

WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN

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

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

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A total of 46 notifications on Agriculture, Environment, Health protection, Safety, Food technology, Health care technology, Metallurgy, etc., from Brazil, Finland, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, 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 bps@dti.gov.ph

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (27 June-03 July 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	COSTA RICA	30/06/2020	G/TBT/N/CRI/187	Pesticides and other plant protection products <i>The purpose of this regulation is to regulate the registration of a Active Ingredient Technical Grade (IAGT) with complete data that has been approved previously by the Regulatory Authorities of the OECD member countries.</i>	30 days from notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	LITHUANIA	01/07/2020	G/TBT/N/LTU/38	Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment <i>Special requirements for retail outlets</i>	60 days from notification

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS, COUPLERS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	02/07/2020	G/TBT/N/SAU/1138	<p>Cord extension, plugs, socket outlets</p> <p><i>This decision states the following: The conformity assessment procedure raised to type 5 Saudi Quality Mark (SQM) for the product (Cord Extension) will be into force, after six months from the date of publication in the official gazette.</i></p>	30 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
DRINKING WATER	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	01/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ARE/479	<p>Labeling for Bottled drinking water and Bottled natural mineral water</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation applies to Labeling for Bottled drinking water and Bottled natural mineral water prepared for drink.</i></p>	60 days from notification
DRINKING WATER	ARGENTINA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/363/Add.1	<p>Mineral and aerated waters - Addendum</p> <p><i>The purpose of this addendum is to announce the approval under the joint decision (Resolución Conjunta) SRyGS y SAyB N ° 29/2019, of the draft joint Decision "Modification of Argentine Food Code - Chapter XII - Water-based drinks, waters and aerated waters - Title "Mineral waters" ", subject of notification G/TBT/N/ARG/363.</i></p>	—
INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT FOR WASTE DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT	FINLAND	30/06/2020	G/TBT/N/FIN/77	<p>Fittings for PE pipes intended for the water and waste supply systems of buildings</p> <p><i>The Decree issues minimum requirements in Finland of fittings for PE pipes intended for the supply of drinking water and waste water and which are located in buildings and properties.</i></p>	60 days from notification
INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT FOR WASTE DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT	FINLAND	30/06/2020	G/TBT/N/FIN/78	<p>PE pipes intended for water and waste water installations of buildings</p> <p><i>The Decree issues minimum requirements in Finland for the type approval of fittings for PE pipes intended for water and waste water installations located in buildings and property.</i></p>	60 days from notification
INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT FOR WASTE DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT	FINLAND	30/06/2020	G/TBT/N/FIN/79	<p>PE pipes for water and waste water installations of buildings</p> <p><i>The decree issues the minimum requirements in Finland for PE pipes intended for water and waste water installations located in buildings and property.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT FOR WASTE DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT	FINLAND	30/06/2020	G/TBT/N/FIN/80	PE pipes intended for water and waste water installations of buildings <i>The Decree issues minimum requirements in Finland for the type approval of PE pipes intended for water and waste water installations located in buildings and property.</i>	60 days from notification
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	03/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1530/Add.1	Emission standards for hazardous air pollutants : cellulose products - Addendum <i>This action finalizes the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Miscellaneous Viscose Processes and Cellulose Ether Production source categories regulated under the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Cellulose Products Manufacturing. This final rule is effective on 2 July 2020.</i>	—
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	03/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1621/Add.1	Laboratory tailpipe emission testing procedures for automobiles, light trucks, and[...]ckup trucks and vans - Addendum <i>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a virtual public hearing to be held 13 July 2020, on its proposed Vehicle Test Procedure Adjustments for Tier 3 Certification Test Fuel rule, which was published on 13 May 2020.</i>	—
AIR QUALITY	VIET NAM	01/07/2020	G/TBT/N/VNM/172	Gaseous pollutants emissions for new assembled, manufactured and imported automobiles <i>This Draft National Technical Regulation on the fourth level of gaseous pollutants emissions for new assembled, manufactured and imported automobiles specifies the emission limits, exhausting test(s) and method(s), requirements for management.</i>	30 days from notification
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	BOLIVIA	03/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BOL/3/Add.8	Labeling of foods and products intended for human consumption that are, contain or [...] specifically modified - Addendum <i>The Plurinational State of Bolivia communicates in relation to the Technical Regulation of "Labeling of Food and Products Intended for Human Consumption that Are, Contain or Derive from Genetically Modified Organisms ", notified by means of the document identified with the document G/ TBT/N/BOL/3 of October 22, 2015.</i>	—

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MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	BRAZIL	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/861/Add.3	Plastic materials and polymer coatings in contact with food - Addendum <i>RDC number 326, 03 December 2019 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/861/Add.1 - which establishes the positive list of additives intended for elaboration of plastic materials and polymeric coatings in contact with food, among other measures, was changed by the Resolution - RDC number 391, 26 May 2020.</i>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	PERU	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/PER/97/Add.2	Processed foods - Addendum <i>The Republic of Peru announces that the Manual on Health Warning Messages has been prepared under the implementing regulations for Law No. 30021 was issued in Supreme Decree No. 021-2020-MINSA and published in the Official Journal "El Peruano" June 12, 2020.</i>	—
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/556/Add.1	Groundnuts for oil extraction - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 889:2016, Groundnuts for oil extraction - Specification; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/557/Add.1	Palm stearin - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 796:2016, Palm stearin - Specification; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/558/Add.1	Raw and roasted groundnuts for table use - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 888:2016, Raw and roasted groundnuts for table use - Specification; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/559/Add.1	Blended edible oils - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 889:2016, Blended edible oils - Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/559 was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—

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EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/560/Add.1	Palm olein - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 795:2016, Palm olein - Specification; notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/560 was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/561/Add.1	Fat spreads and blended spreads - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS FDEAS 14:2016, Fat spreads and blended spreads - Specification; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/562/Add.1	Crude and semi refined palm oil - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 887:2016, Crude and semi refined palm oil - Specification; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/563/Add.1	Edible fats and oils - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS FDEAS 321:2016, Edible fats and oils (General) - Specification; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/906/Add.1	Sausages - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 1866:2018, Edible natural casings - Sausages - Specification, First Edition; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1001/Add.1	Cakes - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 1923:2018, Cake - Specification, First Edition; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1090/Add.1	Ovine (lamb) meat. carcasses and cuts - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 2122:2019, Ovine (Lamb) meat – Carcasses and cuts – Specification, First Edition; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—

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SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1112/Add.1	Food seasoning mixtures - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 2149:2019, Food Seasoning mixtures – Specification, First Edition; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	–
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1113/Add.1	Edible insects - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 2146:2019, Edible insects – Specification, First Edition; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	–
POULTRY AND EGGS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1146/Add.1	Pasteurised liquid eggs - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 2170:2019, Pasteurised liquid eggs – Specification, First Edition; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	–
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1158/Add.1	Barley grains - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 334:2019, Barley grains – Specification, Second edition; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	–
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UKRAINE	03/07/2020	G/TBT/N/UKR/166	Organic products <i>The draft Resolution provides for the approval of the Procedure for certification of organic production and/or circulation of organic products to determine the requirements for certification of organic production and/or circulation of organic products, the grounds and procedure for issuing the certificate, its duplicate and form.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	03/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/870/Add.25	Guide to good manufacturing practices for medicinal products - Addendum <i>RDC no. 301, 21 August 2019 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/870 - which adopts the Guide to Good Manufacturing Practices for Medicinal Products of the Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (PIC/S) of 1 July 2018, was altered by Resolution - RDC no. 388, 26 May 2020.</i>	–

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PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1030	<p>Large-volume parenteral solutions, solutions for irrigation, dialysis, plasma expanders and [...]</p> <p><i>This draft resolution establishes technical requirements for labelling of large-volume parenteral solutions, solutions for irrigation, dialysis, plasma expanders and small-volume parenteral solutions.</i></p>	07 September 2020
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1031	<p>Warning phrases for substances and or therapeutic classes in leaflets and packaging of medicines</p> <p><i>This draft resolution establishes warning phrases for substances and or therapeutic classes in leaflets and packaging of medicines.</i></p>	07 September 2020
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1032	<p>Medicinal products and active pharmaceutical ingredients, due to the international public[...] the new coronavirus (COVID-19)</p> <p><i>This resolution establishes temporary and extraordinary criteria for the application of exceptionalities to specific technical requirements of the Good Manufacturing and Import Practice of Medicinal Products and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, due to the international public health emergency of the new coronavirus (Covid-19).</i></p>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	PANAMA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/PAN/109	<p>Medical devices and related products</p> <p><i>The purpose of Executive Decree No. 490 of October 4, 2019 is to apply the Law No. 90 of 2017, as amended by Law No. 92 of 2019, regulating everything which affects the manufacturing, packaging, import, export, re-export, information, advertising, labeling, distribution, marketing, storage, use and final disposal of medical devices and products related.</i></p>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	PERU	02/07/2020	G/TBT/N/PER/123	<p>Medical devices</p> <p><i>The Regulation specifies the major changes and lower in the sanitary registry, considering that they may have repercussions on the quality, safety and performance of medical devices, and determines the conditions and documents that support such changes.</i></p>	30 August 2020

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BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF MEDICAL DEVICES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/420	Medical devices <i>The regulation is intended to develop a complete management mechanism for clinical investigations on medical devices, to protect the rights, safety, and well-being of subjects and to ensure that the conduction of clinical investigations conforms to ethical and scientific principles.</i>	60 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	30/06/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/421	Medical equipment <i>The Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, proposes to conduct the Regulation Governing the Inspection of Medical Device Quality Management System and the Issuance of the Manufacturing license, which govern the application procedures of inspection and other related matters.</i>	60 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	30/06/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/422	Medical masks <i>To respond to the new coronavirus pandemic, ensure the quality of medical masks and protect the safety and well-being of the public, the Ministry of Health and Welfare proposes to conduct inspection and examination of imported medical masks.</i>	—
METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	INDIA	01/07/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/149	Electrogalvanized hot rolled and cold reduced carbon steel sheets and strips <i>This Order seeks to ensure conformity to Steel & Steel Products listed in the Table-1 to the specified Indian Standards.</i>	60 days from notification
TESTING OF METALS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1189/Add.1	Aluminium-zinc coated plain steel sheets, aluminium-zinc coated corrugated steel sheets - Addendum <i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS DEAS 410:2019, Hot-dip Aluminum-zinc coated plain and corrugated steel sheets Specification, First Edition; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i>	—

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METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASUREMENT OF FORCE, WEIGHT AND PRESSURE	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1205/Add.1	<p>Weighing and measuring instruments - Addendum</p> <p><i>The aim of this addendum is to inform WTO Members that the Draft Uganda Standard; DUS 1857:2020, Criteria for issuance of licenses and certificate of competence to persons and firms involved in repair of weighing and measuring instruments, First Edition; was adopted on 16 June 2020.</i></p>	—
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	30/06/2020	G/TBT/N/CAN/613	<p>Land Mobile and Fixed Equipment Operating in the Frequency Range 1.705 MHz to 30 MHz</p> <p><i>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada that the following has been published at Web site: RSS-125, Issue 3, Land Mobile and Fixed Equipment Operating in the Frequency Range 1.705 MHz to 30 MHz.</i></p>	08 September 2020
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
LEATHER AND FURS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1213/Add.1	<p>Chrome-tanned bend outer sole leather</p> <p><i>This draft Uganda standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for chrome tanned, wax impregnated bend outer sole leather.</i></p>	60 days from notification
LEATHER AND FURS	UGANDA	29/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1214/Add.1	<p>Vegetable-tanned bend outer sole leather</p> <p><i>This draft Uganda standard specifies requirements, sampling and methods of test for vegetable-tanned bend outer sole leather.</i></p>	60 days from notification