



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 33 notifications on Agriculture, Environment, Health Protection, Food Technology, Health Care Technology, Services, Company Organization, Management and Quality, Administration, Transport, Sociology, etc., from Brazil, European Union, Philippines, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (07 - 13 August 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	10/08/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1208	Aquatic plants (seaweeds and algae) This draft regulation applies to requirements that must be met in aquatic plants (weeds, algae) that are used for animal feeding	60 days from notification
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	10/08/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1209	Aquatic animals and products derived thereof This draft technical regulation applies to requirements that must be met in aquatic organisms and the products derived from them that are used for animal feeding.	60 days from notification

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TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	NEW ZEALAND	12/08/2021	G/TBT/N/NZL/106	Vaping and smokeless tobacco products Vaping (and smokeless tobacco) products are now regulated under the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (the Act)	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS	BRAZIL	09/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/713/Add.2/Corr.1	Cosmetics products - Corrigendum The following communication, dated 9 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Brazil.	–
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	CHILE	10/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHL/567	Instant water heater This protocol establishes the procedure for the certification of instantaneous water heaters, according to scope and field of application of the Standard IEC 60335-2-35.	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	10/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/223/Add.2	Matches and toothpicks - Addendum Inmetro Ordinance No. 335 revokes on the date of 1 December 2021.	–
CLEANING APPLIANCES	CHILE	09/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHL/555/Add.1	Vacuum cleaners and water-suction cleaning appliances - Addendum Modification of the deadline for submitting observations - date: August 23, 2021	–
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
CABLES	CHILE	10/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHL/568	Unipolar or multipolar electrical conductor, for use in low voltage; designation RZ1 and RZ1-K. This protocol establishes the procedure for safety certification for unipolar or multipolar electrical conductors, without armature or screen, non-flame or fire propagator, with low emission of toxic gases, low smoke opacity and low acid number of gases combustion;	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1717/Rev.1/Add.1	Consumer products and commercial / industrial equipment - Addendum The following communication, dated 11 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America. Comment period changed - date: 13 September 2021	–

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1760	Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for light-duty vehicles The proposed revised standards would result in significant benefits for public health and welfare, primarily through substantial reductions in both GHG emissions and fuel consumption and associated fuel costs paid by drivers, and the benefits of the proposed standards would be far in excess of costs.	27 September 2021
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	12/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1762	Residential dishwashers, residential clothes washers, and consumer clothes dryers. The Department of Energy ("DOE") published two final rules that established product classes for residential dishwashers with a cycle time for the normal cycle of 60 minutes or less, top-loading residential clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers with a cycle time of less than 30 minutes, and front-loading residential clothes washers with a cycle time of less than 45 minutes ("short-cycle product classes"). The rules resulted in amended energy conservation standards for these short cycle product classes, without determining whether the relevant statutory criteria for amending standards were met. Thus, DOE proposes to revoke the two earlier rules that improperly promulgated standards and reinstate the prior product classes and applicable standards for these covered products.	12 October 2021
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	13/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1763	Microwave ovens Notification of proposed determination and request for comment - The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including microwave ovens	12 October 2021
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	MONGOLIA	12/08/2021	G/TBT/N/MNG/14	Alcohol beverages The purpose of this draft law is to regulate relations with regard to production, export, import, re-export, sale, services and consumption of alcohol beverages, and prevention of and fight against alcoholism.	27 August 2021
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
STATIONARY CONTAINERS AND TANKS	UGANDA	10/08/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1364	Polyethylene water storage tank . This Working Draft specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for moulded polyethylene water storage tanks (closed and open top tank). This draft standard is not applicable to underground tanks, mobile water tanks and horizontal cylindrical water tanks.	60 days from notification
PUMPS	UNITED STATES	11/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/981/Add.2	Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial and Industrial Pumps The following communication, dated 11 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.	8 September 2021

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	09/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1226/Corr.1	Pre-packaged goods sold in the form of aerosol - Corrigendum The following communication, dated 6 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Brazil.	–
GENERAL METHODS OF TESTS AND ANALYSIS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	09/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1228	Fresh biological yeast It aims to update and consolidate regulatory acts, elimination of obsolete regulations whose effects have been exhausted in time or the need cannot be identified.	–
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	BRAZIL	12/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1229	Fresh strawberries Ensure equivalent treatment with respect to its identification and classification for its commercialization within MERCOSUR, and therefore it contributes preserving the health of consumers, eliminating non-tariff technical barriers and preventing fraud and unfair commercial practices.	24 October 2021
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CANADA	13/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/647/Add.1	Supplemented foods - Addendum This regulatory proposal aims to establish a regulatory framework for supplemented foods in Canada. Canada considers supplemented foods to be prepackaged foods containing one or more supplemental ingredients, such as vitamins, mineral nutrients, amino acids, and other ingredients (e.g. caffeine, herbal extracts), which have historically been marketed as providing specific physiological or health effects.	24 September 2021
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	12/08/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/832	Health claim made on foods and referring to children's development and health This draft Commission Regulation concerns the refusal of authorisation of one health claim made on foods and referring to children's development and health 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	60 days from notification

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	PHILIPPINES	12/08/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/260	Plants and plants products derived from the use of modern technology This draft Memorandum aims to update the list of commodities for importation requiring genetically modified (GM) declaration. AO 08 Series of 2002 covers the importation or release into the environment of: 1. any plant which has been altered or produced through the use of modern biotechnology if the donor organism, host organism, or vector or vector agent belongs to any of the genera or taxa classified by BPS as meeting the definition of plant pest or is a medium for the introduction of noxious weeds; or 2. Any plant or plant product altered or produced through the use of modern biotechnology which may pose significant risks to human health and the environment based on available scientific and technical information.	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	09/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/835/Add.2	Thermometers - Addendum Notified measure enters into force date: 1 September 2021	—
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	12/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1154/Add.5	New medical devices and medicines identified as indispensable for the use in healthcare se [...]ed to the SARS-CoV-2 - Addendum Notified measure enters into force - date: 6 August 2021	—
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	13/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/648/Add.1	Natural health products Health Canada is proposing to amend the Natural Health Products Regulations (NHPR) to introduce the following four labelling requirements: 1) A Product Facts Table; 2) Labelling of food allergens, gluten and aspartame; 3) Clearly and prominently displayed label text; and 4) Modernized contact information.	24 September 2021
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASUREMENT OF FORCE, WEIGHT AND PRESSURE	BRAZIL	12/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/621/Add.5	Non-invasive measurement of sphygmomanometers, which are designed to measure human blood p[...]arm, wrist and thigh - Addendum Inmetro Ordinance No. 341 revokes on the date of 1 December 2021: or automatic digital sphygmomanometers, etc.	—

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PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	10/08/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1210	<p>Packaging of feed products such as metal, glass, plastic and wooden</p> <p>This draft technical regulation applies to requirements for the packaging of feed products such as metal, glass, plastic and wooden packaging.</p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	COLOMBIA	12/08/2021	G/TBT/N/COL/250	<p>Retroreflective tapes for use in motor vehicles</p> <p>The draft resolution establishes the technical regulation for nationally manufactured and imported retroreflective tapes that are used in motor vehicles and their trailers, which circulate in Colombia, with the aim of prevent or minimize risks to the life and integrity of people, through compliance with technical performance requirements, as well as preventing practices that may mislead consumers.</p>	60 days from notification
SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	13/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/922/Rev.1	<p>Avocados - Revision</p> <p>This proposed rule would change the maturity requirements currently prescribed under the Florida avocado marketing order. The order regulates the handling of avocados grown in South Florida and is administered locally by the Avocado Administrative Committee (Committee).</p>	12 October 2021
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	09/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1759	<p>Ceiling fan light kits, general service incandescent lamps, incandescent reflector[...] d dedicated-purpose pool pumps</p> <p>Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or the "Department") proposes to amend the certification provisions for ceiling fan light kits ("CFLKs"), general service incandescent lamps ("GSLs"), incandescent reflector lamps ("IRLs"), ceiling fans, consumer furnaces and boilers, consumer water heaters, dishwashers, commercial clothes washers ("CCWs"), battery chargers, and dedicated-purpose pool pumps ("DPPPs").</p>	5 October 2021
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	11/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1761	<p>Hazardous materials</p> <p>Notice of proposed rulemaking - PHMSA proposes to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations to maintain alignment with international regulations and standards by adopting various amendments, including changes to proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, air transport quantity limitations, and vessel stowage requirements.</p>	12 October 2021

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	EUROPEAN UNION	09/08/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/831	<p>Radio spectrum for use by short-range devices within the 874-876 and 915-921 MHz frequency bands</p> <p>This draft Commission Regulation concerns the refusal of authorisation of one health claim made on foods and referring to children's development and health 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.</p>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
YARNS	BRAZIL	09/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1227	<p>Sewing threads</p> <p>it aims to update and consolidate regulatory acts, elimination of obsolete regulations whose effects have been exhausted in time or the need cannot be identified.</p>	–
(NO TITLE)					
	PERU	11/08/2021	G/TBT/N/PER/135	<p>Agricultural organic products</p> <p>This standard modifies the conditions and requirements for the authorization of the Participatory Guarantee System for the certification of the organic production for the national market.</p>	60 days from notification