is proposing to adopt the most recent version of standard, CNS 15331 "Evaluation criteria for bags, cases and trunks," published on 14 December 2018, as the inspection standard for suitcases. In this revised version, among all the changes, DMP and DEP are deleted from the scope of restricted phthalates, which reduces the number of restricted phthalates from 8 to 6 (DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP, and DNOP) and the sum of the total mixture of them cannot be over 0.1% (wt/wt) .</i>	60 days from notification