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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 47 notifications on Chemicals, Construction Materials and Building, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Food and Beverages, Packaging and Distribution of Goods etc., from Ecuador, the European Union, Gulf Cooperation Council, Mexico, 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

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## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (29 September - 05 October 2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
FISHING AND FISH BREEDING	MÉXICO	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/401/Add.1</a>	Pez ( <i>Totoaba macdonaldi</i> ) totoaba - Addendum  <i>The publication of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-169-SEMARNAT-2018 is reported. Establishes the marking specifications for the specimens, parts and derivatives of Totoaba (Totoaba macdonaldi) from management units for wildlife conservation.</i>	—
<b>AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1397</a>	Light-sport aircraft  <i>This notice announces the availability of two new and two revised consensus standards relating to the provisions of the Sport Pilot and Light-Sport Aircraft rule issued 16 July 2004, and effective 1 September 2004.</i>	03 December 2018

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				ASTM International Committee F37 on Light-Sport Aircraft developed the new and revised standards with Federal Aviation Administration participation. By this notice, the Federal Aviation Administration finds the new and revised standards acceptable for certification of the specified aircraft under the provisions of the Sport Pilot and Light-Sport Aircraft rule.	
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/448</a>	Food labelling  <i>This guide is not concerned with the permissible tolerances when the addition of vitamins and minerals is mandatory or the minimum and maximum limits of energy, nutrients or any other components specified by the relevant national legislation, nor does it apply to the tolerance differentials on food labelling cards for special nutritional uses.</i>	60 days from notification
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY	BAHRAIN	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/552</a>	Food labelling  <i>This guide is not concerned with the permissible tolerances when the addition of vitamins and minerals is mandatory or the minimum and maximum limits of energy, nutrients or any other components specified by the relevant national legislation, nor does it apply to the tolerance differentials on food labelling cards for special nutritional uses.</i>	60 days from notification
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY	KUWAIT	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/438</a>	Food labelling  <i>This guide is not concerned with the permissible tolerances when the addition of vitamins and minerals is mandatory or the minimum and maximum limits of energy, nutrients or any other components specified by the relevant national legislation, nor does it apply to the tolerance differentials on food labelling cards for special nutritional uses.</i>	60 days from notification
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY	OMAN	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/385</a>	Food labelling  <i>This guide is not concerned with the permissible tolerances when the addition of vitamins and minerals is mandatory or the minimum and maximum limits of energy, nutrients or any other components specified by the relevant national legislation, nor does it apply to the tolerance differentials on food labelling cards for special nutritional uses.</i>	60 days from notification
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY	QATAR	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/550</a>	Food labelling  <i>This guide is not concerned with the permissible tolerances when the addition of vitamins and minerals is mandatory or the minimum and maximum limits of energy,</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>nutrients or any other components specified by the relevant national legislation, nor does it apply to the tolerance differentials on food labelling cards for special nutritional uses.</i>	
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1091</a>	Food labelling  <i>This guide is not concerned with the permissible tolerances when the addition of vitamins and minerals is mandatory or the minimum and maximum limits of energy, nutrients or any other components specified by the relevant national legislation, nor does it apply to the tolerance differentials on food labelling cards for special nutritional uses.</i>	60 days from notification
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY	YEMEN	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/153</a>	Food labelling  <i>This guide is not concerned with the permissible tolerances when the addition of vitamins and minerals is mandatory or the minimum and maximum limits of energy, nutrients or any other components specified by the relevant national legislation, nor does it apply to the tolerance differentials on food labelling cards for special nutritional uses.</i>	60 days from notification
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	03/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/601</a>	Chemicals  <i>This draft Regulation relates to a new entry of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006. It would restrict the placing on the market for the general public of (3,3,4,4,5,5,6,6,7,7,8,8,8-tridecafluorooctyl) silanetriol and any of its mono-, di- or tri-O-(alkyl) derivatives (TDFAs) with organic solvents in a concentration, individually or in any combination, equal to or greater than 2 ppb by weight of the mixtures. Application of the restriction is deferred for 18 months to allow stakeholders sufficient time to adapt and achieve compliance.</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1049/Rev.1</a>	Refrigerants - Revision  <i>The Clean Air Act (CAA) prohibits knowingly venting or releasing ozone-depleting and substitute refrigerants in the course of maintaining, servicing, repairing, or disposing of appliances or industrial process refrigeration. On 18 November 2016, EPA finalized a rule that updated the existing refrigerant management requirements and extended requirements that previously applied only to refrigerants containing an ozone-depleting substance (ODS) to substitute refrigerants such as hydrofluorocarbons that are subject to the venting prohibition (i.e., those that have not been exempted from that prohibition).</i>	15 November 2018

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				<p>The Agency is revisiting the aspects of the 2016 Rule that apply to equipment containing such substitute refrigerants. This action proposes changes to the legal interpretation that supported that rule and amendments to the regulations based on the revised interpretation. More specifically, in connection with the proposed changes to the legal interpretation, EPA is proposing to revise the appliance maintenance and leak repair provisions so they apply only to equipment using refrigerant containing a class I or class II substance. Based on this proposed limitation of the leak repair requirements, this document further proposes to revise the list of practices that must be followed in order for refrigerant releases to be considered de minimis to clarify that the reference to following leak repair practices only applies to equipment that contains ODS refrigerant. EPA is also taking comment on whether, in connection with the proposed changes to the legal interpretation, the 2016 Rule's extension of subpart F refrigerant management requirements to such substitute refrigerants should be rescinded in full. Additionally, EPA is proposing to extend by six to twelve months the 1 January 2019 compliance date for when appliances containing only substitute refrigerants subject to the venting prohibition must comply with the appliance maintenance and leak repair provisions.</p>	
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1395/Add.1/Corr.1</a>	<p>Chemical substances - Corrigendum</p> <p>In rule document 2018-19950, appearing on pages 47004 through 47025, in the issue of Monday, 17 September 2018, make the following correction:            Sec. 9.1, Sec. Sec. 721.11124-11125, Sec. Sec. 721.11130- 11140 [Corrected]            In the regulatory text for Part 9 and Part 721, beginning on page 47017, remove "14;" and where it appears after the section mark symbol (§) in amendatory paragraph instructions 2, 4, 5, and 10- 20.</p>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1396</a>	<p>Chemical substances</p> <p>EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 26 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . The chemical substances are subject to Orders issued by EPA pursuant to sections 5 (e) and 5(f) of TSCA. This action would require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these 26 chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this rule to notify EPA at least 90 days before</p>	02 November 2018

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				<i>The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required with that determination. In addition to this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, EPA is issuing the action as a direct final rule elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register.</i>	
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	ECUADOR	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/339</a>	Shower enclosures  <i>This Draft Technical Regulation establishes requirements they must comply with shower screens.</i>	November 18, 2018
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1107/Add.5/Corr.1</a>	Building codes - Corrigendum  <i>The technical amendments to the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) (i) correct errors in numbering and punctuation, inadvertent omissions, and typos; (ii) remove sections and table rows erroneously included in the final version of the USBC; and (iii) clarify instances where sections of the incorporated code have been amended or added.</i>	—
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1109/Add.5</a>	Fire prevention code - Addendum  <i>The Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) is a regulation governing the maintenance of the fire protection aspects of existing structures and operational functions relating to fire safety wherever located, including the regulation of the use of explosives, blasting, and fireworks displays. The SFPC uses a nationally recognized model code produced by the International Code Council as the basis for the technical provisions of the regulation. Every three years, a new edition of the model code becomes available. At that time, the Board of Housing and Community Development initiates a regulatory action to incorporate the newest edition of the model code into the regulation. Final regulations for the SFPC, including the subdivisions published in this action, were published in Volume 34, Issue 18 of the Virginia Register on 30 April 2018 (34:18 VA.R. 1617-1744 30 April 2018), initiating a 30-day final adoption period. During that period, a number of petitions were received concerning substantive changes made between the proposed and final regulations.</i>	—

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				<i>The board suspended the regulatory process for the regulation (refer to 34:25 VA.R. 2519 6 August 2018) and established an additional 30-day comment period on the changes made between publication of the proposed regulation and publication of the final regulation. On 7 September 2018, the Board of Housing and Community Development considered the public comment on the provisions and readopted final regulations with the following changes from the final regulations shown in brackets (in the full-text of the readopted final regulations) .</i>	
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS</b>					
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	EUROPEAN UNION	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/603</a>	Refrigerating appliances  <i>This draft Commission Regulation sets minimum energy performance, reparability, recyclability and information requirements for refrigerating appliances, as there exists a cost-effective potential to limit their energy consumption and improve their contribution to resource efficiency objectives. In accordance with Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC, products not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to be placed on the EU market. The draft Regulation is based on the findings of two technical, environmental and economic studies, which have been carried out with stakeholders. The draft Regulation repeals Regulation (EC) No 643/2009 with regard to ecodesign requirements for household refrigerating appliances.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	EUROPEAN UNION	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/604</a>	Refrigerating appliances  <i>The draft Commission Delegated Regulation establishes requirements for the energy labelling and the provision of product information of refrigerating appliances. In particular, it removes the A+ to A+++ classes from the existing energy label for household refrigerating appliances and requires suppliers to upload the label data, the product information sheet and technical documentation into a product registration database before products can be placed on the EU market. The draft Commission Delegated Regulation is based on the findings of two technical, environmental and economic studies, which have been carried out with stakeholders. The draft Regulation repeals Regulation (EU) No 1060/2010 with regard to energy labelling of household refrigerating appliances.</i>	60 days from notification

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EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1008/Rev.1</a>	Portable hook-on chairs - Revision  <i>In March 2016, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published a consumer product safety standard for portable hook-on chairs based on the ASTM voluntary standard for portable hook-on chairs. ASTM has since published a revised voluntary standard for portable hook-on chairs. We are publishing this direct final rule, revising the CPSC's mandatory standard for portable hook-on chairs to incorporate by reference the more recent version of the applicable ASTM standard.</i>	24 October 2018
<b>ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>					
RECTIFIERS, CONVERTERS, STABILIZED POWER SUPPLY	EUROPEAN UNION	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/605</a>	External power supplies  <i>This draft Commission Regulation sets requirements regarding the energy performance (maximum no-load consumption and minimum average active efficiency) and information requirements for external power supplies. In accordance with Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC, products not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to be placed on the EU market. The draft Regulation is based on the findings of a technical, environmental and economic study which has been carried out in consultation with stakeholders. The measures proposed were the object of an impact assessment. The draft Regulation repeals Commission Regulation (EC) No 278/2009 with regard to ecodesign requirements for no-load condition electric power consumption and average active efficiency of external power supplies.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	UKRAINE	03/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UKR/141/Add.1</a>	Machinery; low-voltage electrical equipment; equipment able to create electromagnetic interference - Addendum  <i>Ukraine would like to inform that the Draft of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Amending Certain Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine" ( G/TBT/N/UKR/141 ) was adopted on 4 July 2018 and entered into force on 11 July 2018.</i>	—
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY</b>					
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/665/Rev.1</a>	Greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy standards - Revision  <i>EPA is proposing two technical corrections to the light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards regulations finalized in the 2012 rulemaking that established standards for model years 2017- 2025 light-duty vehicles.</i>	31 October 2018

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				<p>First, EPA proposes to correct regulations pertaining to how auto manufacturers must calculate credits for the GHG program's optional advanced technology incentives. The regulations currently in place result in auto manufacturers receiving fewer credits than the agency intended for electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, fuel cell electric vehicles, and natural gas fueled vehicles. Auto manufacturers requested through a petition letter submitted jointly by the Auto Alliance and Global Automakers in June 2016 that EPA correct the regulations to provide the intended level of credits for these technologies. Second, the regulations regarding how manufacturers must calculate certain types of off-cycle credits contain an error and are inconsistent with the 2012 final rule preamble, raising implementation concerns for some manufacturers. The proposed amendments would clarify the calculation methodology in the regulations. Both of these corrections allow the program to be implemented as originally intended. The proposed corrections are not expected to result in any additional regulatory burdens or costs.</p>	
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/718/Add.2</a>	<p>Self-contained breathing apparatus - Addendum</p> <p>In October 2017, the Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a special permit to the Digital Wave Corporation, allowing the company to extend the service life of certain carbon-fiber reinforced aluminum-lined cylinders. Some stakeholders, including respirator and cylinder manufacturers, have expressed concern to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about the safety of cylinders extended beyond the manufacturers' stated service life. NIOSH is seeking information about the potential effect of the special permit, as it may relate to the safety of self-contained breathing apparatus respirators approved by NIOSH for use in U.S. workplaces.</p>	30 November 2018
<b>FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE</b>					
VALVES	ECUADOR	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/180/Add.2</a>	<p>Keys or valves for home use - Addendum</p> <p>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and publishes Revision 1 corresponding to the First revision of the Ecuadorian Technical Regulation RTE INEN 142 (IR) "KEYS OR VALVES OF USE DOMICILIARIO ", notified by means of</p>	



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				<i>G / TBT / N / ECU / 180 / Add.1 of October 8, 2014 This Revision 1 has been issued through Resolution No. 18 262 of August 1, 2018, issued by the Undersecretary of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industries and Productivity, published in the Official Register No. 332 of September 21, 2018.</i>	
VALVES	ECUADOR	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/180/Add.3</a>	<p>Keys or valves for home use - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Ecuador announces and announces Addendum 1 of the corresponding Revision 1 to Modification 1 of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 142 (1R) "Keys or valves of use domiciliary ", notified by means of the document identified with the signature G / TBT / N / ECU / 180 / Add.2 of October 4, 2018. This Modification 1 has been issued through Resolution No. 18 304 of September 26, 2018, issued by the Undersecretary of the System of the Quality of the Ministry of Industries and Productivity, it will come into force from its subscription, without prejudice to its publication in the Official Register.</i></p>	—
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/447</a>	<p>Honey</p> <p><i>This draft of UAE/ technical regulation is concerned with to all honeys produced by honey bees and covers all styles of honey presentations which are intended for direct consumption.</i></p> <p><i>This Standard also covers honey which is packed for sale in bulk containers, which may be repacked into retail packs and does not include the honey inside the industry (Baker's Honey) .</i></p>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	03/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/165/Add.6</a>	<p>Wine products - Addendum</p> <p><i>By Resolution 1/2018 of the NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF VITIVINICULTURE, subsections l) are incorporated and m) to Point II - "Mandatory Mentions" of the Annex to Resolution INV C. No. 20/2004 on "Requirements for the Labeling of Wine Products" (G / TBT / N / ARG / 165).</i></p> <p><i>According to the new clauses, the label of the wine products must be indicated on the presence of sulfites, milk or its derivatives or, eggs or their derivatives. To its effects, a period of 90 days is foreseen for the adaptation of the labels.</i></p>	—
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	BOLIVIA	03/10/2018	G/TBT/N/BOL/11	<p>Milk powder and evaporated milk</p> <p><i>Technical Regulations apply to milk powder and milk evaporated, which is marketed in the Plurinational State of Bolivia.</i></p>	60 days from the notification

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TEA	BRAZIL	03/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/823/Add.1</a>	<p>Kombucha - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA amended the draft normative instruction that was notified under the code G/TBT/N/BRA/823 , and opens a 75-day for a new period for public consultation published on Ordinance Ministerial No. 103, 20 September 2018 that that sets the identity and quality for Kombucha.</i></p> <p><i>This Ordinance shall enter into force on the date of its publication.</i></p>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/600</a>	<p>Food</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Regulation concerns the authorisation of one health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk in accordance with Article 17(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	03/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/602</a>	<p>Trans fat in food</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Regulation introduces a maximum threshold for the presence of industrially manufactured trans fat in food for the final consumer, in line with recommendations of the World Health Organisation.</i></p>	60 days from notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	UGANDA	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/921</a>	<p>Bovine (beef) carcass and cuts</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, methods of test and sampling for bovine (beef) carcasses and cuts meant for human consumption.</i></p>	60 days from notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	UGANDA	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/922</a>	<p>Edible offal</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements, method of analysis and sampling for edible offal for human consumption from the cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats, deer, horses, pigs, ratites, camelids and poultry.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/419/Add.2</a>	<p>Food for human and animal consumption - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is announcing the withdrawal of a proposed rule that published in the Federal Register. This proposed rule is not currently considered a viable candidate for final action. FDA is taking this action because this proposed rule does not reflect current technology and industry practice.</i></p>	—

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FRUITS, VEG-ETABLES	UNITED STATES	05/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1366/Add.1</a>	Irish potatoes - Addendum  <i>This final rule implements a recommendation from the Idaho - Eastern Oregon Potato Committee (Committee) to revise the varietal classifications that determine the size requirements for Irish potatoes grown in certain designated counties of Idaho, and Malheur County, Oregon. As provided under section 8e of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, this modification also applies to all imported long type Irish potatoes. This final rule also makes administrative revisions to the subpart headings to bring the language into conformance with the Office of Federal Register requirements.</i>	—
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
PHARMACEUTICS	UNITED STATES	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/233/Add.2</a>	Medical products - Addendum  <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, Agency, we) is announcing the withdrawal of two proposed rules that published in the Federal Register. These proposed rules are not currently considered viable candidates for final action. FDA is taking this action because the regulatory requirements set forth in the proposed rules are not needed at this time to protect the public health.</i>	—
BIRTH CONTROL, MECHANICAL CONTRACEPTIVES	UNITED STATES	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1331/Add.1</a>	Single-use female condom - Addendum  <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is issuing a final order to reclassify single-use female condoms, renaming the device to "single-use internal condom," a post-amendments class III device (regulated under product code MBU), into class II (special controls) subject to premarket notification (510(k)). FDA is also identifying the special controls that the Agency believes are necessary to provide a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness of the device. FDA is finalizing this reclassification on its own initiative based on new information. FDA is also amending the existing device identification for "female condom," a preamendments class III device (product code OBY), by renaming the device "multiple-use female condom," to distinguish it from the "single-use internal condom." This order reclassifies single-use internal condoms from class III to class II and reduces regulatory burden because these types of devices will no longer be required to submit a premarket approval application (PMA), but can instead submit a less burdensome 510(k) before marketing their device.</i>	—

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<b>PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS</b>					
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	BOLIVIA	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BOL/12</a>	Labeling of footwear, leather goods, travel goods  <i>The Andean Technical Regulation establishes the information minimum that should be included in the footwear label, leather goods, travel and similar articles manufactured and / or imported that are marketed within the Andean subregion, as well as the conditions in which this information should be presented the purpose of preventing practices that may mislead consumers about the characteristics of these products.</i>	02 December 2018
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	COLOMBIA	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/234</a>	Labeling of footwear, leather goods, travel goods  <i>The Andean Technical Regulation establishes the information minimum that should be included in the footwear label, leather goods, travel and similar articles manufactured and / or imported that are marketed within the Andean subregion, as well as the conditions in which this information should be presented the purpose of preventing practices that may mislead consumers about the characteristics of these products.</i>	02 December 2018
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/341</a>	Labeling of footwear, leather goods, travel goods  <i>The Andean Technical Regulation establishes the information minimum that should be included in the footwear label, leather goods, travel and similar articles manufactured and / or imported that are marketed within the Andean subregion, as well as the conditions in which this information should be presented the purpose of preventing practices that may mislead consumers about the characteristics of these products.</i>	02 December 2018
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	PERU	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PER/108</a>	Labeling of footwear, leather goods, travel goods  <i>The Andean Technical Regulation establishes the information minimum that should be included in the footwear label, leather goods, travel and similar articles manufactured and / or imported that are marketed within the Andean subregion, as well as the conditions in which this information should be presented the purpose of preventing practices that may mislead consumers about the characteristics of these products.</i>	02 December 2018

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<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING EQUIPMENT	MÉXICO	01/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/348/Add.1</a>	<p>Integral and flexible fittings used in liquefied petroleum supply [...] facilities - Addendum</p> <p><i>The purpose of this addendum is to announce the publication of the "ANSWER" to comments on the draft Mexican Official Standard "PROY-NOM-209-SCFI-2016.</i></p> <p><i>Gas - Integral Fittings and Flexible Fittings Used in Supply Facilities in liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas - Specification and test methods (cancels NOM014-SESH-2013)", published in the Official Journal of the Federation on 23 January 2017.</i></p>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS INDUSTRIES	UNITED STATES	02/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1205/Rev.1/Add.1</a>	<p>Oil and gas production systems - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is amending the regulations regarding oil and natural gas production safety systems. After a thorough reexamination of the current regulations, and consideration of recent experiences from implementation of those regulations and of public comments on the proposed rule to amend those regulations, BSEE is revising or removing certain regulatory provisions that create unnecessary burdens on stakeholders, and clarifying other provisions, while ensuring safety and environmental protection.</i></p>	—
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	ECUADOR	01/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/177/Add.7</a>	<p>Motorcycles and mopeds</p> <p><i>The Republic of Ecuador announces through this Addendum 7 amendment 2 of the Technical Regulation TEN INEN 136 (1R) "MOTORCYCLES", which had been the subject of the notification G / TBT / N / ECU / 177 / Add.1 of 30 October 2014. This amendment 2 was adopted by means of Decision (Resolución) No. 18.303 of 26 September 2018 of the Undersecretariat for Quality Regulation under the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, which is entering into force on the date of its adoption, without prejudice to its publication in the Official Journal (Registro Oficial).</i></p>	—
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	MÉXICO	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/252/Add.3</a>	<p>Carbon dioxide emissions - Addendum</p> <p><i>The publication of the Modification Project to the Official Mexican Standard is reported NOM -163-SEMARNAT-ENER-SCFI-2013, Emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) from the exhaust and its equivalence in terms of fuel efficiency, applicable to vehicles new automotive vehicles of gross vehicle weight of up to 3,857 kilograms.</i></p>	—

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	PARAGUAY	03/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/107</a>	Motor vehicles and trailers  <i>The Draft Technical Regulation Mercosur MERCOSUR / LXVI SGT No. 3 / P. RES. No. 00/18</i>	60 days from the notification
<b>RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES</b>					
LAMINATED SHEETS	ECUADOR	04/10/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/340</a>	Plates of laminated plaster  <i>This Draft Technical Regulation establishes; requirements technicians who must comply with laminated gypsum boards.</i>	18 November 2018