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This publication seeks to provide cohesive information in a weekly basis on the foreign notifications of the WTO members under the TBT agreement on their notified technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures.

Philippine exporters and relevant stakeholders are invited to review the proposed regulations. Comments that will be received by the BPS will be transmitted to the governments concerned for their consideration.

IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

A total of 62 notifications on Agriculture, Clothing Industry, Electrical Engineering, Food and Beverages, Manufacturing Engineering etc., from Costa Rica, European Union, Kenya, Kuwait, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (26 January - 01 February 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	COSTA RICA	28/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CRI/84/Add.1	<p>Veterinary drugs and related products - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 15 December 2008, the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica notified, in document G/TBT/N/CRI/84, the draft regulation "RTCA No. 65.05.51.08: Veterinary drugs and related products, and establishments engaged in the manufacture, marketing, fractioning or storage thereof. Sanitary registration and control requirements", whose purpose was to establish provisions governing the sanitary registration and control of veterinary drugs, related products and establishments.</i></p> <p><i>The regulation applies to veterinary drugs and related products and to establishments engaged in the registration, manufacture, marketing, dispensing or distribution, fractioning or storage thereof in the States</i></p>	60 days from the date of this notification

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	GUATEMALA	28/01/2019	G/TBT/N/GTM/62/Add.1	<p>Drugs for veterinary use and related products - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 9 January 2009, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala notified, in document G/TBT/N/GTM/62 , the draft regulation "RTCA No. 65.05.51.08: Veterinary drugs and related products. Sanitary registration and control requirements", whose purpose was to establish provisions governing the sanitary registration and control of veterinary drugs, related products and establishments.</i></p> <p><i>The regulation applies to veterinary drugs and related products and to establishments engaged in the registration, manufacture, marketing, dispensing or distribution, fractioning or storage thereof in the States Parties.</i></p> <p><i>The sanitary registration of raw materials for the preparation of veterinary drugs and related products and compounded veterinary formulations is excluded from the scope of the regulation and remains subject to the domestic laws of each State Party.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose of the present Addendum is to notify WTO Members that the regulation has been updated. They will have 60 days from the date of this notification to make comments.</i></p>	60 days from the date of this notification
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	HONDURAS	01/02/2019	G/TBT/N/HND/56/Add.1	<p>Veterinary drugs and related products - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 15 December 2008, the Government of the Republic of Honduras notified, in document G/TBT/N/HND/56 , the draft regulation "RTCA No. 65.05.51.08: Veterinary drugs and related products, and establishments engaged in the manufacture, marketing, fractioning or storage thereof. Sanitary registration and control requirements", whose purpose was to establish provisions governing the sanitary registration and control of veterinary drugs, related products and establishments.</i></p> <p><i>The regulation applies to veterinary drugs and related products and to establishments engaged in the registration, manufacture, marketing, dispensing or distribution, fractioning or storage thereof in the States Parties.</i></p>	60 days from the date of this notification

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	NICARAGUA	01/02/2019	G/TBT/N/NIC/105/Add.1	<p>Veterinary drugs and related products - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua notified Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard (NTON) 20 002 -08/RTCA 65.05.51:08: "Veterinary drugs and related products. Sanitary registration and control requirements; Provisions governing the sanitary registration and control of veterinary drugs, related products and establishments" on 28 November 2008 in document G/TBT/N/NIC/105 .</i></p> <p><i>The regulation applies to veterinary drugs and related products and to establishments engaged in the registration, manufacture, marketing, dispensing or distribution, fractioning or storage thereof in the States Parties. The sanitary registration of raw materials for the preparation of veterinary drugs and related products and compounded veterinary formulations is excluded from the scope of the regulation and remains subject to the domestic laws of each State Party.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose of the present Addendum is to notify WTO Members that the regulation has been updated. They will have 60 days from the date of this notification to make comments.</i></p>	60 days from the date of this notification
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	EL SALVADOR	28/01/2019	G/TBT/N/SLV/126/Add.1	<p>Veterinary drugs and related products - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 6 November 2008, the Government of the Republic of El Salvador notified, in document G/TBT/N/SLV/126 , the draft regulation "RTCA No. 65.05.51:08: Veterinary drugs and related products, and establishments engaged in the manufacture, marketing, fractioning or storage thereof. Sanitary registration and control requirements", whose purpose was to establish provisions governing the sanitary registration and control of veterinary drugs, related products and establishments.</i></p> <p><i>The regulation applies to veterinary drugs and related products and to establishments engaged in the registration, manufacture, marketing, dispensing or distribution, fractioning or storage thereof in the States Parties.</i></p>	60 days from the date of this notification

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FARMING AND FORESTRY	UNITED STATES	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1334/Add.2	<p>Prohibited substances - Addendum</p> <p><i>This final rule amends the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) provisions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) organic regulations to implement recommendations submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) . This rule changes the use restrictions for seventeen substances allowed for organic production or handling on the National List. This rule also adds sixteen new substances on the National List to be allowed in organic production or handling. In addition, this final rule lists the botanical pesticide, rotenone, as a prohibited substance in organic crop production. This final rule removes ivermectin as an allowed parasiticide for use in organic livestock production and amends our regulations to allow the use of parasiticides in fiber bearing animals. Finally, this rule inserts corrections of instructions and regulation text as listed in the proposed rule.</i></p>	—
CHEMICALS					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KOR/809	<p>Chemical substances</p> <p><i>1) The Ministry of Environment (ME) integrates the existing two regulations, which are the submission of the verification result of manufactured or imported chemicals and the import declaration of toxic substances, into a single regulation: "Notification of Chemicals Verification". Under the regulation, the government issues unique "Universal Chemical Tracking Number" to chemical substance to track and manage its use, storage and sales on the market.</i></p> <p><i>2) The ME makes a legal ground that overseas manufacturer can appoint a representative and entrust the appointee with obligations of importer, including notification of chemicals verification, so that overseas manufacturer can protect its CBI and the government may impose penalty when false information is notified.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<p>3) Off-site consequence analysis is not required to the laboratories of universities and research institutes, the facilities of elementary, middle and high schools, and a person who handles chemical substance in very small amount.</p> <p>4) As regular and irregular examinations are performed in accordance with the Chemicals Control Act and the Act on Establishment of Safe Laboratory Environment in duplicate, the ME integrates them into an annual regular examination under the Act on Establishment of</p>	
CIVIL ENGINEERING					
ROAD EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATIONS	PHILIPPINES	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/PHL/210	<p>Speed limitation devices (SLD) and adjustable speed limitation devices (ASLD)</p> <p>Pursuant to Republic Act 10916 or the "Road Speed Limiter Act of 2016", Republic Act 4109, Republic Act 7394, Executive Order No. 913 Series of 1983, Executive Order No. 133 Series of 1987, Executive Order No. 101 Series of 1967, Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 04 Series of 2008, DAO No. 05 Series of 2008, DAO No. 02 Series of 2007, and Sec. 10 (4), Title X Book IV of the Administrative Code of 1987, Philippine National Standard (PNS) UNR 89:2016 - Part III: Uniform provisions concerning the approval of speed limitation devices (SLD) and adjustable speed limitation devices (ASLD) is hereby adopted for mandatory implementation.</p>	15 days from notification
CLOTHING INDUSTRY					
CLOTHES	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/784	<p>Baby shawls</p> <p>The Kenya Standard specifies requirements for baby shawls intended for covering and wrapping infants.</p>	11 March 2019
CLOTHES	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/785	<p>Sweaters</p> <p>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements for sweaters. This standard applies to outer knitwear such as pullovers and slip-overs (sleeveless) .</p>	11 March 2019
CLOTHES	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/786	<p>Men's and boys' trousers</p> <p>This Kenya Standard prescribes materials and making-up requirements for uniform coats, including jackets and blazers.</p>	11 March 2019
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	KAZAKH-STAN	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KAZ/22	<p>Products for children and teenagers</p> <p>Clarification of technical regulation's scope in relation to the products of the sport range, increasing the specified values of the mass of semi-pair shoes, providing the possibility of toxicological tests of children's toothbrushes with alternative methods in vitro.</p>	60 days from notification

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES	COSTA RICA	28/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CRI/184	<p>Panel boards and thermal-magnetic circuit breakers, general-use switches, sockets, plugs and cord connectors</p> <p><i>The purpose of the notified regulation is to establish safety requirements to prevent safety hazards for people and their property, subject to proper installation and use. It applies to the use of panel boards and thermal-magnetic circuit breakers, general-use switches, sockets, plugs and cord connectors, for use up to 1000 V, in electrical installations in residential, commercial and hospital structures.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
FLUORESCENT LAMPS, DISCHARGE LAMPS	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/449	<p>Discharge lamps (excluding fluorescent lamps)</p> <p><i>Specifies the safety requirements for discharge lamps (excluding fluorescent lamps) for general lighting purposes. This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1999, AMD1:2003 and AMD2:2012. This edition constitutes a technical revision. This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition. Photobiological safety requirements are taken care of on basis of the risk group concept of IEC 62471 and the technical report IEC TR 62778 on blue light hazard.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS, COUPLERS	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/451	<p>Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes</p> <p><i>Applies to electronic apparatus designed to be fed from the mains, from a supply apparatus, from batteries or from remote power feeding and intended for reception, generation, recording or reproduction of audio, video and associated signals. It also applies to apparatus designed to be used exclusively in combination with the above-mentioned apparatus.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS, COUPLERS	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/453	<p>Switched socket-outlets and connectors with or without interlock</p> <p><i>Applies to self-contained products that combine within a single enclosure, a socket-outlet or connector according to IEC 60309-1 or IEC 60309-2 and a switching device, with a rated operating voltage not exceeding 1 000 V d.c. or a.c. and 500 Hz, and a rated current not exceeding 800 A, primarily intended for industrial use, either indoors or outdoors. These accessories are intended to be installed by instructed persons (Amendment 1:2001 of IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-02) or skilled persons (Amendment 1:2001 of IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-04-01) only. These products may incorporate an interlock and/or protective devices.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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SWITCHES	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/454	Switches for appliances <i>Applies to cord switches (mechanical or electronic) for appliances actuated by hand, by foot or by other human activity, to operate or control electrical appliances and other equipment for household or similar purposes with a rated voltage not exceeding 250 V and a rated current not exceeding 16 A. This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2010 and constitutes a technical revision.</i>	60 days from notification
CONNECTING DEVICES	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/455	Powertrack systems intended for wall and ceiling mounting <i>Specifies the particular requirements and tests for PT systems intended for mounting on walls and/or ceiling. They may be installed flush or semi-flush, surface mounted, suspended or spaced away from the surface using fixing devices. This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2006 and constitutes a technical revision.</i>	60 days from notification
OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO LAMPS	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/456	LED modules for general lighting <i>Specifies general and safety requirements for light-emitting diode (LED) modules</i>	60 days from notification
ROTATING MACHINERY IN GENERAL	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/458	Rotating electrical machines <i>Applicable to all rotating electrical machines except those covered by other IEC standards, for example, IEC 60349. Machines within the scope of this document may also be subject to superseding, modifying or additional requirements in other standards, for example, IEC 60079 and IEC 60092. This new edition contains a number of clarifications, corrections and enhancements with regard to the previous edition.</i>	60 days from notification
FUSES AND OTHER OVER-CURRENT PROTECTION DEVICES	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/463	Circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations <i>Gives additional requirements for single- and two-pole circuit-breakers which, in addition to the above characteristics, are suitable for operation with direct current, and have a rated DC voltage not exceeding 220 V for single-pole and 440 V for two-pole circuit-breakers, a rated current not exceeding 125 A and a rated DC short-circuit capacity not exceeding 10 000 A.</i>	60 days from notification
FUSES AND OTHER OVER-CURRENT PROTECTION DEVICES	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/464	Circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations <i>Applies to a.c. air-break circuit-breakers for operation at 50 Hz, 60 Hz or 50/60 Hz, having a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V (between</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>phases), a rated current not exceeding 125 A and a rated short-circuit capacity not exceeding 25 000 A. This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2002, Amendment 1:2002 and Amendment 2:2003.</i>	
LAMP CAPS AND HOLDERS	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/465	Miscellaneous lampholders <i>Applies to lampholders of miscellaneous types intended for building-in (to be used with general purpose light sources, projection lamps, floodlighting lamps and street-lighting lamps with caps as listed in Annex A) and the methods of test to be used in determining the safe use of lamps in lampholders. This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2004, Amendment 1:2008 and Amendment 2:2011. This edition constitutes a technical revision.</i>	60 days from notification
LUMINAIRES	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/467	Luminaires <i>Specifies general requirements for luminaires, incorporating electric light sources for operation from supply voltages up to 1 000 V. The requirements and related tests of this standard cover: classification, marking, mechanical construction, electrical construction and photobiological safety. This eighth edition cancels and replaces the seventh edition published in 2008.</i>	60 days from notification
LUMINAIRES	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/468	Electrical supply track systems for luminaires <i>Applies to track systems for ordinary interior use with two or more poles and with provision for earthing (Class 1), with a rated voltage not exceeding 440 V between poles (live conductors), rated frequency not exceeding 60 Hz and a rated current not exceeding 16 A per conductor for the connection of luminaires to the electrical supply.</i>	60 days from notification
TRANSFORMERS, REACTORS	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/469	Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and combinations thereof <i>Contains both the official IEC International Standard and its Redline version. The Redline version is not an official document, it is available in English only and provides you with a quick and easy way to compare all the changes between the official IEC Standard and its previous edition.</i>	60 days from notification
WIRES	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/470	Powertrack systems <i>Specifies general requirements and tests for powertrack (PT) systems with a rated voltage not exceeding 277 V a.c. single phase, or 480 V a.c. two or three phase 50 Hz/60 Hz with a rated current not exceeding 63 A.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>These systems are used for distributing electricity in household, commercial and industrial premises.</i>	
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
BOILERS AND HEAT EXCHANGERS	UKRAINE	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/UKR/149	<p>Pressure equipment</p> <p><i>The Technical regulation establishes the requirements for the design, manufacture and conformity assessment procedure of pressure equipment and aggregates with a maximum working pressure (PS) of more than 0.5 bar.</i></p> <p><i>The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine also specifies that placing on the market and/or putting in operation of the pressure equipment which comply with requirements of the Technical Regulation for Pressure Equipment, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No 35 of 19 January 2011, and which had been put in circulation before this Resolution entered into force, can not be prohibited or restricted due to reasons of non-compliance of such equipment with the requirements of the Technical Regulation approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 27 of 16 January 2019</i></p>	Not applicable
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
DOMESTIC SAFETY	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/452	<p>Household and similar electrical appliances</p> <p><i>It deals with the safety of electrical appliances for household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances. Battery-operated appliances and other d.c. supplied appliances are within the scope of this standard.</i></p>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1353/Add.1	<p>Bump stock type devices - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Department of Justice is amending the regulations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to clarify that bump-stock-type devices--meaning "bump fire" stocks, slide-fire devices, and devices with certain similar characteristics--are "machineguns" as defined by the National Firearms Act of 1934 and the Gun Control Act of 1968 because such devices allow a shooter of a semiautomatic firearm to initiate a continuous firing cycle with a single pull of the trigger. Specifically, these devices convert an otherwise semiautomatic firearm into a machinegun by functioning as a self-acting or self-regulating mechanism that harnesses the recoil energy of the semiautomatic firearm in a manner that allows the trigger to reset and continue firing without additional physical manipulation of the trigger by the shooter.</i></p>	—

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				<i>Hence, a semiautomatic firearm to which a bump-stock-type device is attached is able to produce automatic fire with a single pull of the trigger. With limited exceptions, the Gun Control Act, as amended, makes it unlawful for any person to transfer or possess a machinegun unless it was lawfully possessed prior to the effective date of the statute. The bump-stock-type devices covered by this final rule were not in existence prior to the effective date of the statute, and therefore will be prohibited when this rule becomes effective. Consequently, under the final rule, current possessors of these devices will be required to destroy the devices or abandon them at an ATF office prior to the effective date of the rule.</i>	
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	BRAZIL	28/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/861	Plastic materials and polymer coatings in contact with food <i>This draft resolution is the Technical Regulation that establishes the positive additive list intended to elaboration of plastic materials and polymeric coatings in contact</i>	01 April 2019
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	COSTA RICA	28/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CRI/172/Add.1	Matured cheese - Addendum <i>On 20 February 2018, the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica notified, in document G/TBT/N/CRI/172 , the draft regulation "RTCA No. 67.04.75:17: Dairy products. Matured cheese. Specifications", whose purpose was to establish the specifications to be met by matured cheese, as defined in that RTCA, and which applies to matured cheese intended for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties. The purpose of the present Addendum is to inform WTO Members, in the interests of transparency, that the regulation has been revised and amended.</i>	—
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	GUATEMALA	28/01/2019	G/TBT/N/GTM/95/Add.1	Matured cheese - Addendum <i>On 14 February 2018, the Government of the Republic of Guatemala notified, in document G/TBT/N/GTM/95, the draft regulation "RTCA No. 67.04.75:17: Dairy products. Matured cheese. Specifications", whose purpose was to establish the specifications to be met by matured cheese, as defined in the regulation. The purpose of the present Addendum is to notify WTO Members, in the interests of transparency, that the regulation has been updated and amended following comments received during public consultation and has been approved under Resolution No. 406-2018 (COMIECO-LXXXV) of 7 December 2018.</i>	—

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MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	HONDURAS	01/02/2019	G/TBT/N/HND/91/Add.1	<p>Matured cheese - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 21 February 2018, the Government of the Republic of Honduras notified, in document G/TBT/N/HND/91, the draft regulation "RTCA No. 67.04.75:17: Dairy products. Matured cheese. Specifications", whose purpose was to establish the specifications to be met by matured cheese, as defined in the regulation. The purpose of the present Addendum is to notify WTO Members, in the interests of transparency, that the regulation has been updated and amended following comments received during public consultation and has been approved under Resolution No. 406-2018 (COMIECO-LXXXV) of 7 December 2018.</i></p>	—
FOOD ADDITIVES	KAZAKH-STAN	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KAZ/23	<p>Food additives</p> <p><i>Draft amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "Safety Requirements for Food Additives, Flavors and Technological Aids" (TR CU 029/2012) (hereinafter - Draft Amendments No. 2, (TR CU 029/2012)) applies to food additives, flavors and technological aids of the Eurasian Economic Union, as well as food products containing them, include changes to the definitions of the terms "food flavoring", "natural flavoring substance", "complex food additive", "carrier, "technological aid", "traditional methods of food production", "table sweetener", "contrast amplifier", provides for separate new terms, contains editorial changes and establishes additional requirements</i></p>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/787	<p>Fresh sweetpotatoes</p> <p><i>This Kenya Code of practice provides recommended Good Agricultural Practices for the production, post-harvest handling, storage, packaging and transportation of fresh sweetpotatoes (Ipomea batatas), intended for human consumption.</i></p>	09 March 2019
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/788	<p>Sweet potato puree</p> <p><i>This Kenya standard specifies the quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test for sweet potato puree obtained from sweet potato (Ipomea batatas) intended for human consumption.</i></p>	09 March 2019
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/789	<p>Sweet potato bread</p> <p><i>This Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for Sweet potato bread obtained from the processing of sweet potato (ipomea batatas) intended for human consumption.</i></p>	09 March 2019

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CHOCOLATE	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/790	Chocolate <i>This Draft Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and method of test for the various types and forms of chocolates processed for human consumption</i>	04 March 2019
COCOA	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/791	Cocoa butter <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cocoa butter used as ingredient in the manufacture of chocolate and chocolate products.</i>	04 March 2019
COCOA	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/792	Cocoa powder <i>This Kenya Standard specifies requirements and test methods for cocoa-sugar mixtures intended for human consumption.</i>	04 March 2019
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	NICARAGUA	01/02/2019	G/TBT/N/NIC/157/Add.1	Matured cheese - Addendum <i>On 21 February 2018, the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, in document G/TBT/N/NIC/157, notified Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard (NTON) 03 108-17/RTCA 67.04.75:17: "Dairy products. Matured cheese. Specifications", whose purpose was to establish the specifications to be met by matured cheese, as defined in the regulation. The purpose of the present Addendum is to notify WTO Members, in the interests of transparency, that the regulation has been updated and amended following comments received during public consultation and has been approved under Resolution No. 406-2018 (COMIECO-LXXXV) of 7 December 2018.</i>	—
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	PANAMÁ	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/PAN/96/Add.1	Mature Cheeses - Addendum <i>On 21 February 2018, the Government of the Republic of Panama notified, in document G/TBT/N/PAN/96, the draft regulation "RTCA No. 67.04.75:17: Dairy products. Matured cheese. Specifications", whose purpose was to establish the specifications to be met by matured cheese, as defined in the regulation. The purpose of the present Addendum is to notify WTO Members, in the interests of transparency, that the regulation has been updated and amended following comments received during public consultation and has been approved under Resolution No. 406-2018 (COMIECO-LXXXV) of 7 December 2018.</i>	—
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EL SALVADOR	28/01/2019	G/TBT/N/SLV/199/Add.1	Matured cheese - Addendum <i>On 20 February 2018, the Government of the Republic of El Salvador notified, in document G/TBT/N/SLV/199, the draft regulation "RTCA No. 67.04.75:17: Dairy products.</i>	—

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				<p><i>Matured cheese. Specifications", whose purpose was to establish the specifications to be met by matured cheese, as defined in the regulation.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose of the present Addendum is to notify WTO Members, in the interests of transparency, that the regulation has been updated and amended following comments received during public consultation and has been approved under Resolution No. 406-2018 (COMIECO-LXXXV) of 7 December 2018.</i></p>	
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/02/2019	G/TBT/N/KOR/810	<p>Medical devices</p> <p><i>Newly established standard specifications for 110 Class 1 medical devices including "Endotherapy needle, general-purpose, reusable" to ensure safety and performance of medical devices</i></p>	60 days from notification
VETERINARY MEDICINE	PANAMÁ	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/PAN/101	<p>Veterinary drugs and related products</p> <p><i>The regulation applies to veterinary drugs and related products and to establishments engaged in the registration, manufacture, marketing, dispensing or distribution, fractioning or storage thereof in the States Parties.</i></p> <p><i>The sanitary registration of raw materials for the preparation of veterinary drugs and related products and compounded veterinary formulations is excluded from the scope of the regulation and remains subject to the domestic laws of each State Party.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
MICROPROCESSOR SYSTEMS	JAPAN	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/JPN/619	<p>Computers</p> <p><i>As the revision of the standards for judgement under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy, review energy consumption efficiency (fuel efficiency) standard for target fiscal year, measurement method, labelling requirement, etc. of the products listed in column 4.</i></p>	60 days from notification
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/462	<p>Information technology equipment</p> <p><i>Is applicable to mains-powered or battery-powered information technology equipment, including electrical business equipment and associated equipment, with a RATED VOLTAGE not exceeding 600 V. Also applicable are components and subassemblies intended for incorporation in information technology equipment. It is not expected that such components and subassemblies comply with every aspect of the standard, provided that the complete information technology equipment, incorporating such components and subassemblies, does comply.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING					
WELDING EQUIPMENT	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/457	Arc welding equipment <i>Specifies safety and performance requirements applicable to limited duty arc welding and cutting power sources and auxiliaries designed for use by laymen. Electrically powered equipment is intended to be connected to the single phase public low-voltage supply system. Engine driven power sources cannot exceed output power of 7,5 kVA.</i>	60 days from notification
WELDING EQUIPMENT	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/459	Arc welding equipment <i>This part of IEC 60974 is applicable to power sources for arc welding and allied processes designed for industrial and professional use, and supplied by a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, battery supplied or driven by mechanical means. This document specifies safety and performance requirements of welding power sources and plasma cutting systems.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRIC TOOLS	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/460	Circular saws <i>Applies to transportable circular saws intended for cutting wood and similar materials with a blade diameter not exceeding 260 mm.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRIC TOOLS	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/461	Transportable motor-operated electric tools <i>Deals with general safety requirements of transportable motor-operated electric tools. It applies in conjunction with a part 2 for a particular type of tool. Examples of these tools are circular saws, band saws, planers, thicknessers, radial arm saws, spindle moulders, thicknessers-planers, etc</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRIC TOOLS	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/466	Hand-held motor-operated electric tools <i>Deals with the safety of hand-held motor-operated or magnetically driven electric tools, the rated voltage of the tools being not more than 250 V for single-phase a.c. or d.c. tools, and 440 V for three-phase a.c. tools. This standard deals with the common hazards presented by hand-held tools which are encountered by all persons in the normal use and reasonably foreseeable misuse of the tools.</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
CANS, TINS, TUBES	KENYA	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/794	Flexible laminate tubes <i>This Draft East Africa Standard specifies methods for the assessment of the strength of the side seam of flexible laminate tubes. It is applicable to flexible laminate tubes used for packing pharmaceutical, cosmetic, hygiene, food and other household products</i>	03 March 2019

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PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
LIQUID FUELS	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/783	Automotive gas oil (automotive diesel) <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for automotive gas oil, AGO (automotive diesel) as manufactured, stored, transported and marketed.</i>	25 March 2019
LIQUID FUELS	KENYA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/793	Automotive gasoline (premium motor spirit) <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for automotive gasoline, Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), also commonly known as petrol, for use in spark ignition engines, including those equipped with devices to reduce emitted pollutants. The standard applies to PMS as manufactured, stored, transported and marketed.</i>	25 March 2019
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	UNITED STATES	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/516/Add.1	Brake fluids - Addendum <i>NHTSA withdraws its notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), published on 3 February 2010, proposing amendments to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 116, Motor Vehicle Brake Fluids. Since publication of the NPRM and after review of the comments, the agency has determined that updates and corrections outside the scope of the notice are necessary in order to publish a final rule. Based on this, the agency has decided to withdraw the proposal to amend FMVSS No. 116.</i>	—
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	28/01/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/640	Motor vehicles and their trailers <i>The main objective of this draft Commission Regulation is to set out type-approval requirement for devices or equipment that are designed to reduce the aerodynamic drag of heavy duty vehicles or their trailers and may protrude beyond the outermost part of those vehicles (at the front, back and/or laterally) . Such devices can improve the aerodynamic performance of vehicles and have the potential to provide important benefits in terms of CO2 emission reduction and fuel savings. The proposal also envisages the possibility for extra weight allowance for motor vehicles powered with alternative fuel (e.g. hydrogen, electricity, etc.) .</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1436	Road vehicles <i>This document amends NHTSA's regulation on temporary exemption from the Federal motor vehicle safety standards (FMVSS) and bumper standards to expedite the publishing of notices</i>	11 February 2019

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				<i>soliciting public comment on exemption petitions. It does so by eliminating the provision calling for the Agency to determine that a petition is complete before the Agency publishes a notice summarizing the petition and soliciting public comments on it. As amended, the regulation continues to provide that the Agency will, as it does now, determine whether a petition contains adequate justification in deciding whether to grant or deny the petition. The intended effect of these changes is to enable the Agency to solicit public comments more quickly.</i>	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC)	CANADA	30/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/577	External thermostats <i>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development that the following consultation has been published a Web site:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Interference Causing Equipment Standard ICES-003, Issue 6 (Amendment 2), Information Technology Equipment (Including Digital Apparatus) - Limits and Methods of Measurement. It is being proposed that industry have until December 31, 2019, to ensure that external thermostats sold, offered for sale, manufactured, imported, distributed or leased are compliant with ICES-003.</i> 	05 April 2019
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIO-VISUAL ENGINEERING	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/450	Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus <i>Applies to electronic apparatus designed to be fed from the mains, from a supply apparatus, from batteries or from remote power feeding and intended for reception, generation, recording or reproduction of audio, video and associated signals. It also applies to apparatus designed to be used exclusively in combination with the above-mentioned apparatus</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
TEXTILE FABRICS	KENYA	31/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/795	Synthetic-fibre filled pillows <i>This Kenya Standard specifies requirements for Synthetic-fibre filled Pillows for domestic use.</i>	11 March 2019