

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.

IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

A total of 30 notifications on Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology, Road Vehicles Engineering etc., from Brazil, Canada, European Union, Gulf Cooperation Council, 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 (29 December 2018 - 04 January 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
CHEMICALS					
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	CANADA	03/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/573	Chemicals <i>Health Canada has informed the public, through the publication of a notice published in the Canada Gazette, Part I, of its intent to control certain chemicals under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and its regulations.</i>	30 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	CHILE	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/422/Add.1	Chemicals and mixtures - Addendum <i>Regulation of Classification, Labeling and Notification of Chemical Substances and Mixtures. The Ministry of Health reports the publication of the responses to the comments on the proposal for "Regulation of Classification, Labeling and Notification of Chemical Substances and Mixtures ", notified on November 13, 2017, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 422.</i>	—

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
TOYS	BRAZIL	03/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/597/Add.3	<p>Toys - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims to inform that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro issued Ordinance 598, 26 December 2018 (Portaria Inmetro Nº 598, de 26 de Dezembro de 2018), considering the need to suspend effects of articles 19, 20, 21 and 22, legends and paragraphs, established by Ordinance 563/2016 (Portaria Inmetro Nº 563, de 29 de Dezembro de 2016) considering volume and complexity of received contributions after the public consultation process proposed by Ordinance 503, 24 October 2018 (portaria Inmetro 503, de 24 de outubro de 2018) and the closure of the deadline for entry into force of Ordinance 563/2016, scheduled for 30 December 2018, which makes it impossible to complete the process analysis of contributions received in a timely manner, in addition to the various adjustments and clarifications necessary to the toys regulation final text approval.</i></p> <p><i>It shall enter into force on the date of its publication.</i></p>	—
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/764/Add.3	<p>Agriculture and livestock products - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA - amended Technical Regulation 39, 27 November 2017, notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/764 , through Ministerial Technical Regulation 61, 24 December 2018, published in the Official Gazette on 27 December 2018, in order to establish operational procedures for the "Sistema de Vigilância Agropecuária Internacional" - VIGIAGRO.</i></p> <p><i>This Technical Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication.</i></p>	—
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/856	<p>Pre-measured or pre-packaged frozen fish, molluscs and crustaceans</p> <p><i>Draft technical metrological regulation establishing the form of indication of the nominal content in pre-measured or pre-packaged frozen fish, molluscs and crustaceans with unequal nominal content.</i></p> <p><i>The nominal content, on a mandatory basis, must be indicated at the point of sale to the consumer and may be carried out by using adhesive label.</i></p>	29 January 2019

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FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/859	Fresh and frozen lobster <i>Draft Technical Regulation establishing identity and quality requirements for fresh and frozen lobster.</i>	28 March 2019
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/860	Shrimps <i>Draft Technical Regulation establishing identity and minimum quality requirements for fresh, cooled, frozen, defrosted, cooked and partially cooked shrimp.</i>	28 March 2019
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	CANADA	03/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/574	Alcoholic beverages <i>The proposed regulations would amend the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR) to restrict the alcohol content in single-serve containers of flavoured purified alcoholic beverages to protect Canadians from unintentional overconsumption of alcohol. These products are processed such that they do not taste like alcohol and are sold with multiple servings of alcohol in what appears to be a single-serve container.</i>	05 February 2019
BEVERAGES	EUROPEAN UNION	03/01/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/638	Wine products <i>Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 provides for European Union (EU) rules on categories of grapevine products, oenological practices and the applicable restrictions for the wine sector and empowers the Commission to adopt delegated and implementing acts setting out the technical details on these matters in particular on authorised oenological, practices, products and processes for all the categories of wine products.</i>	60 days from notification
BEVERAGES	EUROPEAN UNION	03/01/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/639	Wine products <i>Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 provides for European Union rules on categories of grapevine products, oenological practices and the applicable restrictions for the wine sector and empowers the Commission to adopt delegated and implementing acts setting out the technical details on these matters in particular on authorised oenological, practices, products and processes for all the categories of wine products.</i>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	UGANDA	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1012	Toffee <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for toffee</i>	60 days from notification

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SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	UGANDA	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1013	Chewing gum <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for chewing gum</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/893/Add.9	Food labelling - Addendum <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is amending the regulations pertaining to the Nutrition Facts and Supplement Facts labels. The amendments correct errors that were made in labeling examples, restore incorrect deletions, correct the edition of a reference cited in the rule, and correct cross-references to other regulations. This action is ministerial or editorial in nature.</i>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	03/01/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1435	Food labeling <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is establishing 1 January 2022, as the uniform compliance date for food labeling regulations that are published on or after 1 January 2019, and on or before 31 December 2020. We periodically announce uniform compliance dates for new food labeling requirements to minimize the economic impact of label changes.</i>	19 February 2019
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	03/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/854	Medicaments and biological products <i>This present Resolution changes RDC 234 of 20 June 2018, regarding the outsourcing of production steps, quality control analysis, transportation and storage of medicaments and biological products, among other measures.</i> <i>Art.30 and art.31 of the RDC 234 (notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/700), 20 June 2018 are suspended for two years from the date of publication of this Resolution.</i> <i>The art.33 of RDC 234, 20 June 2018, is now in force with the following text:</i> <i>"Art.33. Article 52 of the RDC 17. April 16th, 2010, and the RDC 25, March 29th, 2007, are hereby revoked."</i> <i>This Resolution also changes art. 8, art. 9 and the subsection VIII of art. 10 of the RDC 10, 21 March 2011.</i> <i>This Resolution enter into force on the date of its publication.</i>	Not applicable
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	03/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/855	Medical devices <i>This draft resolution proposes the medical devices classification as single use or reusable, among other measures.</i>	60 days from notification

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LABORATORY MEDICINE	BRAZIL	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/857	Advanced investigational therapy <i>This Resolution establishes the rules for conducting clinical trials with product of advanced investigational therapy in Brazil and gives other measures.</i> <i>This Resolution applies to clinical trials with product of advanced investigational therapy, which will be developed in Brazil, for safety verification, efficacy or efficacy and safety purposes.</i>	Not applicable
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/858	Plants, medical products containing controlled substances <i>This draft resolution establishes the import and export controls, of plants and medical products containing controlled substances subject to special control for any purpose, among other measures.</i> <i>The lists of substances subject to special control and prohibited plants are included in Annex I of Portaria SVS/MS 344, 12 May 1998, and its updates.</i>	30 days from notification
METROLOGY, MEASUREMENT, PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
NOISE EMITTED BY MEANS OF TRANSPORT	CHILE	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/464	Light vehicles, medium and motorcycles <i>The preliminary draft of a modification is submitted for consultation to the Noise Emission Standard for Light, Medium and Motorcycle Vehicles, contained in Supreme Decree N ° 7, of 2015, of the Ministry of the Environment.</i> <i>The Supreme Decree N ° 7/2015 of the Ministry of the Environment will enter into force in July 2019 and this modification consists only in the incorporation of definitions and vehicle certification procedures which have been updated.</i>	60 days from the notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
BUSES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/ARE/453	Buses <i>This standard is concerned with the safety requirements in school buses allocated for the transportation of students.</i>	60 days from notification
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BUSES	KUWAIT	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/445	Buses <i>This standard is concerned with the safety requirements in school buses allocated for the transportation of students.</i>	60 days from notification

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BUSES	OMAN	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/OMN/390	Buses <i>This standard is concerned with the safety requirements in school buses allocated for the transportation of students.</i>	60 days from notification
BUSES	QATAR	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/QAT/555	Buses <i>This standard is concerned with the safety requirements in school buses allocated for the transportation of students.</i>	60 days from notification
FUEL SYSTEMS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/SAU/1097	Fuel systems <i>This regulation defines the Saudi Arabia corporate average fuel economy standard (SAUDI CAFE) for all light duty vehicles (new vehicles and used import vehicles) incoming to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This standard covers the period extending from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2023.</i>	60 days from notification
BUSES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/SAU/1098	Buses <i>This standard is concerned with the safety requirements in school buses allocated for the transportation of students.</i>	60 days from notification
BUSES	YEMEN	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/YEM/158	Buses <i>This standard is concerned with the safety requirements in school buses allocated for the transportation of students.</i>	60 days from notification
LIGHTING, SIGNALLING AND WARNING DEVICES	BRAZIL	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/720/Add.1	Signalling and lighting systems - Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Traffic Council - CONTRAN issued Ordinance number 761, 20 December 2018 in order to amend paragraph 1° and paragraph 2° of article 12 and to amend item 4.2.1.1 of Annex I of Resolution 667, 18 May 2017, which lays down, among other things, technical specifications for lighting systems and their devices applicable to motor vehicles, vans, tractors, buses, trailers, etc. with the aim of enhancing vehicle safety through the harmonization of national vehicle safety requirements with equivalent international requirements, as provided for in the National Plan for the Reduction of Traffic Injury and Deaths - PNATRANS.</i>	—
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ADHESIVES	TANZANIA	04/01/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/230	Adhesives <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, sampling and methods of test for adhesives - ethyl and methyl cyanoacrylate</i>	60 days from notification

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNI- CATIONS	JAPAN	03/01/2019	G/TBT/N/JPN/617	Wireless devices <i>To amend the regulations for wireless devices operating in close proximity to the human body.</i>	60 days from date of circulation