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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 50 notifications on Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Electrical Engineering, Environment Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages etc., from Burundi, Ecuador, the European Union, Uganda, 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 <u>bps@dti.gov.ph</u>

We are glad to be of service to you!

	List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (25 - 31 May 2019)				
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			CHEMICA	LS	
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY EUROPEAN UNION 27/05/2019 G/TBT/N/EU/657 Biocidal products - D-fructose   This draft Commission Delegated Regulation 					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/662</u>	Biocidal products - Carbendazim This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve carbendazim as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 9. Risks for the environment were identified that could not be mitigated by adequate risks mitigation measures and no safe use could be found.	60 days from notification

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PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/663</u>	Biocidal products - Silver zeolite This draft Commission Implementing Decisiob does not approve silver zeolite as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 2 and 7. Sufficient efficacy has not been demonstrated based on the information submitted by the applicant. The opinion of the European Chemicals Agency can be found on its website (http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/biocidal- products-regulation/approval-of-active- substances/bpc-opinions-on-active-substance- approval).	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/664</u>	Biocidal products - Silver copper zeolite This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve silver copper zeolite as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 2 and 7. Sufficient efficacy has not been demonstrated based on the information submitted by the applicant. The opinion of the European Chemicals Agency can be found on its website (http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/biocidal- products-regulation/approval-of-active- substances/bpc-opinions-on-active-substance- approval).	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/665</u>	Biocidal products - Silver sodium hydrogen zirconium phosphate This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve silver sodium hydrogen zirco- nium phosphate as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 2 and 7. Sufficient efficacy has not been demonstrated based on the information submitted by the applicant. The opinion of the European Chemicals Agency can be found on its website (http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/biocidal- products-regulation/approval-of-active- substances/bpc-opinions-on-active-substance- approval).	60 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/KOR/831</u>	Pharmaceuticals The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea is issuing the proposed amendments to the MFDS Notice "Regulation on the Registration of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient" as stated below. The amendments are intended to manage the Drug Master File (DMF) more efficiently. The active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) used for manufacturing of the already approved drugs whose pharmaceutical equiv- alence needs to be verified are now subject to registration under the amendment.	60 days from notification

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EXPLOSIVES, PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS	UGANDA	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/1088</u>	Shock-tube Detonator This draft Uganda standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for permitted shock-tube detonators for commercial use. The draft Uganda standard applies to shock-tube detonator No. 6 (surface) and No.8 (In-hole) for commercial use.	60 days from notification
			CONSTRUCTION MATE	RIALS AND BUILDING	
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS	BOLIVIA	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/BOL/15</u>	Domestic water meters for potable water The notified Technical Regulation applies to domestically manufactured or imported water meters for cold potable water, classified under tariff subheading HS 9028 and marketed in the Plurinational State of Bolivia, of a nominal diameter not exceeding 50 mm and of accuracy class 1 and accuracy class 2, for use in closed circuits, the measurements of which are used for commercial transactions.	24 July 2019
BUILDING ACCESSORIES	ECUADOR	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/450</u>	Padlocks The notified Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by padlocks, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of preventing deceptive practices.	60 days from notification
	1	DOMESTIC	AND COMMERCIAL EQUIP	MENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS	
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	ECUADOR	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/444</u>	Energy efficiency of clothes washer-dryers for household use The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by clothes washer-dryers, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting the environment and preventing deceptive practices.	60 days from notification
BODY CARE EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/449</u>	Tooth brushes The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by tooth brushes, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human health and safety and preventing deceptive practices.	60 days from notification
FURNITURE	ECUADOR	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/455</u>	Mattresses The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by mattresses, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human health and preventing deceptive practices.	60 days from notification

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LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	THAILAND	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/THA/544</u>	Clothes washing machines for household use The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI)	60 days from notification
				has proposed to withdraw TIS1462-2548 (2005) Clothes Washing Machines Household Use and replaces it with TIS 1462-25XX(20XX) Clothes Washing Machines for Household Use - Energy Efficiency Requirements as a mandatory standard.	
TOYS	TURKEY	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/TUR/80/Rev.1</u>	Toys - Revision	60 days from notification
				Amendment of Toy Safety Regulation Toy safety regulation of Turkey was published in the Official Gazette dated on 4 October 2016 and entered into force on 4 April 2017. An amendment regarding the same regulation published in the Official Gazette dated on 1 April 2017.	
		1	ELECTRICAL ENG	INEERING	
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	BOLIVIA	27/05/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/562/Add.3	Street light fixtures for discharge and LED lamps - Addendum	_
				This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro issued Ordinance 239, 17 May 2019 (Portaria N° 239, de 17 de Maio de 2019) in order to promote some adjustments in the approved regulation for street lighting fixtures by the Inmetro Ordinance 20, of 2017, by extending for 3 (three) months, for public lighting fixtures with discharge lamps, the term of vacancy set forth in art. 15 and 16, of Inmetro Ordinance 20, of 2017; revoking the sub-item "B.3.3 Uniformity of Road and Sidewalk Index" of Annex I-A; The Technical Regulation of Quality; and Appendix A1 of Annex I-A of the Technical Regulation on Quality and including some paragraphs in article 10.	
MOTORS	BRAZIL	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/BRA/866</u>	Three-phase induction electric motors with squirrel cage rotor Draft technical regulation setting out the mandatory requirements to be met by the supply chain of a three-phase induction electric motors with squirrel cage rotor in the domestic market (inserted in Annex I) and conformity assessment procedures, focusing on performance and energy efficiency, by means of the supplier declaration of conformity (SDoC) mechanism (inserted in Annex II).	21 July 2019
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/445</u>	Tungsten halogen and filament lamps The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by tungsten halogen and filament lamps, prior to	60 days from notification

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				the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human safety and preventing deceptive practices.	
LAMPS AND RELATED	ECUADOR	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/446</u>	Decorative lighting products	60 days from notification
EQUIPMENT				The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by decorative lighting products, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human safety and preventing deceptive practices.	
ELECTRICAL WIRES AND	ECUADOR	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/447</u>	Conductors and bare copper wires for electrical purposes	60 days from the notification
CABLES				The notified Ecuadorian technical regulation establishes the requirements have to satisfy, before their marketing, the conductors and copper wires bare for electrical use of domestic origin or imported for the purpose of safety people and the prevention of practices that are misleading.	
			ENERGY AND HEAT TRANS	FER ENGINEERING	
INTERNAL COMBUSTION	UNITED STATES	27/05/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1206/Add.2	Small off-road engines - Addendum	_
ENGINES				Amends rules to correct typographical errors and update the web address of a Department of Treasury circular.	
			ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PR	OTECTION, SAFETY	
LIFEJACKETS, BUOYANCY AIDS AND FLOTATION DEVICES	ECUADOR	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/452</u>	Personal flotation devices The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by personal flotation devices (PFDs), prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human safety and preventing deceptive practices.	60 days from notification
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	UGANDA	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/1083</u>	Transport of dangerous goods This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and procedures for the safe operation and handling of all road vehicles that are used for the transport of dangerous goods in accordance with the load constraints. The procedures include requirements for the consignor, the consignee, the operator, the driver and the qualified person as well as en route procedures, and cargo handling.	60 days from notification
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	UGANDA	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/1084</u>	Transport of dangerous goods : Emergency information system for road transport This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements for emergency information systems, for hazard class diamonds, placards and emergency information documents for road transportation of dangerous goods.	60 days from notification

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PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	UGANDA	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/1085</u>	Transport emergency card This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements for a transport emergency card (TREC) to enable the driver of a vehicle transporting dangerous goods by road and the first responders aware of the dangers associated with the load, and to indicate its use as a concise and quick reference in an emergency situation.	60 days from notification
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	UGANDA	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/1086</u>	Dangerous goods for road and rail transport This Draft Uganda Standard covers classification and identification of dangerous goods that are capable of posing a significant risk to health safety, property and the environment.	60 days from notification
		FL	UID SYSTEMS AND COMPONE	NTS FOR GENERAL USE	
VACUUM TECHNOLOGY	ECUADOR	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/451</u>	Vacuum cleaners The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by vacuum cleaners, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human safety and preventing misleading practices.	60 days from notification
	1	<u>.</u>	FOOD AND BEV	ERAGES	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	28/05/2019	G/TBT/N/ARG/348/Add.2	Spirituous beverages, alcohols, distilled alcoholic beverages and liqueurs - Addendum Please be advised that Joint Resolution No. 18/2019 of the Secretariat for Health Regulation and Management and the Secretariat for Food and Bioeconomy incorporates Common Market Group Resolution No. 18/2018 "Definitions Relating to Alcoholic Beverages (Amendment to Common Market Group Resolution No. 77/94)" into the Argentine Food Code, in accordance with preambular paragraphs 8 and 9 of the draft text notified in document G/TBT/N/ ARG/348 (point 6).	_
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	ECUADOR	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/453</u>	Dried fruit and nuts - Dried apricots, dates, desiccated coconut The notified Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by dried fruit and nuts, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human health and preventing deceptive practices.	60 days from notification
FRUITS, VEG- ETABLES	ECUADOR	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/454</u>	Quick frozen fruits and vegetables The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by quick frozen fruits and vegetables, prior to the	60 days from notification

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				marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human health and preventing deceptive practices.	
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	EUROPEAN UNION	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/655</u>	Biocidal products - Concentrated apple juice This draft Commission Delegated Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include concentrated apple juice as an active substance in Annex I thereto.	60 days from notification
CHEESE	EUROPEAN UNION	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/656</u>	Biocidal products - Cheese This draft Commission Delegated Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include cheese as an active substance in Annex I thereto.	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUG- AR PROD- UCTS	EUROPEAN UNION	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/658</u>	Biocidal products - Honey This draft Commission Delegated Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include honey as an active substance in Annex I thereto.	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	EUROPEAN UNION	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/659</u>	Biocidal products - Powdered egg This draft Commission Delegated Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include powdered egg as an active substance in Annex I thereto.	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	EUROPEAN UNION	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/660</u>	Biocidal products - Saccahoromyces cervisiae This draft Commission Delegated Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include Saccahoromyces cervisiae as an active substance in Annex I thereto.	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	EUROPEAN UNION	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/EU/661</u>	Biocidal products - Vinegar as an active substance This draft Commission Delegated Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include vinegar as an active substance in Annex I thereto.	60 days from notification
FRUITS, VEG- ETABLES	UNITED STATES	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/1444/Add.1</u>	Irish potatoes - Addendum This final rule revises the size requirements currently prescribed under the federal marketing order for Irish potatoes grown in Colorado. This action revises the minimum size requirement for U.S. No. 2 or better grade round potatoes to align with the current size requirements for all other types of U.S. No. 2 or better grade potatoes.	_

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			HEALTH CARE TECH	NOLOGY	
AIDS FOR INCONTINENCE AND OSTOMY	BURUNDI	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/BDI/53</u>	Disposable adult diapers This draft East African Standard specifies requirements and test methods for disposable adult absorbent products for managing incontinence including adult diapers, adult briefs, adult under pads (inserted in pants) and others.	60 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	SWITZERLAND	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/CHE/237</u>	Medical devices Following various events involving medical devices, Europe has strengthened its regulations in this regard. Two regulations concerning conventional medical devices (Medical Devices Regulation, MDR[1]) and in vitro diagnostic medical devices (In vitro diagnostic medical devices regulation, IVDR[2]), respectively, entered into force on 26 May 2017. These texts will become fully applicable after various transition periods (up to three years for the MDR and up to five years for the IVDR). The MDR will become fully applicable on 26 May 2020.	
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	27/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/1478/Corr.1</u>	Medical devices - Corrigendum The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is correcting a document that appeared in the Federal Register of 12 April 2019. That document was published with the instruction to add a section to the incorrect subpart. This correction is being made to improve the accuracy of the final classification action.	
			MANUFACTURING ENG	GINEERING	
SAWING MACHINES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/TPKM/378</u>	Robots and robotic devices, an[]sawing machines for cold metal The Occupational Safety and Health Administration intends to regulate robots and robotic devices, and sawing machines for cold metal to be subject to registration of safety Information, in accordance with Paragraphs 1 and 3, Article 7 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. As of 1 September 2019, all such products shall conform to specified ISO standards and be registered at the Information Website before they are placed on the market. The registration of safety Information is performed by domestic manufacturers or importers based on the specified ISO standards, i.e. ISO 10218-1:2011 (or CNS 14490 -1:2015) for robots and robotic devices and ISO 16093:2017 for sawing machines for cold metal.	notification

Volume 05, Issue 22 Page 9 **Product Sector** Product Coverage / Title Final Date for Country Date **TBT Notification** Notified Symbol Comments MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE FASTENERS ECUADOR 27/05/2019 G/TBT/N/ECU/448 Rivets 60 days from notification The notified Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by rivets, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of preventing deceptive practices. PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS SACKS, BAGS BURUNDI 28/05/2019 G/TBT/N/BDI/57 Woven polyolefin sacks (bags) for cement 60 days from notification This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements for woven polyolefin sacks (bags) for packing cement PAPER TECHNOLOGY G/TBT/N/UGA/1087 TISSUE PAPER UGANDA 27/05/2019 Toilet paper 60 days from notification This draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for toilet paper made from virgin, blended or recycled pulp. PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES FUELS GERMANY 28/05/2019 G/TBT/N/DEU/17 Labelling of fuels 60 days from notification With regard to the Ordinance on the Quality and Labelling of Fuels (10th BImSchV), this ordinance sets - in respect of road vehicles, non-road mobile machinery (including inland waterway vessels when not at sea), agricultural and forestry tractors, and recreational craft when not at sea - technical specifications for fuels to be used with positive ignition and compression-ignition engines and labelling requirements for fuels. ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING 27/05/2019 UNITED ROAD VEHICLES G/TBT/N/USA/823/Add.1 Vehicle emissions - Addendum IN GENERAL STATES Specifies the requirements for the state's Low Emission Vehicle Program. TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY ARGENTINA 28/05/2019 G/TBT/N/ARG/309/Add.5 PRODUCTS OF Textile products and footwear - Addendum THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY Please be advised that Secretariat of Domestic Trade Resolution No. 244/2019 suspends the implementation of Article 7 of Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 404/2016 and its amendments, until 1 January 2020 (G/TBT/N/ ARG/309 and addenda). The updated text of Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 404/2016 is available at: http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/ infolegInternet/anexos/265000-

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TEXTILE FABRICS	BURUNDI	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/BDI/52</u>	Disposable sanitary towels This draft East African Standard prescribes the requirements and test methods for reusable sanitary towels (including reusable panty liners) for external use. This Standard does not apply to disposable sanitary towels.	60 days from notification
TEXTILE FABRICS	BURUNDI	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/BDI/54</u>	Disposable baby diapers This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and test methods for disposable baby diapers	60 days from notification
TEXTILE FABRICS	BURUNDI	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/BDI/55</u>	Fabrics for household curtains and drapery This draft East African Standard specifies performance requirements of fabrics for curtains and drapery. It covers all knit, lace, stitch-bonded, foam back 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	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	BURUNDI	28/05/2019	<u>G/TBT/N/BDI/56</u>	Fishing gill nets This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of test for fishing gill nets.	60 days from notification