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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 40 notifications on Agriculture, Chemicals, Domestic, Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, and Sports, Environment, Food and Beverages, Telecommunications, Audio and Video Engineering etc. from Brazil, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (31 March - 06 April 2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date	TBT Notification	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for
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			AGRICULTU	RE	
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	BRAZIL	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/796/Add.1	Non edible animals by-products - Addendum This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply - MAPA issued Ordinance 28, dated 28 March 2018, which extends for 30 days the period of public consultation for the presentation of comments previously established by Technical Regulation 06, 23 February 2018, published in the Official Gazette on 26 February 2018 and notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/796.	_
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	BRAZIL	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/802	Pesticides, related products and wooden preservatives This Draft Resolution provides for toxicological information for labels and leaflets of pesticides, related products and wooden preservatives, within Anvisa.	24 April 2018

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				The guidelines for the preparation of toxicological information for labels and leaflets of pesticides, related products and wooden preservatives are approved within Anvisa.	
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	BRAZIL	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/803		24 April 2018

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				It revokes item "l", "m", 1.3 and 1.4 of "Guidelines and Requirements Ministry of Health, Regarding the Authorization of Registration and Extension of Use of Agrochemicals and Related ", approved by the Divisions of Human Ecology and Health Environment and Risk Assessment as "Guidelines and Requirements of the Ministry of S a f e t y , Regarding the Authorization to Register and Extend Use of Agrotóxicos and Afins N°. 01, of 09 December 1991", published in the Official Gazette of the Union on 13 December 1991 and ratified by Administrative Rule 03, of 16 January 1992, of the Technical-Normative Department of the Ministry of Health.	
FARMING AND FORESTRY	MÉXICO	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/150/Add.3	People who carry out activities to apply methods that must be fulfilled for the rope [] crumbs bark - Addendum The publication of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-019-SEMARNAT-2017, which establishes the technical guidelines for the prevention, combat and control of bark beetles	_
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/22/Add.1	Fertilizers - Addendum Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the standard; US 756:2007, Urea fertilizer grade — Specification; which Uganda notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/22 was withdrawn on 12 December 2017.	-
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/22/Add.2	Fertilizer - Addendum Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the standard; US 757:2007, Ammonium sulphate nitrate fertilizer — Specification; which Uganda notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/22 was withdrawn on 12 December 2017.	-
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/22/Add.3	Fertilizer - Addendum Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the standard; US 758:2007, Calcium ammonium nitrate fertilizer — Specification; which Uganda notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/22 was withdrawn on 12 December 2017.	-
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/22/Add.4	Fertilizer - Addendum Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the standard; US 759:2007, Monoammonium phosphate (MAP) and diammonium phosphate fertilizer — Specification; which Uganda notified in G/ TBT/N/UGA/22 was withdrawn on 12 December 2017.	_

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FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/22/Add.5	Fertilizer - Addendum Uganda would like to inform WTO Members	-
				that the standard; US 760:2007, Potassium chloride (muriate of potash) fertilizer grade — Specification; which Uganda notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/22 was withdrawn on 12 December 2017.	
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1352	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) to obtain information related to the role that flavors play in tobacco products. Specifically, this ANPRM is seeking comments, data, research results, or other information about, among other things, how flavors attract youth to initiate tobacco product use and about whether and how certain flavors may help adult cigarette smokers reduce cigarette use and switch to potentially less harmful products. FDA is seeking this information to inform regulatory actions FDA might take with respect to tobacco products with flavors, under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), as amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Tobacco Control Act). Potential regulatory actions include, but are not limited to, tobacco product standards and restrictions on sale and distribution of tobacco products with flavors.	19 June 2018
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1355	Cigars The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) to obtain information related to the regulation of premium cigars under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), as amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Tobacco Control Act), and regulations regarding the sale and distribution of tobacco products. Specifically, this ANPRM is seeking comments, data, research results, or other information that may inform regulatory actions FDA might take with respect to premium cigars.	25 June 2018
		1	AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEH	IICLE ENGINEERING	
BOLTS, SCREWS, STUDS	TURKEY	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/112	Bolts and nuts for anchoring, metric Standard related with bolts and nuts for	60 days from notification

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	CHEMICALS							
CHEMICALS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC DISINFECTION PURPOSES	BRAZIL	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/804	Sanitizing products This Draft Resolution provides for technical regulation for sanitizing products categorized as bleach based on sodium hypochlorite or calcium hypochlorite and provides other measures. The technical regulation on hypochlorite sanitizing products is approved, as set out in the Annex to this Resolution. This Resolution incorporates the national legal order Resolution GMC MERCOSUR 13/15 "MERCOSUR Technical Regulation for sanitary products based on Hypochlorite" and revokes Resolution GMC 57/98. It revokes Resolution - RDC 109, of 6 September 2016.	02 May 2018			
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	BRAZIL	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/805	Personal care, cosmetics and perfumes This Draft Resolution changes Annexes II and VIII of Resolution RDC 7, 10 February 2015, notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/625, establishing which personal care products, cosmetics and perfumes are subject to registration before commercialization. The list of Annex VIII r has been restricted from 23 to 8 products subject to registration.	23 April 2018			
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	CANADA	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/547	Cleaning products containing phosphorus The Concentration of Phosphorus in Certain Cleaning Products Regulations limit the amount of phosphorus in laundry detergents, household dish-washing compounds and certain household cleaners that are manufactured or imported into Canada. The proposed Amendments will exempt goods in transit through Canada to ensure Canada's consistency with the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Agreement on Trade Facilitation (the Agreement). In addition, they would clarify that the concentration limit for phosphorus in household cleaning products does not apply to products used exclusively as metal cleaners or de-greasing compounds (the limits would still apply to household multifunctional cleaners); and standardize laboratory accreditation provisions with other regulations under the purview of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC).	14 June 2018			

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INORGANIC CHEMICALS	THE SEP- ARATE CUS- TOMS TER- RITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/291/Rev.1	Chemical substances - Revision The Toxic Chemical Substances Control Act (TCSCA) was amended and promulgated on 11 December 2013. Pursuant to TCSCA, the subordinate implementing law "Regulations of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration and Management" were enacted on 11 December 2014. This proposal aims to update the provisions under the "Regulations of New and Existing Chemical Substances Registration."	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	THE SEP- ARATE CUS- TOMS TER- RITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/292/Add.1	Cadmium in cosmetics - Addendum The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that "To lower the maximum level from 20 ppm to 5 ppm for impurity heavy metal Cadmium" and "To prohibit the use of Barium salts, with the exception of barium sulfate, barium sulphide, and of insoluble barium salts, lakes and pigments prepared from colouring agents", as perG/TBT/N/TPKM/292 on 2 October 2017, were promulgated on 28 March 2018. The effective dates for measures of "impurity heavy metal Cadmium" and "Barium" are 28 March 2018 and 1 September 2018 respectively.	-
		•	CIVIL ENGINE	ERING	
CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORTS	GEORGIA	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/GEO/104	Incandescent and fluorescent lamps The Draft Resolution establishes registration in the Registry of Manufacturers and Importers of Lamps established in Art. 1 of the present Resolution, the following requirements to be dealt with through the Platform of the Single Export Window of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.	_
		DOMESTIC	AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPME	NT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS	
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	TURKEY	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/75/Rev.1	Miscellaneous products - Revision This amendment specifies additional reference standards that will be considered about the conformity (the product meets essential requirements or not) of the products that are stated in the annex and also set new requirements about decorative products growing in liquid, balloon with volatile gas which presents high risk to consumers with different/false uses. In addition, certain reference standards (TS EN 1273, TS EN 1466, TS EN 1130, TS EN 1888, TS EN 12586, TS EN 14682, TSE EN 14878) and provisions (Novelty lighters, Food imitation products) previously issued in different legislation have been transferred to this Communiqué for the purpose of updating existing legislation.	60 days from notification

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BODY CARE EQUIPMENT	UGANDA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/21/Add.1	General household consumer goods - Addendum	_
EQUI MEITI				Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the standard; US 762:2007, Illuminating candles — Specification; which Uganda notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/21 was withdrawn on 12 December 2017.	
	•	•	ELECTRICAL ENG	GINEERING	
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN	ARGENTINA	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.11	Low voltage electrical products - Addendum	
GENERAL				It is reported that Resolution No. 169/2018 of the Ministry of Commerce replaced the "Regime for mandatory certification of compliance with the essential requirements of security for low voltage electrical products that are sold in the country " established by Resolution SC No. 171/2016 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 297 / Add.5) and its amendments, a new regime.	
LAMPS AND RELATED	PARAGUAY	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/PRY/104	Incandescent and fluorescent lamps	-
EQUIPMENT				The Draft Resolution establishes registration in the Registry of Manufacturers and Importers of Lamps established in Art. 1 of the present Resolution, the following requirements to be dealt with through the Platform of the Single Export Window of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.	
			ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PR	ROTECTION, SAFETY	
DOMESTIC SAFE- TY	UNITED STATES	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1353	Bump stock type devices	27 June 2018
				The Department of Justice (Department) proposes to amend the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives regulations to clarify that "bump fire" stocks, slide-fire devices, and devices with certain similar characteristics (bump-stock-type devices) are "machineguns" as defined by the National Firearms Act of 1934 (NFA) and the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA), because such devices allow a shooter of a semiautomatic firearm to initiate a continuous firing cycle with a single pull of the trigger. Specifically, these devices convert an otherwise semiautomatic firearm into a machinegun by functioning as a self-acting or self-regulating mechanism that harnesses the recoil energy of the semiautomatic firearm in a manner that allows the trigger to reset and continue firing without additional physical manipulation of the trigger by the shooter. Hence, a semiautomatic firearm to which a bump-stock-type device is attached is able to produce automatic fire with a single pull of the trigger. With limited exceptions, primarily as to government agencies, the GCA makes it	

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				unlawful for any person to transfer or possess a machinegun unless it was lawfully possessed prior to the effective date of the statute. The bump-stock-type devices covered by this proposed rule were not in existence prior to the GCA's effective date, and therefore would fall within the prohibition on machineguns if this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) is implemented. Consequently, current possessors of these devices would be required to surrender them, destroy them, or otherwise render them permanently inoperable upon the effective date of the final rule.	
		FL	UID SYSTEMS AND COMPONE	NTS FOR GENERAL USE	
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR- CONDITIONERS	INDIA	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/IND/74	Air conditioner and its related Parts The Air Conditioner and its related Parts (Quality Control) Order, 2018	60 days from notification
			FOOD AND BEV	ERAGES	
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	THE SEP- ARATE CUS- TOMS TER- RITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/306/Add.2	Prepackaged food products - Addendum The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that "The Regulation on Nutrition Labeling for Prepackaged Food Products", as per G/TBT/N/ TPKM/306on 13 November 2017, was promulgated on 31 March 2018 and will come into effect on the date of promulgation.	_
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	TANZANIA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/147	Carbonated soft drinks This Tanzania Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for carbonated soft drinks of which only nutritive sweeteners are used as sweetening agent; produced for human consumption. The standard does not cover carbonated water.	60 days from notification
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	TANZANIA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/148	Sugar free carbonated soft drinks This Tanzania Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for sugar free carbonated soft drinks of which only non-nutritive sweeteners are used as sweetening agent.	60 days from notification
MILK AND PRO- CESSED MILK PRODUCTS	UGANDA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/467/Add.1	Flavoured UHT milk - Addendum Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the standard; DUS 1597:2015, Flavoured UHT Milk-Specification; which Uganda notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/467 was withdrawn on 12 December 2017.	-

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			GLASS AND CERAMIC	INDUSTRIES	
CERAMIC PRODUCTS	ECUADOR	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/ECU/12/Rev.1	Ceramic products - Review	02 July 2018
				This draft revision of the Technical Regulations establishes the Object; scope; definitions; product requirements; sampling; essays to assess compliance; labeling requirements; reference documents; procedure for conformity assessment; monitoring and control authority; sanctions regime; responsibility of the conformity assessment bodies and review and update of the Ecuadorian Technical Regulation RTE INEN 010 "Products Ceramic Tableware and Other Items for Domestic Use, Hygiene or Toilet".	
		1	HEALTH CARE TEC	CHNOLOGY	
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/JPN/594	Pharmaceutical products The Minimum Requirements for Biological Products shall be partially amended to revise the standard for the "Rotavirus live attenuated, Oral, Pentavalent vaccine".	30 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1354	Closed circuit escape respirators	21 May 2018
		MECH	ANICAL SYSTEMS AND COMP	The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposes to modify current language found in Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations which addresses post-approval testing of closed-circuit escape respirators (CCERs). The revised language should clarify that post-approval testing of CCERs may exclude human subject testing and environmental conditioning, at the discretion of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HHS. The revision to the text in this paragraph will clarify the scope of post-approval testing conducted by NIOSH.	
	1	MECH	ANICAL SYSTEMS AND COMP	ONENTS FOR GENERAL USE	
BOLTS, SCREWS, STUDS	TURKEY	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/111	Eye bolts, metric Standard on eye bolts, metric	60 days from notification
			PAINT AND COLOR	,	
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	ARGENTINA	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/ARG/166/Add.11	Latex paints - Addendum	_
VARNISHES				It is reported that by Resolution No. 171 of the Ministry of Commerce (SC) the scope is modified of the Regime of Compulsory Certification of Inks or Printed Graphic Products eliminating certain tariff items in Annex I of Resolution ex SCI No. 453/2010 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 166 / Add.5) and of Annex I of Resolution SC N ° N ° 685/2015 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 166 / Add.9).	

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PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES							
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING EQUIPMENT	MÉXICO	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/402	Liquefied petroleum and natural gas This Procedure is applicable to natural persons and morals that have a permit granted in terms of the Hydrocarbons Law and the Regulation of the Activities referred to in Title Three of the Hydrocarbons Law to carry out the following activities: 1. Gas Transportation L.P., by means other than Pipelines 2. Gas Distribution L.P. 3. Expense to the Gas Public L.P. 4. Natural Gas Distribution. 5. Expense of Natural Gas. 6. Distribution of petroleum products. 7. Expenditure to the Petroliferous Public. Regarding the acts of verification and preparation of opinions and technical reports corresponding, this Procedure is applicable to the Verification Units accredited and approved in terms of the Law, to carry out supervision and vigilance regarding compliance with the Official Mexican Standards indicated in the numeral 2 of this procedure.	N.A.		
			ROAD VEHICLES EN				
ROAD VEHICLES	UGANDA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/37/Add.1	Used vehicles - Addendum	_		
ENGINEERING				Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the standard; US 845:2008, Road vehicles — Code of practice for inspection and testing of used motor vehicles for roadworthiness; which Uganda notified in G/TBT/N/UGA/37 was withdrawn on 12 December 2017.			
		TEL	ECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO	AND VIDEO ENGINEERING			
TELECOMMUNI- CATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	CANADA	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/546	Wireless devices Notice is hereby given that the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada has published the following at Web site: • Decisions on New Requirements for Wireless Device Testing Laboratories, which announces changes to the requirements for wireless device testing laboratories resulting from the consultation process SMSE-011-17, Consultation on New Requirements for Wireless Device Testing Laboratories	23 May 2018		
RADIOCOMMUNI- CATIONS	FRANCE	03/04/2018	G/TBT/N/FRA/184	Radio terminal equipment The draft decree aims to improve public information on exposure to radio frequencies emitted by radio equipment. It aims to make mandatory display of the values of the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) of equipment radio transmitters subject to an obligation to measure.	60 days from the date of notification		

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				These values are nearby the equipment to which they relate at the point of sale or distribution free of charge to the final consumer and in any advertising.	
ELECTROMAG- NETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC)	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	05/04/2018	G/TBT/N/KOR/754	In order to facilitate the distribution of wireless power transmission equipment, an electromagnetic interference criteria applicable to wireless power transmission equipment exceeding 10 W is separately prepared. It is more mitigated than the current household wireless power transmission EMI criteria. We intend to revise the electromagnetic interference criteria of microwave ovens to conform to the reality by accepting international standards.	60 days from notification
RADIOCOMMUNI- CATIONS	THE SEP- ARATE CUS- TOMS TER- RITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	04/04/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/318	Base station radio frequency e[]ation mobile telecommunication The third-generation mobile communications (3G) service will be terminated in December 2018. Due to the requirement for CSFB, 3G network will still exist in the mobile broadband (4G) network as heterogeneous networks. In other words, the third generation mobile communication technology can provide services by using the frequency of mobile broadband services. In order to meet the development needs of domestic mobile broadband services, the NCC refers to relevant international technical standards, and the arrangement of "Technical Specifications for Base Station Radio Frequency Equipment of Mobile Broadband Business", and combine IS 2035, IS 2036 and IS 2037 into this regulation. Below is the summarized information: 1. Legal sources (Point 1) 2. Scope of application (Point 2) 3. Technical standards (Point 3) 4. General testing items and eligibility criteria (Point 4) 5. Testing items and eligibility criteria for base station radio frequency equipment (Point 5) 6. Testing items and eligibility criteria for femtocell access points radio frequency equipment (Point 6) 7. Testing items and eligibility criteria for repeater radio frequency equipment (Point 7) 8. Testing methods for testing items (Point 8)	30 May 2018