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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 Domestic and commercial equipment. Entertainment. Sports, Environment. Health protection. Safety, Food technology, Road vehicles engineering, Telecommunications. Audio and video engineering, etc., from Brazil, European Union, Korea, Mexico, 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 (11-17 July 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	GERMANY	17/07/2020	G/TBT/N/DEU/14/Rev.1	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes - Revision <i>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. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification.</i>	—

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TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1631	Flavored electronic smoking devices <i>Proposed rule - Establishes rules pertaining to flavored electronic smoking devices.</i>	24 July 2020
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/375/Add.8	Pencil sharpeners, backpacks and briefcases, drawing sets - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - INMETRO, issued Draft Ordinance No. 217, of 18 June 2020, which proposes to make adjustments in order to clarify the excerpts from the Technical Quality Regulation (RTQ) and the Quality Requirements Conformity Assessment (RAC) for School Articles, established by Ordinance Inmetro No. 481, of 07 December 2010.</i>	—
TOYS	BRAZIL	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/612/Add.2	Toys - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - INMETRO, issued Draft Ordinance No. 217, of 18 June 2020, which proposes to make adjustments in order to clarify the excerpts from the Technical Quality Regulation (RTQ) and the Quality Requirements Conformity Assessment (RAC) for Toys, established by Ordinance Inmetro No. 563, of 29 December 2016.</i>	—
TOYS	ECUADOR	14/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/282/Add.2	Jewellery and imitation jewellery - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that Ecuadorian Technical Regulation RTE INEN No. 126: "Jewellery and imitation jewellery", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/282/Add.1 of 29 April 2016, has been repealed and declared null and void.</i>	—
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/469	Microwave equipment using fixed multichannel systems: multiple access radiocommunication <i>The notified official Mexican standard establishes technical specifications and test methods for radiocommunication equipment intended to be integrated into a multiple access radiocommunication system using links to point-to-point and/or point-to-multipoint microwave frequencies in the band 2300 to 2450 MHz.</i>	08 September 2020

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MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	15/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/623/Add.2/Corr.1	Portable bed rails - Corrigendum <i>The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) issued a direct final rule revising CPSC's mandatory standard for portable bed rails to incorporate by reference the most recent version of the applicable ASTM standard. Effective 8 July 2020.</i>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	15/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/771/Add.2/Corr.1	Infant carriers - Corrigendum <i>The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) issued a direct final rule revising CPSC's mandatory standard for hand-held infant carriers to incorporate by reference the most recent version of the applicable ASTM standard. Effective on 8 July 2020.</i>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	15/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/915/Add.2/Corr.1	Sling carriers - Corrigendum <i>The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) issued a direct final rule revising CPSC's mandatory standard for sling carriers to incorporate by reference the most recent version of the applicable ASTM standard. Effective on 8 July 2020.</i>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	15/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1042/Add.2/Corr.1	Children's folding chairs and stools - Corrigendum <i>The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) issued a direct final rule revising CPSC's mandatory standard for children's folding chairs and stools to incorporate by reference the most recent version of the applicable ASTM standard. Effective on 8 July 2020.</i>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	17/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1634	Product labels <i>Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") seeks comment on this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM") related to "Made in USA" and other unqualified U.S.-origin claims on product labels.</i>	24 September 2020

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	14/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/446/Rev.1	Decorative lighting products - Revision <i>The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by decorative lighting products, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human safety and preventing deceptive practices.</i>	30 days from notification
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	17/07/2020	G/TBT/N/TTO/124	Compact fluorescent lamps and light emitting diode lamps <i>This standard establishes compulsory requirements for the relevant test methods, general labelling requirements, energy labelling requirements and safety and performance requirements.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1035	Personal protective equipment : type air intake respirator line compressed air flow contin[...] ask of positive pressure demand <i>This Ordinance refers to the Certificates of Approval - CA of Personal Protective Equipment- PPE type air intake respirator line compressed air flow continuous, air-supply respirator type compressed air line demand with positive pressure and air supply respirator type autonomous open circuit mask of positive pressure demand.</i>	—
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	CHINA	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1358/Add.1	Non-powered air-purifying particle respirator - Addendum <i>Due to the impact of the global COVID-19, the date of implementation for this national standard is now extended to 1 July 2021 to ensure the stable supply of respirator products.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY	NEW ZEALAND	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/NZL/102	Mercury-containing products <i>Amend regulations under the Import and Export (Restrictions) Act 1988 to ban the import and export of specific mercury-containing products.</i>	15 September 2020

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ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY	PERU	17/07/2020	G/TBT/N/PER/124	Dangerous and similar substances for domestic, industrial and / or public health use <i>The Regulation regulates the import, manufacture and commercialization of chemical products for their proper use and handling of chemical substances, in order to guarantee that the chemical products are quality and that does not represent any risk to the population's health.</i>	13 September 2020
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1532/Add.1	National emission standards for hazardous air pollutants : paper and other web coat[...]nd technology review - Addendum <i>This action finalizes the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Paper and Other Web Coating (POWC) source category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP). This final rule is effective on 9 July 2020.</i>	—
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ALBANIA	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ALB/96	Organic processed food, feed and yeast <i>This decision is intended to set out detailed rules for: a) production of food and animal feed, processed and organic; b) production of biological yeasts and their products. Final date for comments: 70 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat</i>	—
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	17/07/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/400	Ultra pasteurized milk cream <i>The Project, prepared by the National Food Commission (CONAL) incorporates Article 585 bis that establishes the patterns of identity and quality of Ultra Pasteurized Milk Cream, as well as its definition, treatment, packaging, Microbiological criteria, among other aspects, to unify the criteria for its commercialization.</i>	45 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	COLOMBIA	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/COL/242	Alcoholic drinks <i>The notified text concerns the modification of Decree 1686 of 2012 in order to enable the National Institute for Drug and Food Surveillance (INVIMA) to require, as part of the granting of health registration, the documentation and information proving compliance with technical standards, processes and procedures.</i>	90 days from notification

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BUTTER	COSTA RICA	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/CRI/188	Butter <i>The purpose of the notified document is to establish specifications applicable to the Butter. It applies to butter intended for direct human consumption or for further processing in the territory of the States Parties.</i>	60 days from notification
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MEXICO	15/07/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/468/Add.1	Pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages - Addendum <i>The Ministry of the Economy published, in the Official Journal, the Agreement establishing criteria for the implementation, verification, monitoring and conformity assessment of the Amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-051-SCFI/SSA1-2010: General specifications for the labelling of pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages - Commercial and health information, published on 27 March 2020.</i>	—
BUTTER	EL SALVADOR	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/SLV/207	Butter <i>The purpose of this regulation is to establish the specifications to be met by butter, which meets the definition given in number 4 of this Central American technical regulation.</i>	60 days from notification
GENERAL METHODS OF TESTS AND ANALYSIS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS	UNITED STATES	15/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1364/Add.6	Bioengineered (BE) food - Addendum <i>The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) posts final guidance to validate a refining process and selects a testing method as it pertains to the National Bioengineered Food Disclosure Standard (Standard). The guidance documents are available and effective 7 July 2020.</i>	—
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/905	Advanced biological products <i>As the Act on the Safety and Support of Advanced Biological Products was established, the Regulations on the Review and Approval of Advanced Biological Products was enacted to stipulate document requirements and evaluation criteria for the approval of advanced biological products.</i>	20 days from notification

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NO TITLE					
NO TITLE	BRAZIL	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1034/Corr.1	Geographical indications - Corrigendum <i>The notification G/TBT/N/BRA/1034 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.</i>	-
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING MACHINERY	KOREA	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/906	Food labelling <i>The proposed amendment is to replace the "sell-by date" in food labelling with "use-by date".</i>	60 days from notification
PAINT AND COLOUR INDUSTRIES					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	OMAN	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/OMN/410	Emulsion paints for interior and exterior use and gloss, semi gloss and matt alkyd enamel pa[...]interior and exterior surfaces <i>This Ministerial decree obligating the Omani standards:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OS 197/2020 "Paints and Varnishes - Emulsion Paints for Interior and Exterior Use" and • OS 240/2020 "Paints and Varnishes - Gloss, Semi Gloss and Matt Alkyd Enamel Paint for Interior and Exterior Surfaces" 	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	14/07/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/727	Vehicles and their trailers (M, N and O-category vehicles), and systems, component[...]nits intended for such vehicles <i>The enclosed draft implementing act lays down the administrative requirements for the online data exchange of EU type-approvals, granted, amended, refused or withdrawn as well as a list of the technical services which have performed the tests for the respective EU type-approvals under the framework Regulation (EU) 2018/858.</i>	60 days from notification

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ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	14/07/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/728	Vehicles and their trailers (M, N and O-category vehicles), and systems, component[...]nits intended for such vehicles <i>The draft implementing act concerns administrative provisions and technical requirements as regards vehicle systems and components, such as demist/defrost, spray-suppression systems, gear shift indicator, wheel guards, etc.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES	15/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1394/Add.4/Corr.1	Motor vehicles - Corrigendum <i>This document corrects technical errors in the final rule that appeared in the Federal Register on 30 April 2020, entitled "The Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks." This correcting document is effective 8 July 2020.</i>	
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1630	Vehicle add-on or modified parts <i>Proposed Rule - Amends rules to incorporate by reference various federal regulations and test methods. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has adopted regulations applicable to aftermarket parts in the Code of Federal Regulations.</i>	20 July 2020
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1632	Heavy duty trucks <i>Proposed rule - Amends and adopts sections to implement lower NOx requirements for heavy duty trucks.</i>	25 August 2020
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1633	Low-emission vehicle and zero-emission vehicle <i>Proposed Rule - Adopting certain provisions of California regulations for Low-Emission Vehicle and Zero-Emission Vehicle programs relating to air quality.</i>	—

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SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES					
NAVIGATION AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	15/07/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1575/Add.1	Cellular transceiver units - Addendum <i>The U.S. Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) program type-approves enhanced mobile transceiver units (EMTUs) for use in U.S. fisheries. The final rule will be effective 7 August 2020.</i>	—
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1036	Analog TV transmitter and relay, auxiliary service transmitter broadcasting (TV), TV chann[...].r and audio and video modulator <i>This draft resolution establishes the Technical Requirements for Conformity Assessment of Analog TV Transmitter and Relay, Auxiliary Service Transmitter Broadcasting (TV), TV Channel Converter and Audio and Video Modulator.</i>	30 July 2020
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	16/07/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1037	Autocine transmitter <i>This draft resolution establishes the Technical Requirements for Conformity Assessment of Autocine Transmitter, aiming to ensure the continuity and updating of the technical requirements in force.</i>	30 July 2020
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	13/07/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/904	Aeronautical radio equipment <i>This regulation is to specify technical specifications of Aeronautical Radio equipment.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to delete unused items such as coverage distance, bit error rate, etc. • to harmonize with international standards (ITU Radio Regulations, ICAO SARPs) 	60 days from notification
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	MEXICO	14/07/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/470	Transmission equipment used for the specialized mobile radio service <i>The notified document establishes technical specifications and test methods applicable to radiocommunication equipment intended to be integrated into a multiple access radio communication system using microwave links point-to-point and / or point-to-multipoint in the band 2300 to 2450 MHz.</i>	11 September 2020