

WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN

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

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

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A total of 46 notifications on Agriculture, Chemical technology, Domestic and commercial equipment. Entertainment. Sports, Electrical engineering, Food technology, Health care technology, etc., from Brazil, China, Ecuador, European Union, India, United States, and other countries are listed.

We would like to hear from you. For any questions, suggestions or requests for full text of notified regulations, please contact us at bps@dti.gov.ph

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (04-10 July 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	BRAZIL	06/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1023/Corr.1	Ingredients and additives authorized for use in animal feed - Corrigendum <i>Normative Instruction no. 40, notified on G/TBT/N/BRA/1023, wrongly mentioned that Ministerial Ordinance no. 975 was revoked. A correction, stating that NI no. 40 revoked Ministerial Ordinance no. 795 instead, was published in the Brazilian Official Gazette 121,</i>	—

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ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	KENYA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1003	Insects for food and feed <i>This draft Kenya code of practice provides the requirements for sustainable establishment and operation of wild harvested or domesticated insect farming, production, harvesting and post harvesting handling</i>	25 August 2020
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	LITHUANIA	06/07/2020	G/TBT/N/LTU/39	Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment <i>The provisions of the Law are amended in accordance with the Directive 2014/40/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco and related products and repealing Directive 2001/37/EC (hereinafter - the Tobacco Products Directive).</i>	60 days from notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	LITHUANIA	06/07/2020	G/TBT/N/LTU/40	Tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment <i>The Draft Law aims to license the production, wholesale and retail sale of tobacco related products.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CEMENT. GYPSUM. LIME. MORTAR	UGANDA	07/07/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1215	Quick and hydrated lime intended for use in buildings <i>This Uganda Standard specification applies to quick and hydrated lime intended for use in buildings.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	06/07/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/150	Styrene (vinyl Benzene) <i>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Styrene (Vinyl Benzene) (Quality Control) Order, 2020 listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</i>	60 days from notification
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	06/07/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/151	Vinyl Acetate Monomer <i>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Vinyl Acetate Monomer (Quality Control) Order, 2020 listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</i>	60 days from notification

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ORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	07/07/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/152	Acrylonitrile <i>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Acrylonitrile listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</i>	60 days from notification
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	07/07/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/153	Maleic Anhydride <i>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Maleic Anhydride (Quality Control) Order, 2020 listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</i>	60 days from notification
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	07/07/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/154	Methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, n-butyl acrylate <i>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Methyl Acrylate, Ethyl Acrylate, n-Butyl Acrylate (Quality Control) Order, 2020 listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
OUTDOOR AND WATER SPORTS EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/211/Add.2	Labeling of balls, balls and inflatable articles for leisure and sport - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador announces that the Ecuadorian Technical Regulation RTE INEN 211 relating to the labeling of balls, balls and inflatable articles for leisure and sport, notified to document G/TBT/N/ECU/211/Add.1 of August 20, 2014, was suspended and declared inapplicable; it is therefore null and void.</i>	—
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/253/Add.2	Party Item Labeling - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador announces that the Ecuadorian Technical Regulations RTE INEN 135 relating to labeling of party supplies, notified by document G/TBT/N/ECU/253/Add.1 of December 8, 2014, was suspended and declared inapplicable; it is therefore null and void.</i>	—
TOYS	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/TTO/121/Rev.2	Safety of toys : compulsory requirements - Revision <i>This standard establishes compulsory requirements for the following elements and chemicals including: antimony, arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury, phthalates and selenium contained within new, seconds, reconditioned and refurbished toys.</i>	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/871/Rev.1	Domestic electrical appliances - Revision <i>Amends rules to establish new energy efficiency standards and testing procedures; updates existing standards and product listing requirements. Final date for comments: 24 July 2020.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	EUROPEAN UNION	07/07/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/725	Lead and hexavalent chromium compounds in electric and electronic initiators of ex[...]s for civil (professional) use <i>This draft Commission Delegated Directive concerns an application specific and temporary exemption from the RoHS 2 (Directive 2011/65/EU) substance restrictions.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	EUROPEAN UNION	07/07/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/726	Mercury in electric rotating connectors used in intravascular ultrasound imaging systems <i>This draft Commission Delegated Directive concerns an application specific and temporary exemption from the RoHS 2 (Directive 2011/65/EU) substance restrictions.</i>	60 days from notification
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	SRI LANKA	06/07/2020	G/TBT/N/LKA/40	LED lamp <i>No person shall import in Sri Lanka, any LED lamp which fails to conform to the energy performance standards specified in Sri Lanka Standards (SLS) 1530:2016 and approved by Sri Lanka Standards Institution.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	VIET NAM	10/07/2020	G/TBT/N/VNM/173	Land mobile user equipment <i>This draft National technical regulation specifies technical requirements on radio access of Land Mobile User Equipment (UE). Land Mobile User Equipment (UE) must be E-UTRA equipment.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1504/Add.1	Gates and enclosures - Addendum <i>Pursuant to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is issuing this final rule establishing a safety standard for gates and enclosures that are intended to confine a child. This rule will become effective 6 July 2021.</i>	—

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	BRAZIL	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/964/Add.1	Air conditioners - Addendum <i>Inmetro Ordinance no. 234, 29 June 2020 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/964 - which approves the partial improvement of conformity assessment requirements for air conditioners, establishing the seasonal cooling performance index and determining other measures for the availability of these products in the national market, was published in the Brazilian Official Gazette no. 124, on 1 July 2020.</i>	—
FLUID STORAGE DEVICES	JAMAICA	06/07/2020	G/TBT/N/JAM/94	Inspection, retesting and use of steel cylinders <i>This Jamaican Standard specifies requirements for inspection, retesting and use of steel cylinders.</i>	03 September 2020
PIPELINE COMPONENTS AND PIPELINES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1117/Add.4	Pipeline safety - Addendum <i>PHMSA is amending the Gas Transmission Final Rule to address the requirements for recordkeeping and the applicability of maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) reconfirmation. The amendments are intended to clarify the regulatory requirements identified in the Petition without adversely affecting safety. The effective date of this rule is 1 July 2020.</i>	—
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	07/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/399	Food products <i>The Project, prepared by the National Food Commission (CONAL) incorporates Article 220 that establishes the following: "On the label of the products food authorized in accordance with the Argentine Food Code, must record with characters of size not less than 1 mm, followed by the information of origin identification, the National Food Product Registration number granted by the competent authority at the time of its sanitary authorization and that it appears in the certificate corresponding to your authorization".</i>	30 days from notification

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MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	CHILE	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/522	Dairy or milk products <i>As a result of motions of parliamentary origin, the Commission Mixed Agriculture and later the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, approved the Draft Law on the preparation, naming and labeling of dairy products or derived from milk.</i>	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	ECUADOR	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/348/Rev.2	Ceramic tableware intended to come into contact with food - Revision <i>The notified Ecuadorian technical regulation establishes the requirements to which must satisfy ceramic ware before marketing intended to come into contact with food, domestic or imported, for the purpose the protection of human health and safety and the prevention of practices likely to mislead.</i>	30 days from notification
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	KENYA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1004	Edible insects' products <i>This Draft Kenya standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for edible insects' products intended for human consumption.</i>	25 August 2020
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	KENYA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1005	Products containing edible insects <i>This Draft Kenya standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for products containing edible insects as an ingredient intended for human consumption.</i>	25 August 2020
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MEXICO	06/07/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/468	Prepackaged food and non-alcoholic beverages <i>Carry out the reforms to the Health Control Regulation of Products and Services and the Regulation of the General Health Law on Advertising, to comply with the second transitory Decree by which they are amended and add various provisions of the General Health Law.</i>	60 days from notification
GLASS AND CERAMICS INDUSTRIES					
GLASS PRODUCTS	ECUADOR	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/462/Rev.2	Silvered flat glass mirrors - Revision <i>The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by silver-coated flat glass mirrors, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with a view to preventing deceptive practices.</i>	30 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY	AUSTRALIA	10/07/2020	G/TBT/N/AUS/121	Sports supplements <i>The Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration is proposing to declare under section 7 the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 that sports supplements containing ingredients not acceptable for food.</i>	60 days from notification
STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION	BRAZIL	10/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1033	Sanitizing products <i>This Draft Resolution establishes procedure for changes in the process of post-market authorization of sanitizing products.</i>	21 August 2020
MEDICAMENTS	CHINA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1430	Drugs <i>This procedure is aimed to implement the MAH responsibility for drug security, effectiveness and quality controllability during the whole process of drug development, production, marketing and using.</i>	60 days from notification
MEDICAMENTS	CHINA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1431	Drugs <i>These Key points for the Inspection is to provide guidance for the drug supervision and administration department in the supervision and inspection of the MAH.</i>	60 days from notification
MEDICAMENTS	CHINA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1432	Drugs <i>The Regulation is drafted to regulate the management of annual drug reports of MAH.</i>	60 days from notification
MEDICAMENTS	CHINA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1433	Packaging materials for medical products <i>The Good Manufacturing Practice for Packaging Materials for Medical Products is the basic requirement for the production management and quality control of medical packaging materials.</i>	60 days from notification
DENTAL EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	07/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/229/Add.3	Dentistry equipment - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador announces that the suspension of the Ecuadorian RTE Technical Regulations INEN 199 relating to dentistry equipment, suspended and declared inapplicable, notified by means of document G/TBT/N/ECU/229/Add.2 of January 30, 2020, was extended until the following date: August 5, 2020.</i>	—

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DENTAL EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/234/Add.3	Dental chairs - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador announces that the suspension of the Ecuadorian RTE Technical Regulations INEN 205 relating to dental chairs, suspended and declared inapplicable, notified by means of document G/TBT/N/ECU/234/Add.2 of January 30, 2020, was extended by 30 days until the date next: August 5, 2020.</i>	—
DENTAL EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/235/Add.3	Dental units - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador announces that the suspension of the Ecuadorian RTE Technical Regulations INEN 206 relating to dental units, suspended and declared inapplicable, notified by means of document G/TBT/N/ECU/235/Add.2 of January 30, 2020, was extended by 30 days until the date following: August 29, 2020.</i>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	KOREA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/902	Medical devices <i>Safety requirements for medical devices in the form of LED masks such as setting the measurement distances of light output in consideration of the actual use environment and providing eye protection for products that use wavelengths below the blue light range, etc.</i>	60 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	KOREA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/903	Pharmaceuticals <i>Establishment of Criteria for Administrative disposition for where false approval is obtained (Proposal [Attachment 8]) - A new set of detailed criteria for administrative disposition for where permission or approval is obtained by a false or other wrongful method (e.g., revocation of approval).</i>	60 days from notification
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
BOLTS, SCREWS, STUDS	ECUADOR	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/442/Rev.2	Self-tapping and self-drilling screws - Revision <i>The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the labelling requirements to be met by self-tapping and self-drilling screws with different types of heads, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with a view to preventing deceptive practices. Final date for comments: 30 days from notification.</i>	—

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METALLURGY					
OTHER IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	UGANDA	07/07/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1216	Hot-rolled steel sheet of high yield stress structural quality <i>This Uganda Standard applies to hot-rolled steel sheet of high yield stress structural quality in the grades and classes listed in Tables 1 and 2, with the use of microalloying elements.</i>	60 days from notification
NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES					
BIOLOGY. BOTANY. ZOOLOGY	UNITED STATES	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/608/Rev.2/Add.1	Plant seeds - Addendum <i>This final rule revises the regulations that implement the Federal Seed Act (FSA) . Revisions are made to seed labeling, testing, and certification requirements. Effective 6 August 2020.</i>	—
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING	CHILE	06/07/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/521	Motor vehicles with a gross nominal weight of less than 3,860 kg, with the exception of gross [...] minimum mass of less than 2,700 kg <i>The notified proposal updates the normative references and affirms the character mandatory protective devices against unauthorized use of vehicles with engine with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 3,860 kg, except vans, minibuses and forward-cab vans, with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 2,700 kg.</i>	60 days from notification
SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	BRAZIL	08/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/978/Add.2	Conformity assessment activities in countries affected by coronavirus epidemic - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to notice that Ordinance no. 111, of 27 March 2020, that approves extraordinary conditions for execution of conformity assessment activities in countries affected by coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19), issued by the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (INMETRO) and notified under G/TBT/N/BRA/978/Add.1.</i>	—

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING	CHINA	09/07/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1434	Radio transmitting equipment <i>In order to implement Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Radio Administration, newly revised in 2016 and promote the application of radio technology and its industrial development, this regulation has given more detailed and comprehensive information on management of radio transmitting equipment, based on the existing regulations.</i>	60 days from notification