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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 43 notifications on Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages, Telecommunications, Audio and Video Engineering, etc., from the European Union, Israel, Mexico, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, 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

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (25 - 31 August 2018)

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| AGRICULTURE | | | | | |
| PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS | EUROPEAN UNION | 31/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/EU/595 | Pesticides - Copper compounds <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substances copper compounds are renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 under restricted conditions and for a period of 5 years. Existing authorised plant protection products containing copper compounds will have to be re-authorised in accordance with the proposed restrictions. The renewal of approval is based on the first evaluation of the substances for use as pesticide active substances in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substances were formerly approved under Directive 91/414/EEC.</i> | 60 days from notification |

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| | | | | <i>This regulation only concerns the placing on the market of these substances 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> | |
| PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS | EUROPEAN UNION | 31/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/EU/596 | <p>Pesticides - Methoxyfenozide</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance methoxyfenozide is renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 under restricted conditions and for a period of 7 years. Existing authorised plant protection products containing methoxyfenozide will have to be re-authorised in accordance with the proposed restrictions. The renewal of 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 regulation 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></p> | 60 days from notification |
| CHEMICALS | | | | | |
| CHEMICALS FOR PURIFICATION OF WATER | ISRAEL | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1023 | <p>Chemicals used for treatment of water intended for human consumption</p> <p><i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 5438 part 12, dealing with calcium carbonate used for treatment of water intended for human consumption. This draft standard's revision adopts the European Standard EN 1018: 2013 and Amendment 1: March 2015, with the following changes that appear in the standard's Hebrew section:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adds new references to the normative references appearing in paragraph 2;</i> • <i>Removes the column dealing with Type B from table 3 of paragraph 5.4 dealing with chemical parameters;</i> • <i>Adds new test methods to paragraphs 6.2;</i> • <i>Adds to paragraph 7 dealing with labelling, transportation and storage, new reference to Israel's Transportation Regulations;</i> • <i>Changes the marking requirements for calcium carbonate described in paragraph 7.4.</i> | 60 days from notification |

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| CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY | PERU | 28/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/PER/106 | Polychlorinated biphenyls <i>The notified Technical Regulation establishes the conditions necessary for the health and environmental management of stockpiles and residues of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and stockpiles and residues containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), with the aim of protecting human health and promoting environmental quality. It contains measures to prevent the contamination of the environment with PCBs and, therefore, avoid risks to human health. It also contains several of the articles established in the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (ratified by Peru in Supreme Decree No. 067-2005-RE) .</i> | 23 October 2018 |
| COSMETICS, TOILETRIES | TANZANIA | 31/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/TZA/215 | Toothpaste <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for toothpaste (fluoridated and non-fluoridated) for use with a toothbrush in the cleaning of natural teeth.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY | UNITED STATES | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/USA/293/Add.8 | Sunscreen drug products - Addendum <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the Agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Federal Agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on sun protection factor (SPF) labeling and testing requirements for over-the-counter (OTC) sunscreen products containing specified ingredients and marketed without approved applications, and comments on compliance with Drug Facts labeling requirements for all OTC sunscreen products.</i> | 22 October 2018 |
| PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY | UNITED STATES | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/USA/1389/Add.1 | Chemical substances - Addendum <i>EPA is promulgating significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 27 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . The chemical substances are subject to Orders issued by EPA pursuant to section 5 (e) of TSCA. This action requires persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these 27 chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this rule</i> | 17 September 2018 |

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| | | | | to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required with that determination. | |
| PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY | UNITED STATES | 30/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/USA/1392 | Chemical substances EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 10 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . The chemical substances are subject to Orders issued by EPA pursuant to section 5 (e) of TSCA. This action would require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these 10 chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this rule to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required with that determination. In addition to this notice of proposed rulemaking, EPA is issuing the action as a direct final rule elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. | 26 September 2018 |
| PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY | UNITED STATES | 30/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/USA/1393 | Chemical substances EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 19 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . The chemical substances are subject to Orders issued by EPA pursuant to section 5 (e) of TSCA. This action would require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these 19 chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by these rules to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. | 26 September 2018 |

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| | | | | <i>Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required with that determination. In addition to this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, EPA is issuing the action as a direct final rule elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.</i> | |
| CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING | | | | | |
| CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY | UNITED STATES | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/USA/1107/Add.5 | Building codes - Addendum <i>Updates the regulation to incorporate by reference the 2015 editions of the nationally recognized model building codes and standards produced by the International Code Council.</i> | — |
| DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS | | | | | |
| FURNITURE | ARGENTINA | 31/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/ARG/342/Add.1 | Furniture in general - Addendum <i>Technical quality and safety requirements for flat-shelved furniture Please be advised that Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 494/2018 establishes the technical quality and safety requirements for flat-shelved furniture marketed in the territory of the Argentine Republic. As from 120 calendar days of the entry into force of the notified measure, domestic producers and importers of flat-shelved furniture must comply with the technical requirements established in the Annex thereto, and with the regulatory framework of Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 484/2018 notified in document G/TBT/N/ARG/342 .</i> | — |
| CLEANING APPLIANCES | ISRAEL | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1021 | Vacuum cleaners and water-suction cleaning appliances <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 900 part 2.2 dealing with vacuum cleaner and water-suction cleaning appliances. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 60335-2-2 - Edition 6.1: 2012-11 and Amendment 2: 2016-04. The major differences between the old version and this new revised draft standard are due to the introduction of the second amendment to the adopted International standard. In addition the standard's Hebrew section includes the following deviations:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces and amends the standard's scope including remarks 101-103; • Adds a general national remark changing any reference to the International Standard IEC 60335-1 or a reference to Part 1, to Israel Mandatory Standard SI 900 part 1; • Changes paragraph 10.1 dealing with power input and current; | 60 days from notification |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds a new paragraph, .201, dealing with rated values and requires compliance with the relevant paragraph in Israel Mandatory Standard SI 900 part 1, when applicable; • Adds a new paragraph, .202, dealing with electromagnetic compatibility and requires compliance with the relevant paragraph in Israel Mandatory Standard SI 900 part 1, when applicable; • Adds a new paragraph, .203, dealing with noise level and requires compliance with the relevant paragraph in Israel Mandatory Standard SI 900 part 1, when applicable. <p>Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from publication in Israel Official Gazette until April 2019. During this time product may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.</p> | |
| COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES | THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU | 31/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/TPKM/322/Add.1 | Gas grills - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection Requirements of Gas Grills," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/322 on 15 May 2018, was promulgated on 30 August 2018 and will come into effect on 1 July 2019.</i> | — |
| ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING | | | | | |
| TRANSFORMERS, REACTORS | EUROPEAN UNION | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/EU/594 | Power transformers <i>This draft Commission Regulation complements existing minimum requirements on the energy efficiency of power transformers. In accordance with Framework Directive 2009/125/EC, products need to meet these minimum requirements when being placed on the EU market. The draft Regulation is based on the technical and economic findings of a study specifically undertaken to review the existing regulation EU 548/2014, as well as on stakeholder feedback.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT | PARAGUAY | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/PRY/104/Add.1 | Incandescent and fluorescent lamps - Addendum <i>Please be advised of the incorporation into domestic legislation of Resolution No. 804/18 regulating Decree No. 7.103 of 27 April 2017 creating the Register of Manufacturers and Importers of Incandescent and Fluorescent Lamps under the authority of the Ministry of Industry and Trade and establishing the prior import licensing regime and mandatory energy efficiency certification, which was notified in document G/TBT/N/PRY/104.</i> | — |

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| ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING | | | | | |
| ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING IN GENERAL | THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU | 28/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/TPKM/336 | <p>Air compressors</p> <p><i>Aiming to enhance the efficiency of energy utilization, the Bureau of Energy intends to expand the regulative scope of energy consumption standard and energy efficiency grade labelling scheme to include air compressors so as to reduce electricity loss. The proposed scheme applies to both imported products and domestically manufactured products. In addition to the scheme, the proposed technical regulations also specify labelling and inspection requirements, the conformity assessment procedures and post-market supervision. Products that fail to conform to the requirements will be prohibited from being sold and placed on the domestic market.</i></p> | 60 days from notification |
| NUCLEAR ENERGY ENGINEERING | UNITED STATES | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/USA/1391 | <p>Nuclear power plant engineering</p> <p><i>The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations to incorporate by reference proposed revisions of three regulatory guides (RGs), which would approve new, revised, and reaffirmed Code Cases published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). This proposed action would allow nuclear power plant licensees, and applicants for construction permits, operating licenses, combined licenses, standard design certifications, standard design approvals and manufacturing licenses, to use the Code Cases listed in these draft RGs as voluntary alternatives to engineering standards for the construction, inservice inspection (ISI), and inservice testing (IST) of nuclear power plant components. The NRC is requesting comments on this proposed rule and on the draft versions of the three RGs proposed to be incorporated by reference. The NRC is also making available a related draft RG that lists Code Cases that the NRC has not approved for use. This draft RG will not be incorporated by reference into the NRC's regulations.</i></p> | 30 October 2018 |
| ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY | | | | | |
| PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS | ISRAEL | 28/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/ISR/726/Rev.1 | <p>Dangerous substances and mixtures - Revision</p> <p><i>The draft revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 2302 Part 1, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/726 (dated 3 December 2013) has been amended and replaced. The new draft revision is based, with a few changes and national deviations on the European Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, which is based on the UN document "Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)".</i></p> | 60 days from notification |

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| | | | | <p>The major changes included in this draft revision are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the R-phrases (risk phrases) and S-phrases (safety phrases) with Hazard Statements (H) and with precautionary statements (P); Deletes the separate requirements for dangerous substances for domestic or similar uses and for non-domestic use. <p>Both the old standard and the new revised standard will apply for a period of 3 years from the entry into force of this revision. During this period dangerous substances and mixtures for domestic and similar uses could be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.</p> | |
| HAND AND ARM PROTECTION | ISRAEL | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1022 | <p>Protective gloves</p> <p>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 1284 part 4, dealing with protective gloves. This draft standard revision adopts both the European Standard EN ISO 374-1: November 2016 and the American Standard ANSI/ISEA 105: 2016 (in all aspects relates to dangerous chemicals and micro-organisms) and allows for compliance with either. The major differences included in the standard's Hebrew section are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends the standard's scope to apply national laws and regulations; Deletes from the adopted American Standard all other products that do not relate to dangerous chemicals and micro-organisms; Amends the normative references; Changes the marking and labeling requirements and requires the information will be provided in Hebrew according to Israel's Consumer Protection Order (Labeling of Goods) . <p>Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from publication in Israel Official Gazette for a period of 6 months. During this time product may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.</p> | 60 days from notification |
| PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS | ISRAEL | 28/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1025 | <p>Dangerous chemical substances and mixtures</p> <p>Revision of the mandatory standard SI 2302 Part 2 dealing with the transportation of dangerous substances and mixtures. The major changes included in this draft standard revision are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes from the standard's scope gas cylinders, that are covered by other mandatory standards; Uses the risk group symbols according to the UN document - Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) . | 60 days from notification |

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| FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE | | | | | |
| VALVES | MEXICO | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/MEX/336/Add.2 | Valves used in transportable liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) containers - Addendum <i>Please be advised of the publication of Mexican Official Standard NOM-197-SCFI-2017: Valves used in transportable liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) containers. Specifications and test methods.</i> | — |
| FOOD AND BEVERAGES | | | | | |
| FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL | BRAZIL | 28/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/BRA/826/Add.1 | Organic production - Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA issued Ordinance 216, 22 August 2018, which extends for 60 days the public consultation period established by Ordinance No. 162, 21 June, 2018 in the Official Gazette on 25 June 2018 and notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/826 .</i> | — |
| FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL | JAPAN | 30/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/JPN/448/Add.3 | Agricultural, forestry and fishery products - Addendum <i>In response to the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) signed in July 2018 and to ensure the proper reciprocal protection of geographical indications based on the EPA, Japan hereby provides notification that it intends to amend the Act on Protection of the Names of Specific Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Products and Foodstuffs (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") . The amendment includes the restriction on the period of prior use and the expansion of regulatory scope to advertisement etc. both with respect to geographical indications.</i> | Thirty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification |
| FRUITS, VEG-ETABLES | REPUBLIC OF KOREA | 31/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/KOR/785/Add.1 | Labelling of genetically modified potato - Addendum <i>Standard for Labelling of Genetically Modified Foods</i> 1. Considering the requests from other Members as to extending comment period for the proposed rule, which was notified on 14 August 2018, the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) is extending the comment period to 14 October 2018. Members may submit either electronic or written comments by 14 October 2018. 2. The exact date of implementation will be notified later. | — |

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| COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES | MEXICO | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/MEX/341/Add.2 | Portable cooking appliances - Addendum <i>Please be advised of the publication of Mexican Official Standard NOM-201-SCFI-2017, Portable cooking appliances powered by liquefied petroleum gas or other petroleum-based fuels stored in disposable and/or portable containers. Specifications and test methods.</i> | — |
| ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | MEXICO | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/MEX/432 | Alcoholic beverages <i>The purpose of the notified draft Conformity Assessment Procedure is to verify compliance with Mexican Official Standard NOM-199-SCFI-2017 or any standard replacing it, and to establish the guidelines to be followed in order to comply with Mexican Official Standard NOM-199-SCFI-2017.</i> | 21 October 2018 |
| TEA, COFFEE, COCOA | UGANDA | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/UGA/914 | Instant tea <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements sampling and test methods for instant tea of the species Camellia sinensis (Linnaeus) O. Kuntze.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| TEA, COFFEE, COCOA | UGANDA | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/UGA/915 | Black tea <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for black tea. This standard also applies to blended black tea. It does not apply to scented or decaffeinated black tea.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| TEA, COFFEE, COCOA | UGANDA | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/UGA/916 | Green tea <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for green tea of Camellia Sinensis (L) O. Kuntze. This standard is not applicable to green tea subject to further processing such as decaffeination, further roasting etc.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| TEA, COFFEE, COCOA | UGANDA | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/UGA/917 | Flavoured black tea <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for flavoured black tea.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH | UGANDA | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/UGA/918 | Powdered (icing) sugar <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies, requirements, method of test and sampling for white powdered (icing) sugar intended for use in toppings, icings and other sugar content bakery products.</i> | 60 days from notification |

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| MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE | UNITED STATES | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/USA/1310/Add.2 | Pork carcasses - Addendum <i>This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will not proceed with revisions to the United States Standards for Grades of Pork Carcasses (pork standards) at this time.</i> | — |
| HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY | | | | | |
| PHARMACEUTICS | JAPAN | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/JPN/606 | Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system <i>Proposed "Shitei Yakubutsu" (designated 2 substances), and their "proper uses" designated under the Act</i> | Not applicable |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | | | | | |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | MEXICO | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/MEX/229/Add.4 | Software and electronic systems - Addendum <i>Please be advised that a reply has been published in the Official Journal to the comments on Draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-185-SCFI-2015: Software and electronic systems that control the operation of systems for measuring and dispensing petrol and other liquid fuels - Specifications, and test and verification methods, published on 6 May 2015.</i> | — |
| METALLURGY | | | | | |
| STEEL PROFILES | THAILAND | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/THA/521 | Cold-formed structural steel sections <i>The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed to withdraw TIS 1228-2549 (2006) Cold Formed Structural Steel Sections which is a mandatory standard and replace it with TIS 1228-25XX (20XX) Cold-formed Structural Steel Sections for General Structure. The standard covers uncoated structural steel made from hot-rolled steel (painted and unpainted) by the process of cold forming up to 6.0 mm in thickness, which intended for general structures. The standard prescribes types and grades; shape, size and tolerances; requirements i.e. general characteristics, coating, chemical composition, mechanical properties; marking and labelling; sampling and criteria for conformity and testing.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES | | | | | |
| LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS | ECUADOR | 31/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/ECU/8/Add.7 | Lubricating oils - Addendum <i>In accordance with Article 2.9.2 of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, Article 11 of Andean Community Decision No. 827 and Article 2 of Andean Community Decision No. 615, the Republic of Ecuador</i> | — |

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| | | | | hereby notifies that the comment period for the draft second amendment to Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 014 (1R) "Lubricating oils" will run until 23 October 2018, after which the draft second amendment will be formally adopted. | |
| PRECISION MECHANICS, JEWELLERY | | | | | |
| JEWELLERY | UNITED STATES | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/USA/1061/Add.2 | <p>Jewellery, precious metals, and pewter - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") adopts revised Guides for the Jewelry, Precious Metals, and Pewter Industries ("Jewelry Guides" or "Guides") . This document summarizes the Commission's revisions to the previous Guides and includes the final Guides as revised. Readers can find the Commission's complete analysis in the Statement of Basis and Purpose ("SBP") on the FTC's website at https://www.ftc.gov/public-statements/2018/07/statement-basis-purpose-final-revisions-jewelry-guides.</i></p> | — |
| RAILWAY ENGINEERING | | | | | |
| RAILWAY ENGINEERING | THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU | 28/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/TPKM/335 | <p>Railway or tramway locomotives[...]olling-stock and parts thereof</p> <p><i>With a view to ensuring safety of public transportation systems and enhance the quality of public transportation systems, the Railway Bureau proposes to amend the Railway Act and the Mass Rapid Transit Act by establishing a testing and certification system for products to be used in railways and mass rapid transit systems. The proposed amendments involve addition of a new Article to each Act, Article 19-1 to the Railway Act and Article 24-3 to the Mass Rapid Transit Act. Products, which will be designated and announced by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, have to be certified before they can be used in the rail transportation systems. Details of the testing and certification system, including the items, test procedures, certification requirements and qualification of certification bodies, will be further designed and notified to the WTO after promulgation of revisions to both Acts.</i></p> | 60 days from notification |
| ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING | | | | | |
| ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS | UNITED STATES | 30/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/USA/1394 | <p>Motor vehicles</p> <p><i>The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are proposing the "Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles</i></p> | 23 October 2018 |

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| | | | | <p><i>Rule for Model Years 2021- 2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks" (SAFE Vehicles Rule) . The SAFE Vehicles Rule, if finalized, would amend certain existing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) and tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions standards for passenger cars and light trucks and establish new standards, all covering model years 2021 through 2026. More specifically, NHTSA is proposing new CAFE standards for model years 2022 through 2026 and amending its 2021 model year CAFE standards because they are no longer maximum feasible standards, and EPA is proposing to amend its carbon dioxide emissions standards for model years 2021 through 2025 because they are no longer appropriate and reasonable in addition to establishing new standards for model year 2026. The preferred alternative is to retain the model year 2020 standards (specifically, the footprint target curves for passenger cars and light trucks) for both programs through model year 2026, but comment is sought on a range of alternatives discussed throughout this document. Compared to maintaining the post-2020 standards set forth in 2012, current estimates indicate that the proposed SAFE Vehicles Rule would save over 500 billion dollars in societal costs and reduce highway fatalities by 12,700 lives (over the lifetimes of vehicles through MY 2029) . U.S. fuel consumption would increase by about half a million barrels per day (2-3 percent of total daily consumption, according to the Energy Information Administration) and would impact the global climate by 3/1000th of one degree Celsius by 2100, also when compared to the standards set forth in 2012.</i></p> | |
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| AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEMS IN GENERAL | ISRAEL | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1024 | <p>Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment</p> <p><i>Revision of the Mandatory Standards SI 60065 and SI 60950 part 1 to be replaced with SI 62368 part 1, dealing with the safety requirements of audio/video, information and communication technology equipment. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 62368-1 - Edition 2.0: 2014-02. This draft revision is based on the principles of hazard based safety engineering and therefore is significantly differ from the current practice. It also includes a few changes that appear in the standard's Hebrew section as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in the normative references (paragraph 2); | 60 days from notification |

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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds a new paragraph 201 dealing with the prevention of electromagnetic disorders; • Adds a new paragraph 202 dealing with the wattage consumption; • Amends annexes B, F and G. <p>Both the old standards and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force of this new revision until 20 June 2019. During this time product may be tested according to the old or the new revised standards.</p> | |
| TELECOMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT | MEXICO | 27/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/MEX/364/Add.2 | <p>Mobile terminal equipment - Addendum</p> <p>Please be advised of the publication of Mexican Official Standard NOM-221-SCFI-2017, "Specifications for mobile terminal equipment that can use the radio spectrum or connect to a public telecommunications network. Part 1: International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number and operation of sound broadcasting receivers in frequency modulation (FM)".</p> | — |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING | THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU | 29/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/TPKM/318/Add.1/Corr.1 | <p>Base station radio frequency e[...] telecommunication - Corrigendum</p> <p>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Technical Specifications for Base Station Radio Frequency Equipment of Third Generation Mobile Telecommunication," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/318 on 4 April 2018, was promulgated on 14 August 2018 and came into effect on the same day.</p> | — |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING | THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU | 29/08/2018 | G/TBT/N/TPKM/319/Add.1/Corr.1 | <p>Terminal equipment of third ge[...] telecommunication - Corrigendum</p> <p>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the amendment of "The Third Generation Mobile Telecommunication Terminal Equipment Technical Specifications," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/319 on 9 April 2018, was promulgated on 14 August 2018 and came into effect on the same day.</p> | — |