



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 58 notifications on Agriculture, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Health Care Technology, Road Vehicles Engineering, Textile and Leather Technology, etc., from India, Kenya, Mexico, Uganda, 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 (09 - 15 January 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PLANT GROWING	KENYA	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1048	<p><i>Pre-basic, basic and certified 1 and 2 seed of wheat (Triticum aestivum L.)</i></p> <p>This Draft East African Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified 1 and 2 seed of wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) . It includes requirements for eligible varieties, field standards, field inspections, seed sampling, laboratory standards, certificates, packaging and labelling, and post-control tests.</p>	2 March 2021

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PLANT GROWING	KENYA	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1049	<i>Banana (Musa paradisiaca L) seeds</i> This Working Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements for certification for banana (<i>Musa paradisiaca L</i>) seeds.	2 March 2021
PLANT GROWING	KENYA	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1050	<i>Rice seeds</i> This Draft East Africa Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified seed of rice (<i>Oryza sativa L.</i>) .	2 March 2021
PLANT GROWING	KENYA	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1051	<i>Millet seeds (Eleusine coracana L.)</i> This Draft East African Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified seed of finger millet seeds (<i>Eleusine coracana L.</i>)	2 March 2021
PLANT GROWING	KENYA	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1052	<i>Cotton seed (Gossypium spp.)</i> This Draft East Africa Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified seed of cultivated cotton (<i>Gossypium spp.</i>) seed.	2 March 2021
PLANT GROWING	KENYA	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1053	<i>Common bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.)</i> This Draft East Africa Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified seed of common bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris L.</i>) .	2 March 2021
PLANT GROWING	UGANDA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1278	<i>Common bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.)</i> This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified seed of common bean (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris L.</i>) .	60 days from notification
PLANT GROWING	UGANDA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1279	<i>Wheat seeds</i> This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified ¹ and 2 seed of wheat (<i>Triticum aestivum L.</i>) .	60 days from notification

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PLANT GROWING	UGANDA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1280	<p><i>Cotton seeds</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified seed of cultivated cotton (<i>Gossypium spp.</i>) seed.</p>	60 days from notification
PLANT GROWING	UGANDA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1281	<p><i>Rice seeds</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified seed of rice (<i>Oryza sativa L.</i>) .</p>	60 days from notification
PLANT GROWING	UGANDA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1282	<p><i>Banana (Musa paradisiaca L) seeds</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements for certification for banana (<i>Musa paradisiaca L</i>) seeds.</p>	60 days from notification
PLANT GROWING	UGANDA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1283	<p><i>Millet seeds</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the certification requirements for pre-basic, basic and certified seed of finger millet seeds (<i>Eleusine coracana L.</i>)</p>	60 days from notification
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1688	<p><i>Helicopter autopilot and stability augmentation system</i></p> <p>Final special conditions; request for comments - These special conditions are issued for the Bell Textron Canada Limited (BTCL) Model 505 helicopter. This helicopter as modified by Garmin International, Inc. (Garmin), will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for helicopters.</p>	11 January 2021

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ARE/490/Add.1	<i>Liquid detergent - Addendum</i> <i>Draft of GSO standard Liquid Detergent for Manual Dishwashing will be adopted as voluntary standard.</i>	-
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	COLOMBIA	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/COL/232/Add.1	<i>Chemicals substances - Addendum</i> The Republic of Colombia informs regarding the draft Decree "By which regulates the Integral management of chemical substances for industrial use and other determinations "that its content has been updated and is presented for public consultation.	-
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/187	<i>Linear alkyl benzene</i> This order seeks to ensure conformity to Linear Alkyl Benzene listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.	60 days from the date of upload on WTO website
CLOTHING INDUSTRY					
SEWING MACHINES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/195	<i>Sewing machines</i> Sewing Machines (Quality Control) Order, 2021	60 days from the date of circulation of the notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/488	<i>Water heaters for domestic and commercial use</i> This Draft Mexican Official Standard establishes the minimum levels of thermal efficiency that water heaters must meet to household and commercial use.	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/439/Add.1	<i>Children's chairs and stools - Addendum</i> The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection Requirements for Children's Chairs and Stools," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/439 on 13 November 2020, was promulgated on 25 December 2020 and will come into effect on 1 December 2021.	-
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/441/Add.1	<i>Safety barriers - Addendum</i> The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection Requirements for Safety Barriers," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/441 on 23 November 2020, was promulgated on 31 December 2020 and will come into effect on 1 December 2021.	-
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	15/01/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/445/Add.1	<i>Carry cots - Addendum</i> The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection Requirements for Carry Cots and Stands," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/445 on 30 November 2020, was promulgated on 31 December 2020 and will come into effect on 1 December 2021.	-
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ROTATING MACHINERY IN GENERAL	EGYPT	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/EGY/280	<i>Rotating electrical machines</i> The producers and importers of the three -phase, cage-rotor induction motors with capacities of 0.75 kilowatts and up to 375 kilowatts, given Eighteen-month transitional period to abide by no less than (IE3) energy efficiency level rating.	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	14/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1459/Add.1	<i>Electric utility generating units emissions - Addendum</i> In this final action, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing a significant contribution finding (SCF) for purposes of regulating source categories for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, under section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for electric generating units (EGUs), and in doing so, reaffirming that EGUs remain a listed source	-

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1512/Add.2	<p><i>Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic chemicals - Addendum</i></p> <p>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing a rule under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to address its obligations under TSCA for 2,4,6-tris(tert-butyl)phenol (2,4,6-TTBP) (CASRN 732-26-3), which EPA has determined meets the requirements for expedited action under TSCA.</p>	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1570/Add.1	<p><i>Manufactured home construction and safety - Addendum</i></p> <p>This final rule amends the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (the Construction and Safety Standards) by adopting recommendations made to HUD by the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC), as modified by HUD.</p>	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1624/Add.1	<p><i>Gas pipeline systems - Addendum</i></p> <p>HMSA is amending the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations to ease regulatory burdens on the construction, maintenance, and operation of gas transmission, distribution, and gathering pipeline systems without adversely affecting safety.</p>	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1639/Add.3/Corr.1	<p><i>Showerheads - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>On 16 December 2020, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a final rule amending the definition of showerhead.</p>	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1640/Add.2	<p><i>Airplanes and airplane engines - Addendum</i></p> <p>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is adopting greenhouse gas (GHG) emission standards applicable to certain classes of engines used by certain civil subsonic jet airplanes with a maximum takeoff mass greater than 5,700 kilograms</p>	-
POLLUTION, POLLUTION CONTROL AND CONSERVATION	UNITED STATES	14/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1683/Corr.1	<p><i>Hazardous materials - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>On page 83366, in the DATES section, change "20 January 2021" to read "21 January 2021."</p>	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1687	<p><i>Toxic substances control act risk evaluation of n-methylpyrrolidone</i></p> <p>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of the final Toxic</p>	-

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1689	<p><i>Petroleum measurement standards</i></p> <p>This direct final rule incorporates by reference American Petroleum Institute's (API's) reaffirmation of 21 production measurement publications (each referred to herein as a "standard") .</p>	27 January 2021
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1691	<p><i>Consumer product exposure warnings</i></p> <p>Proposes to amend certain sections of Article 6 of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations.</p>	8 March 2021
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	NICARAGUA	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/NIC/127/Add.2	<p><i>Products of animal origin - Addendum</i></p> <p>The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua informs that it notified on March 8, 2013 with the symbol G/TBT/N/NIC/127, with an addendum on May 14, 2013 under the symbol G/TBT/N/NIC/127/Add.1, NTON 11 034</p>	-
FOOD ADDITIVES	SLOVENIA	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/SVN/112	<p><i>Vinegar and diluted acetic acid</i></p> <p>These Rules lays down the conditions for the minimum quality, labeling and classification to be met on the market of naturally fermented vinegar and diluted acetic acid.</p>	60 days from notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	UGANDA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1276	<p><i>Smoked meat</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, methods of test and sampling for smoked meat for human consumption.</p>	60 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ECU/498	<p><i>Medicines, biologics and medical devices</i></p> <p>The present sanitary technical regulation aims to establish the guidelines for the implementation, monitoring and control of traceability of drugs, biological products and medical devices in the country.</p>	-
PHARMACEUTICS IN GENERAL	NICARAGUA	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/NIC/168	<p><i>Pharmaceutical products: medicines for human use</i></p> <p>Establish the guidelines that must be met in terms of therapeutic equivalence, multi-origin drugs to carry out the procedure of Health Register.</p>	21 February 2021
PHARMACEUTICS IN GENERAL	PERU	14/01/2021	G/TBT/N/PER/128	<p><i>Pharmaceuticals, medical devices and health-care products</i></p> <p>The purpose of this Regulation is to establish the Regulatory provisions of Article 8 of Law No. 29459, Law of Products Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices and Health Products</p>	-
OTHER MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UGANDA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1277	<p><i>Medical safety goggle</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and methods of test for medical safety goggles.</p>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	14/01/2021	G/TBT/N/TTO/126/Add.2	<p><i>Compostable and biodegradable food-contact, single-use tableware, packaging, and associated lids - Addendum</i></p> <p>Comment period changed - date: 19 February 2021</p>	-
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
LIQUID FUELS	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	14/01/2021	G/TBT/N/TTO/26/Add.2/Corr.1	<p><i>Automotive diesel fuel - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>The notification contained in document G/TBT/N/TTO/26/Add.2 was distributed erroneously. It is therefore considered null and void.</p>	-

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ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHILE	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/CHL/521/Add.1	<p><i>Motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of less than 3,860 kg, except for cab-over-engine eight of not less than 2,700 kg - Addendum</i></p> <p>Publication of the notified measure - date: December 28, 2020</p>	-
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	MEXICO	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/489	<p><i>Motor vehicles</i></p> <p>This Draft Official Mexican Standard establishes the technical inspection criteria to determine the physico-mechanical conditions of the Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight not exceeding 3,857 kg</p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES	11/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/418/Add.2	<p><i>Motorcycles - Addendum</i></p> <p>This document amends Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) Nos. 122 and 123 to allow the use of an internationally recognized symbol.</p>	-
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	14/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1681/Corr.1	<p><i>Motor vehicle test procedures - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>Correction In notice document 2020-28107 appearing on pages 83143-83152 in the issue of Monday, 21 December 2020</p>	-
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
THERMOPLASTIC MATERIALS	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/186	<p><i>Ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers</i></p> <p>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Ethylene Vinyl Acetate Copolymers listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</p>	60 days from the date of upload on WTO website
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/191	<p><i>Polyethylene</i></p> <p>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Polyethylene Material for moulding and extrusion listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</p>	60 days from the date of upload on WTO website
RAW MATERIALS FOR RUBBER AND PLASTICS	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/193	<p><i>Styrene-butadiene rubber latex</i></p> <p>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Styrene-Butadiene Rubber Latex listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</p>	60 days from the date of upload on WTO website

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SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
SERVICES FOR CONSUMERS	MEXICO	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/490	<p><i>Timeshare service</i></p> <p>This Draft Mexican Official Standard establishes the commercial information requirements and regulatory elements to which the timeshare service providers.</p>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1597/Add.1	<p><i>Unlicensed white space devices operating in the broadcast television bands (TV Bands) - Addendum</i></p> <p>Notified measure enters into force - date: 11 February 2021.</p>	-
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	UNITED STATES	13/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1690	<p><i>Radiofrequency (RF) devices</i></p> <p>The Commission proposes to update its radiofrequency (RF) device marketing and importation rules in order to allow equipment manufacturers to better gauge consumer interest and prepare for new product launches.</p>	11 February 2021
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
YARNS	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/185	<p><i>Polyester spun grey and white yarn</i></p> <p>This order seeks to ensure conformity to 100 Percent Polyester Spun Grey and White Yarn listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</p>	60 days from notification
YARNS	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/188	<p><i>Polyester industrial yarn</i></p> <p>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Polyester Industrial Yarn listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</p>	60 days from notification
YARNS	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/189	<p><i>Polyester continuous filament fully drawn yarn</i></p> <p>This order seeks to ensure conformity to Polyester Continuous Filament Fully Drawn Yarn listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.</p>	60 days from notification

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YARNS	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/190	<i>Polyester partially oriented yarn</i> This order seeks to ensure conformity to Polyester Partially Oriented Yarn listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard	60 days from notification
MAN-MADE FIBRES	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/192	<i>Polyester staple fibres</i> This order seeks to ensure conformity to Polyester Staple Fibres listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.	60 days from notification
MAN-MADE FIBRES	INDIA	12/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/194	<i>Synthetic micro-fibres</i> This order seeks to ensure conformity to Synthetic Micro-Fibres for use in Cement Based Matrix listed in the schedule to the specified Indian Standard.	60 days from notification
(NO TITLE)					
NO TITLE	ECUADOR	15/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ECU/499	<i>Procedure for the issuance, creation or reform, of administrative acts of content control and sanitary surveillance</i> The purpose of this regulation is to establish the procedure for the issuance, creation or reform of content administrative acts dregulatory framework contemplated in the powers of the National Regulatory Agency, Sanitary Control and Surveillance- ARCSA	-