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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 54 notifications on Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages, Petroleum and Related Technologies etc., from European Union, Israel, Mexico, Uganda, 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (27 October - 02 November 2018)

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AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	01/11/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/617	Pesticides - Residues - Ethoprophos <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance ethoprophos is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Existing authorised plant protection products containing ethoprophos will be withdrawn from the market. The non-approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC. This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide.</i>	60 days from notification

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				However, following non-approval, separate action may be taken on MRLs. Any subsequent action on MRLs will be subject to notification under the SPS procedure.	
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	30/10/2018	G/TBT/N/KOR/796	<p>Cosmetics</p> <p>The amendments seek to:</p> <p>1) Prohibit the use of certain chemicals in cosmetics</p> <p>A. Nitromethane, atranol, chloroatranol, hydroxyisohexyl 3-cyclohexene carboxaldehyde (HICC), methylene glycol</p> <p>B. Chemicals that are designated as 'prohibited substances' under the Article 2(9) of the Act on Registration, Evaluation, etc. of Chemicals</p> <p>2) Adopt the measures restricting the use of preservatives</p> <p>A. Lower the limit values of 4 preservatives</p> <p>B. Prohibit the use of sodium lauryl sarcosinate in products that contain amines or amides</p> <p>3) Improve testing methods for ensuring safety in cosmetics: Methanol testing and Microbiological testing</p> <p>4) Clarify or modify terms in the regulation</p>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1392/Add.2	<p>Chemical substances - Addendum</p> <p>EPA is withdrawing significant new use rules (SNURs) promulgated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 10 chemical substances, which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). EPA published these SNURs using direct final rulemaking procedures, which requires EPA to take certain actions if an adverse comment is received. EPA received adverse comments and a request to extend the comment period regarding the SNURs identified in the direct final rule. Therefore, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule SNURs identified in this document, as required under the direct final rulemaking procedures.</p>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1393/Add.2	<p>Chemical substances - Addendum</p> <p>EPA is withdrawing significant new use rules (SNURs) promulgated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 19 chemical substances, which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). EPA published these SNURs using direct final rulemaking procedures, which requires EPA to take certain actions if an adverse comment is received. EPA received adverse comments and a request to extend the comment period regarding the SNURs identified in the direct final rule.</p>	—

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				<i>Therefore, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule SNURs identified in this document, as required under the direct final rulemaking procedures.</i>	
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	30/10/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1408	Chemicals in food products <i>Amends rules to clarify that where a business presents evidence for the "level in question" of a chemical listed as causing reproductive toxicity in a food product based on the average of multiple samples of that food, the level in question may not be calculated by averaging the concentration of the chemical in food products from different manufacturers or producers, or that were manufactured in different facilities from the product at issue.</i>	19 November 2018
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	MÉXICO	01/11/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/343/Add.1	Water heaters - Addendum <i>The publication of Response to Comments on the Draft Official Standard is reported Mexicana PROY-NOM-200-SC FI-2015, Water heaters for domestic and commercial use that Gas L.P. used as fuel o Natural Gas.- Safety requirements, specifications, test methods, marking and commercial information (Will cancel the NOM-011-SESH-2012, water heaters for domestic and commercial use that use L.P. gas as fuel or gas natural-Safety requirements, specifications, test methods, marking and information commercial), published on December 15, 2016 in the Official Gazette of the Federation.</i>	—
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1406	Hydronic piping, special piping and storage systems, solar thermal energy systems,[...] plumbing systems, water supply <i>Establishes rules regarding hydronic piping, special piping and storage systems, solar thermal energy systems, fuel gas, plumbing systems, water supply and distribution, electrical, and referenced standards. The rules are proposed to comply with the five years rule review and to update the current Residential Code of Ohio to reflect the 2018 edition of the "International Residential Code".</i>	08 November 2018
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
FURNITURE	ARGENTINA	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/ARG/342/Add.3	Furniture in general - Addendum <i>Please be advised that draft technical quality and safety requirements for wood-based boards will be available for public consultation for a period of 60 days from the date of circulation of this notification. The draft supplements Secretariat of Trade (SC) Resolution No. 484/2018, notified in documentG/TBT/N/ARG/342 .</i>	—

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TOYS	BRAZIL	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/597/Add.2	<p>Toys - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro issued Ordinance 503, 24 October 2018, regarding adjustments and clarifications to the Technical Regulation (Annex I) and Conformity Assessment Requirements (Annex II) set by Inmetro Ordinance 563/2016, previously notified under document G/TBT/N/BRA/597/Add.1.</i></p>	—
FURNITURE	CANADA	01/11/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/524/Add.1	<p>Playpens and playpen accessories - Addendum</p> <p><i>Under the authority of the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act, on October 3, 2018, Health Canada published the new Playpens Regulations in the Canada Gazette, Part II. The Proposed Regulations were notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/524 (dated 3 May 2017) .</i></p> <p><i>The new Playpens Regulations (SOR/2018-186) repeal and replace the Playpens Regulations - SOR/2016-189 (http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2016/2016-07-13/html/sor-dors189-eng.html) .</i></p> <p><i>The new Playpens Regulations are being introduced to address identified hazards by Health Canada, such as unintentional folding or collapse of the playpen's top rails, and the introduction of performance requirements and test methods for playpen accessories, including accessories intended for infant sleep.</i></p> <p><i>The Playpens Regulations are intended to help improve the safety of these products and to further safeguard against injuries and deaths by aligning the majority of the Canadian requirements with American mandatory rules, and aligning some others with the current Cribs, Cradles and Bassinets Regulations.</i></p> <p><i>The new Playpens Regulations will come into force on 3 April 2019.</i></p>	—
FURNITURE	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/970	<p>Steel shelving cabinets</p> <p><i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers the requirements for materials, sizes, construction and finish of adjustable steel shelving cabinets with hinged doors with or without the provision of a locker.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FURNITURE	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/971	<p>Steel filing cabinets for general office purposes</p> <p><i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements for materials, sizes, construction and finish and tests of steel filing cabinets for general office purposes.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FURNITURE	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/972	<p>Metal chairs for office purposes</p> <p><i>FDUS 1910-1:2018, Furniture - Metal chairs for office purposes - Part 1: Specification for non-revolving and non-tilting chairs, First Edition</i></p>	60 days from notification

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FURNITURE	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/973	Metal chairs for office purposes <i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers the requirements of materials, dimensions, construction and finish of revolving and tilting metal chairs for office purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
FURNITURE	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/974	Wooden shelving cabinets <i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers the requirements for materials, sizes, construction and finish of adjustable wooden shelving cabinets with hinged doors.</i>	60 days from notification
FURNITURE	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/975	Composite office tables <i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers the requirements of materials, sizes, construction and finish for composite office tables.</i>	60 days from notification
FURNITURE	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/976	Wooden beds for use with mattresses <i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers requirements for materials, sizes, construction and finish of residential type wooden beds for use with mattresses for adults excluding rural cots, hospital beds, sofa-cum-beds and folding beds.</i>	60 days from notification
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1026/Rev.1	Infant bath tubs - Revision <i>In accordance with section 104(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in March 2017, published a consumer product safety standard for infant bath tubs. The standard incorporated by reference the applicable ASTM voluntary standard. The CPSIA sets forth a process for updating standards that the Commission has issued under the authority of section 104(b) of the CPSIA. In accordance with that process, we are publishing this direct final rule, revising the CPSC's standard for infant bath tubs to incorporate by reference a more recent version of the applicable ASTM standard.</i>	23 November 2018
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES	MÉXICO	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/329/Add.2	Machinery with portable internal combustion engine, generally for agricultural, forestry and domestic use - Addendum <i>It is reported the publication of the "Official Mexican Standard NOM-204-SC FI-2017 Machinery with Portable internal combustion engine, generally for agricultural, forestry and domestic use—Specifications and test methods"</i>	—

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ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE	ARGENTINA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/ARG/350	<p>Equipment working under pressure, whether fire-heated or non-fire-heated</p> <p><i>The notified measure constitutes the regulatory framework establishing the basic quality and safety principles and requirements for equipment working under pressure, whether fire-heated or non-fire-heated, which are marketed in the territory of the Argentine Republic.</i></p> <p><i>It will establish specific technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures for each product in the relevant category, provided that such products have the characteristics required, based on the guidelines set out in this regulatory framework.</i></p> <p><i>Domestic manufacturers and importers of the products covered by the notified measure will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the technical requirements and conformity assessment procedures established, and those to be established by the specific regulations.</i></p> <p><i>The notified measure will be implemented within the deadlines established in each of the specific regulations issued.</i></p>	Not applicable
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	CANADA	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/541/Add.1	<p>Asbestos and products that contain asbestos - Addendum</p> <p><i>The proposed Prohibition notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/541 (dated 16 January 2018) was adopted 17 October 2018 as the Prohibition of Asbestos and Products Containing Asbestos Regulations. These Regulations come into force on 30 December 2018.</i></p> <p><i>The Regulations prohibit the import, sale, and use of processed asbestos fibres. The Regulations also prohibit the manufacture, import, sale, and use of products containing processed asbestos fibres, and of consumer products containing asbestos in greater than trace amounts, with a limited number of exclusions.</i></p>	—
FIRE-RESISTANCE OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND ELEMENTS	ISRAEL	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/1029	<p>Swinging fire doors</p> <p><i>6th amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 1212 part 1 dealing with swinging fire doors. The major change include in this amendment is the change of paragraph 3.3.1 dealing with gap between the bottom of the door frame and the final flooring.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	UNITED STATES	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1169/Add.2	<p>Fire protection - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Coast Guard is finalizing an interim final rule that applied the changes made by the 2016 final rule, "Harmonization of Standards for Fire Protection, Detection, and</i></p>	—

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				<i>Extinguishing Equipment," to inspected towing vessels. The interim final rule, published 26 February 2018 in the Federal Register, aligned fire protection and equipment regulations for inspected towing vessels with other commercial vessel regulations. The Coast Guard received no comments on the interim rule, and adopts the interim final rule with one clarification.</i>	
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	01/11/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1409	Closed-circuit escape respirators <i>With this deregulatory action, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposes to revise regulatory language which establishes a deadline by which respirator manufacturers must discontinue the manufacturing, labeling, and sale of certain self-contained self-rescuer models. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HHS, has determined that discontinuing the manufacturing, labeling, and sale of certain self-contained self-rescuer models is likely to result in a shortage of person-wearable large capacity escape respirators for underground coal miners who rely on these devices.</i>	26 November 2018
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
HOSES AND HOSE ASSEMBLIES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/330/Add.1	Hoses for gas - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal inspection requirements for metallic flexible hoses for gas, plastic hoses for fuel gas as well as wire reinforced rubber hoses and hose assemblies for fuel gas," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/330 on 12 July 2018, was promulgated and entered into force on 16 October 2018. A transitional period is provided until 1 July 2019.</i>	—
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	UNITED STATES	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1407	Portable air-conditioners <i>Establishes rules to increase energy efficiency savings in the state by establishing state wide energy efficiency standards for single-duct and dual-duct portable air conditioners.</i>	26 November 2018
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	BRAZIL	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/846	Edible animal origin products <i>Technical Regulation establishes the procedures for prior authorization, re-inspection and special controls to import, for edible animal origin products. The following ordinances are revoked - Portaria SDA/ MAPA n° 183, 9 October 1998; Portaria SDA/ MAPA n° 126, 11 November 2016.</i>	Not applicable

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GENERAL METHODS OF TESTS AND ANALYSIS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS	HONDURAS	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/HND/64/Add.2/Corr.1	Food additives - Corrigendum <i>The Republic of Honduras hereby advises that the final date for comments concerning notification G/TBT/N/HND/64/Add.1 , dated 16 August 2018, has been extended to 14 November 2018.</i>	14 November 2018
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	HONDURAS	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/HND/92/Add.1/Corr.1	Dairy products, milk powder and cream powder - Corrigendum <i>The Republic of Honduras hereby advises that the final date for comments concerning notification G/TBT/N/HND/92 , dated 15 August 2018, has been extended to 14 November 2018.</i>	14 November 2018
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ISRAEL	30/10/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/1026	Labelling of pre-packaged food <i>9th amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 1145. This amendment changes the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates the references appears in paragraph 1a; • Adds a new definition of 'Field of view' (paragraph 2.21) and requires that all Hebrew markings of the food's name and content will be marked within one field of view (paragraph 3.13); • Replaces paragraph 8.3, published under Amendment no. 6, and apply the new normative Annex D, dealing with ingredients' quantity marking; • Adds a new normative Annex D, dealing with ingredients' quantity marking and changes accordingly, the old Annex D to be Annex E. <i>According the Law determining the entry into force of marking requirements for pre-packaged food, these new marking requirements will enter into force 2 years after the end of the calendar year of the publication in Israel Official Gazette. During this time pre-packaged food can be marked either according to the old or the new marking requirements.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ISRAEL	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/1027	Beer <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 407, dealing with beer and similar malt beverages. The major differences between the old version and this new revised draft standard are as follow:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces all paragraphs detailing the allowed food additives with a reference to Israel's Public Health Regulations (Food) (Food Additives) 2001 (paragraph 2.1.2); • Adds new requirements for a minimal letters' size. These requirements differ from the requirements of SI 1145 dealing with labelling of pre-packaged food; 	60 days from notification

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletes the requirements for beer clarity; Deletes the requirements for declared volume of the product; Changes the category of malt beer to be malt beverage and adds new categories for beverages with beer-based beverages. <p>Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force of the new standard for a period of 12 months. During this time product may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.</p> <p>According the Law for Determining the Entry into Force of Marking Requirements for Pre-Packaged Food (2014), these new marking requirements will enter into force 2 years after the end of the calendar year of the publication in Israel Official Gazette. During this time pre-packaged food can be marked either according to the old or the new marking requirements.</p>	
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/1028	<p>Jams, jellies and marmalades</p> <p>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 34, dealing with jams, marmalades, fruit jellies, preservatives and povidle, to be replaced with SI 7296. This draft standard revision adopts the Codex Alimentarius Standard 296-2009 for jams, jellies and marmalades, with a few changes that appear in the standard's Hebrew section.</p>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	SRI LANKA	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/LKA/38	<p>Colour coding for sugar, salt and fat</p> <p>This draft regulations on food (colour coding for sugar, salt and fat) set out several requirements.</p> <p>Any solid, semi solid or liquid food contained in a package or container should be labelled in accordance with this regulations otherwise, no person shall sell, offer for sale, keep for sale, distribute or advertise.</p> <p>If any solid or semi solid or liquid food contains the amount of sugar or salt or fat which exceeding mention level of amount of sugar or salt or fat in the regulations, shall be the labelled in the manner of as specified in this regulation.</p>	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	MÉXICO	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/308/Add.5	<p>Eggs and egg products - Addendum</p> <p>Please be informed of the publication of a draft amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-159-SSA1-2016: "Products and services. Eggs and egg products. Sanitary provisions and specifications. Test method", published in the Official Journal on 16 January 2018.</p>	—

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MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	PHILIPPINES	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/PHL/207	Food additives <i>This draft AO aims to officially adopt certain codex standards as specified under IV.A items 1-10 (General Guidelines) of this draft order, to serve as a basis in classifying and identifying food products.</i>	30 days from notification
BEVERAGES	PHILIPPINES	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/PHL/208	Sweetened beverages <i>This draft AO sets the guidelines on the declaration of additional mandatory label information on the type of sweetener used and the equivalent serving size of sweetened beverages (SB) in powder from per liter of volume capacity to guide the food manufacturers, distributors, and traders.</i>	30 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	THAILAND	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/523	Enzymes for food processing <i>Nowadays, enzymes for food processing are covered by the MOPH Notification (No. 281) B.E. 2547 (2004) Re: Food Additives. Enzymes, other than those approved by Codex General Standard for Food Additives, have required safety evaluations before allowed to use in food production. Due to differences between information requirements of enzyme and other chemical food additives, The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing the notification on Enzymes for Food Processing. This notification sets the rules for industrial enzymes intended to be used in food processing both as food additives and processing aids. However, the scope of this notification excludes enzymes for nutritional purposes, enzymes produced by traditional microbial cultures during fermentation, and enzymes used exclusively in the production of food additives or processing aids.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
LABORATORY MEDICINE	CANADA	30/10/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/569	Sperm and ova for assisted human reproduction <i>The proposed Safety of Sperm and Ova Regulations would establish a human health and safety framework for donor sperm and ova for assisted human reproduction. Specifically, the proposed regulations would:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish minimum requirements for screening and testing sperm and ova donors; • Establish a risk-based registration and notification oversight scheme for establishments who process, import and distribute donor sperm and ova; • Establish a traceability system whereby donor sperm and ova are identified, labelled and stored so that appropriate steps may be taken in the event of an error, accident or adverse reaction; and 	10 January 2019

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				<i>Establish a quality management system to ensure that establishments who conduct their activities do so in a manner that prevents contamination or cross-contamination, prevents the transmission of an infectious disease and maintains the quality of the sperm and ova.</i>	
PHARMACEUTICS IN GENERAL	HONDURAS	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/HND/69/Add.2/Corr.1	Medicines for human use - Corrigendum <i>The Republic of Honduras hereby advises that the final date for comments concerning notification G/TBT/N/HND/69/Add.1 , dated 15 August 2018, has been extended to 14 November 2018.</i>	14 November 2018
METALLURGY					
STEEL WIRE, WIRE ROPES AND LINK CHAINS	UGANDA	01/11/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/984	Steel wires and wire products for fencing <i>This draft Uganda standard specifies the mechanical requirements, dimensions, methods of test and sampling criteria of zinc-coated steel barbed wire to be used for general fencing purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
STEEL WIRE, WIRE ROPES AND LINK CHAINS	UGANDA	01/11/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/985	Steel wires and wire products for fencing <i>This standard specifies the requirements for the dimensions, tolerances, coatings, test methods and delivery conditions of chain link steel wire mesh products specified for fencing and civil engineering purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT, PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASUREMENT OF FORCE, WEIGHT AND PRESSURE	BRAZIL	01/11/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/621/Add.3	Instruments & apparatus for measuring, level pressure - Addendum <i>This document aims to inform that the Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro issued Ordinance 505, 26 October 2018, considering the need to improve and clarify the requirements described in Ordinance 46, 22 January 2016, (Portaria Inmetro 46, de 22 de Janeiro de 2016) (HS: 902620) . Changes to the refereed Ordinance 46/2016 were necessary to facilitate its implementation by technical criteria to be observed by non-invasive sphygmomanometers to measure human blood pressure.</i>	–
ELECTRICITY, MAGNETISM, ELECTRICAL AND MAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS	MÉXICO	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/354/Add.2	Watt-hour meters - Addendum \ <i>Please be advised of the publication of Mexican Official Standard NOM-044-SCFI-2017: Measuring instruments - Electromechanical watt-hour meters - Verification in the field (cancelling Mexican Official Standard NOM-044-SCFI-2008: Electromechanical watt-hour meters - Definitions, characteristics and test methods, published on 13 January 2009) .</i>	–

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PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
SACKS, BAGS	BURUNDI	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/BDI/8	<p>Sachets and other plastic packaging</p> <p><i>The present Decree aims to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establish a control framework for the use of sachets and other packaging; - promote the use of materials that do not degrade the environment; - prevent all kinds of pollution caused by bags and other plastics 	60 days from the date of notification
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/977	<p>Polymer-containing fluids</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard covers the test method for the evaluation of the shear stability of polymer-containing fluids. The test method measures the viscosity loss, in mm²/s and percent, at 100 °C of polymer-containing fluids when evaluated by a diesel injector apparatus procedure that uses European diesel injector test equipment. The viscosity loss reflects polymer degradation due to shear at the nozzle. Viscosity loss is evaluated after both 30 cycles and 90 cycles of shearing</i></p>	60 days from notification
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/978	<p>Diesel engine oils</p> <p><i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers the test method of an engine test procedure for evaluating diesel engine oils for performance characteristics in a diesel engine equipped with exhaust gas recirculation, including viscosity increase and soot concentrations (loading) . This test method is commonly referred to as the Mack T-11. This test method also provides the procedure for running an abbreviated length test, which is commonly referred to as the T-11A.</i></p>	60 days from notification
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/979	<p>Engine oil</p> <p><i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers the test method for quantitative procedures for the evaluation of the compatibility of automotive engine oils with several reference elastomers typical of those used in the sealing materials in contact with these oils. Compatibility is evaluated by determining the changes in volume, Durometer A hardness, and tensile properties when the elastomer specimens are immersed in the oil for a specified time and temperature.</i></p>	60 days from notification
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/980	<p>Polymer-containing fluids</p> <p><i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers the test method for the evaluation of the shear stability of polymer-containing fluids. The test method measures the percent viscosity loss at 100 °C of polymer-containing fluids when</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<i>evaluated by a diesel injector apparatus procedure that uses European diesel injector test equipment. The viscosity loss reflects polymer degradation due to shear at the nozzle.</i>	
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/981	Engine oils <i>This Draft Uganda Standard covers the test method for the laboratory determination of high-temperature high-shear (HTHS) viscosity of engine oils at a temperature of 150 °C using a multicell capillary viscometer containing pressure, temperature, and timing instrumentation. The shear rate for this test method corresponds to an apparent shear rate at the wall of 1.4 million reciprocal seconds ($1.4 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$).</i>	60 days from notification
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/982	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation <i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers test method for the laboratory determination of the viscosity of oils at 150 °C and $1 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and at 100 °C and $1 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$, using high shear rate tapered-plug viscometer models BE/C or BS/C.</i>	60 days from notification
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/983	Diesel engine oil <i>This Final Draft Uganda Standard covers the test method for testing diesel engine lubricants to determine their tendency to corrode various metals, specifically alloys of lead and copper commonly used in cam followers and bearings.</i>	60 days from notification
RAILWAY ENGINEERING					
RAILWAY ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	MÉXICO	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/435	Railway tractive equipment <i>This Draft Official Mexican Standard is applicable, within the territory of the United Mexican States and its compliance shall be satisfied by the concessionaires, assignees and permit holders that provide the service public rail transport.</i>	24 December 2018
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	29/10/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/328/Add.1	Automobile tyres - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Legal Inspection of Automobile Tyres" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/328 on 12 July 2018, was promulgated and entered into force on 15 October 2018. A transitional period is provided until 20 August 2019.</i>	—

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT IN GENERAL	JAPAN	31/10/2018	G/TBT/N/JPN/610	Terminal equipment <i>Functions equal to or higher than those specified in following conditions (1) to (4) shall apply as security measures to terminal equipment that uses the Internet Protocol and is connected to digital data transmission equipment, provided that settings for telecommunications functions (limited to those related to transmission and reception) incorporated by the terminal equipment can be changed through telecommunications line equipment to be connected.</i>	60 days from notification