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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 57 notifications on Construction Materials and Building, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food Technology, and Health Care Technology, etc., from China, European Union, Kenya, Philippines, 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 (14 - 20 August 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	CHINA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1621	Feed additive - Propionic acid This standard specifies the technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, labelling, packaging, transportation and storage of feed additive propionic acid.	60 days from notification
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	17/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1764	Helicopters Final rule; request for comments - The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for various restricted category helicopters originally manufactured by Bell Textron Inc.	13 September 2021

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	INDIA	17/08/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/208	<p>Polyphosphoric acid</p> <p>Polyphosphoric Acid is used in various synthesis processes of other chemicals to catalyze cyclization of Acids, esters, ketones, aldehydes etc. Polyphosphoric Acid is used in industries such as medicines, aromatics, leather industry.</p>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	ARGENTINA	20/09/2018	G/TBT/N/ARG/344	<p>Construction products</p> <p>The notified measure constitutes the regulatory framework establishing the basic quality and safety principles and requirements for construction products marketed in the territory of the Argentine Republic.</p>	Not applicable
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	UNITED STATES	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1009/Add.7	<p>Prerinse spray valves - Addendum</p> <p>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including commercial prerinse spray valves ("CPSVs").</p>	18 October 2021
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
FURNITURE	CHINA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1617	<p>Furniture structures</p> <p>This document specifies the general safety requirements for furniture structures and the structural safety requirements for specific products.</p>	60 days from notification
FURNITURE	CHINA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1618	<p>Harmful substances in furniture</p> <p>This standard specifies the terms and definitions, requirements, test methods and judgement inspection results for harmful substances in furniture.</p>	60 days from notification
FURNITURE	CHINA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1623	<p>Infants' furniture and children's furniture</p> <p>This document specifies the general safety requirements for infants' furniture and children's furniture and the safety requirements for specific products</p>	60 days from notification

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FURNITURE	KENYA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1110	Office chairs This draft prescribes requirements and methods of tests for office chairs.	8 November 2021
FURNITURE	KENYA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1112	Joints used in wooden furniture This draft Kenya Standard covers the joints to be used in locations in various types of wooden furniture	8 November 2021
INDOOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT	CHINA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1620	Indoor stationary training equipment This document specifies the safety requirements of indoor stationary training equipment.	60 days from notification
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	CHINA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1619	Hazardous substances for musical instruments This document specifies the terminology, definitions and classification related to musical instruments, musical instrument accessories and musical instrument packages placed indoors, and specifies the requirements, test methods, inspection rules and packaging marks of the limits of hazardous substances to human body for musical instruments, musical instrument accessories and musical instrument packages placed indoors.	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	BOTSWANA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BWA/131	Firefighting equipment: hose couplings, connectors, branch pipe and nozzle connections This standard specifies requirements for: 1. fire hose delivery couplings to fit hoses of nominal diameter 45 mm, 65 mm, 70 mm and 100 mm; 2. suction couplings to fit hoses of nominal diameter 80 mm, 90 mm, 100 mm, 115 mm, 125 mm, 140 mm, and 150 mm, and 3. connectors	16 October 2021
FIRE-FIGHTING	BOTSWANA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BWA/132	Firefighting equipment: components of underground and aboveground hydrant systems This standard specifies requirement for major components (including the connections) of two types of hydrant assemblies.	16 October 2021
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY.	MONGOLIA	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/MNG/12/Add.1	List of technical regulations to be developed and revised for the period 2019 - 2021 The purpose of the regulation is to ensure the safety of human health, environment, product and industry and to protect public interest.	60 days from notification

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AIR QUALITY	TURKEY	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/187	<p>Emission limits and type approval for internal combustion engines installed on off-road mobile machines</p> <p>This Notification covers the emission limits for all engines in the categories specified in the first paragraph of Article 5 of the afore mentioned Regulation and for gas and particulate pollutants arising from the engines of these machines, which are installed or intended to be fitted to mobile machines used outside the highway determined by The Regulation on Gas and Particulate Pollutant Emission Limits and Requirements Regarding Type Approval for Internal Combustion Engines Installed on Moving Machines Used Outside the Highway (2016/1628 / EU).</p>	31 August 2021
AIR QUALITY	TURKEY	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/188	<p>Gaseous pollutants arising from internal combustion engines installed in off-road mobile machinery and in use</p> <p>This Notification covers and applies to monitoring of the gaseous pollutant emissions from the following categories of in-service engines of emission Stage V installed in non-road mobile machinery: (a) NRE-v-5; (b) NRE-v-6.</p>	31 August 2021
AIR QUALITY	TURKEY	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/189	<p>Emission limits and administrative requirements on type approval for internal combustion engines on off-road mobile machines</p> <p>This Notification covers the emission limits for all engines in the categories specified in the first paragraph of Article 5 of the afore mentioned Regulation and for gas and particulate pollutants arising from the engines of these machines, which are installed or intended to be fitted to mobile machines used outside the highway determined by The Regulation on Gas and Particulate Pollutant Emission Limits and Requirements Regarding Type Approval for Internal Combustion Engines Installed on Moving Machines Used Outside the Highway (2016/1628/EU).</p>	31 August 2021
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1396/Add.4	<p>Chemical substances - Addendum</p> <p>EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs).</p> <p>This rule is effective on 18 October 2021.</p>	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1513/Add.2	<p>Chemical substances - Addendum</p> <p>EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) .</p> <p>This rule is effective on 18 October 2021.</p>	-

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1514/Add.2	Chemical substances - Addendum EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). This rule is effective on 18 October 2021.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1539/Add.1	Chemical substances - Addendum EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . This rule is effective on 18 October 2021.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1545/Add.1	Chemical substances - Addendum EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . This rule is effective on 18 October 2021.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1553/Add.1	Chemical substances - Addendum EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . This rule is effective on 18 October 2021.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	17/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1641/Add.1	Chemical substances - Addendum EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). This rule is effective on 15 October 202 1.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1763/Corr.1	Microwave ovens - Corrigendum The following communication, dated 16 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America .	-

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
FLUID STORAGE DEVICES	URUGUAY	17/08/2021	G/TBT/N/URY/43/Add.1	<p>Portable containers and their accessories for liquefied petroleum gas and natural gas - Addendum.</p> <p>The preliminary draft of the Regulation notified in G / TBT / N / URY / 43 (of September 28 of 2020) was adopted on July 20, 2021, with minor modifications incorporated after the period of public consultation, with the title "Regulations for the Safety of Gas Appliances, Containers Laptops and their Accessories for Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Natural Gas "</p>	-
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	18/08/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/833	<p>Organic products</p> <p>Delegated Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2018/848 for specific requirements for production, use and marketing of organic, in-conversion and non-organic seedlings as plant reproductive material under Annex II and III to Regulation (EU) 2018/848.</p>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	MEXICO	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/500	<p>Labeling of certified organic products</p> <p>The purpose of this Agreement is to make known and establish the rules for the use of the National Distinction of Organic Products with the specifications, color patterns and other characteristics that are required in the Agreement.</p>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	PERU	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/PER/136	<p>Primary Agricultural Food Labels</p> <p>The purpose of the normative proposal is to specify the information on the labels of primary agricultural foods, relative to the name of the food, net content, country of origin, name and address of the holder of the sanitary authorization, name and address of the importer, sanitary authorization of establishment of primary processing of agricultural foods, identification of lot, expiration date and instructions for its use and conservation; allowing the consumer makes an appropriate consumer decision. Likewise, it allows to strengthen the SENASA's competence in the surveillance and control of food safety primary agricultural foods.</p>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	17/08/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1143/Add.3	<p>Expiration dates for food products: mandatory expiration dates - Addendum</p> <p>This technical regulation is concerned with the maximum shelf life permitted for food products likely to perish under appropriate packaging and specific storage conditions. It also establishes the most important requirements for shelf life labelling of all food products.</p>	-

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY	TANZANIA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/616	Groundnuts, whether or not shelled or broken This code of practice represents a standard of good practice for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in groundnuts intended for human and animal consumption along the value chain. It recommends practices based on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and are generally consistent with Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles which are in cooperated in certification schemes.	60 days from notification
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	THAILAND	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/554/Add.1	Pineapple in hermetically sealed containers - Addendum This addendum is to inform that TIS 51-25XX proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/554, was adopted as TIS 51-2562(2019) Pineapple in Hermetically Sealed Containers.	-
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1113	Dried meat This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for dried meat.	15 October 2021
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1114	Lamb and mutton carcasses and cuts meant This Draft East African Standard specifies methods of grading and grades of lamb and mutton, quality requirements, safety requirement and methods of sampling and test for lamb and mutton carcasses and cuts meant for human consumption.	15 October 2021
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1115	Pork carcasses and cuts meant This Draft East African Standard specifies grading of pork, quality requirements, safety requirement and methods of sampling and test for pork carcasses and cuts meant for human consumption.	15 October 2021
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/617	Dried meat This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for dried meat.	60 days from notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/619	Lamb and mutton carcasses and cuts This Draft East African Standard specifies methods of grading and grades of lamb and mutton, quality requirements, safety requirement and methods of sampling and test for lamb and mutton carcasses and cuts meant for human consumption .	60 days from notification

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MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/620	Pork carcasses and cuts This Draft East African Standard specifies grading of pork, quality requirements, safety requirement and methods of sampling and test for pork carcasses and cuts meant for human consumption.	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	TANZANIA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/618	Groundnut flour This Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for groundnut flour from the varieties of <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> L intended for human consumption.	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
BIRTH CONTROL. MECHANICAL CONTRACEPTIVES	BRAZIL	18/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/42/Add.1/Corr.1	Natural rubber condoms - Corrigendum Rectification of article 4 of Inmetro Ordinance No. 266, 22 June 2021, published in the Federal Official Gazette on 25 June 2021, pages 66 to 67, section 1.	-
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY	KENYA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/KEN/1111	Stainless steel and enamelled iron kidney trays This Standard prescribes requirements and test methods for stainless steel and enamelled iron kidney trays .	8 November 2021
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	PHILIPPINES	18/08/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/261	Ionizing radiation devices The proposed issuance aims to update the national basic radiation protection and safety standards of the Philippines on the use of radiation devices repealing Administrative Order (AO) Nos. 149, 164 s. 2004, its DOH Memorandum Circular 323, and all other relevant Administrative Orders issued by the DOH to effectively adopt relevant provisions of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Safety Requirements (GSR) Part 3.	30 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	VIETNAM	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/205	Medical devices This draft Decree specifies regulations on the management of medical devices, including: classification; manufacturing, circulating, trading, exporting, importing and providing medical devices services; information, advertising, labelling; declare prices of medical devices and manage and use medical equipment at medical facilities.	60 days from notification

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PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	18/08/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/870/Add.26	Guide to good manufacturing practices for medicinal products - Addendum Rectification of article 4 of Inmetro Ordinance No. 266, 22 June 2021, published in the Federal Official Gazette on 25 June 2021, pages 66 to 67, section 1.	-
PHARMACEUTICS	PHILIPPINES	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/262	New drugs under monitored release The proposed issuance intends to provide updated post-marketing surveillance (PMS) requirements for new drugs under monitored release.	31 August 2021
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
INFORMATION CODING	CHINA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1622	Chinese glyphs and characters This standard specifies the hexadecimal presentations of binary codings of Chinese glyphs and characters. It is applicable to the representation, transmission, interchange, processing, storage, input, and presentation of the glyphs and characters.	60 days from notification
MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING					
MACHINE TOOLS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/984	Drills and impact drills Particular requirements for screwdrivers and impact wrenches (KC 60745-2-2) will be harmonized with relevant international standards (IEC 60745-2-2 Ed 2.1)	60 days from notification
MACHINE TOOLS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	20/08/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/985	Hand-held motor-operated electric tools: screwdrivers and impact wrenches Particular requirements for screwdrivers and impact wrenches (KC 60745-2-2) will be harmonized with relevant international standards (IEC 60745-2-2 Ed 2.1).	60 days from notification
NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES					
MICROBIOLOGY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	19/08/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/977/Add.1	LMOs created through modern biotechnology - Addendum Draft partial amendment of the Transboundary Movement, etc. of Living Modified Organisms Act	-
NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES	UKRAINE	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/188/Add.1	GMOS and genetically modified products - Addendum The draft Law of Ukraine "On State Regulation of Genetically Engineered Activities and State Control over the Circulation of GMOs and Genetically Modified Products to Ensure Food Security" .	-

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ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	CHINA	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1616	Electric bicycle chargers (including on-board chargers) This document specified the categories, requirements, test methods, signs, warnings and instructions for electric bicycle chargers (including on-board chargers).	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
OTHER RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	UGANDA	17/08/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1365	Plastic baby feeding bottle This Draft Uganda standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for plastic feeding bottles used for nursing babies. This standard does not cover teats (nipples) and glass feeding bottles.	60 days from notification
SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
TRANSPORT	UNITED STATES	17/08/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1765	Diesel powered truck transport refrigeration units (TRUs) to zero emission technology Proposed rule - Amends rules to achieve added public health, air quality, and climate benefits by requiring the transition of diesel-powered truck transport refrigeration units (TRUs) to zero emission technology, a PM emission standard for newly manufactured TRU engines in the remaining categories, and the use of lower global warming potential (GWP) refrigerant.	13 September 2021
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	18/08/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/652	Hearing aid compatibility and volume control features for specific radio apparatus Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada that the following consultation has been released: RSS-HAC, Issue 2, Hearing Aid Compatibility and Volume Control, which sets out the compliance requirements for hearing aid compatibility and volume control features for specific radio apparatus.	29 October 2021
WOOD TECHNOLOGY					
PLYWOOD	PHILIPPINES	16/08/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/227/Add.2	Plywood - Addendum The Memorandum Circular provides transitory provisions for the implementation of DAO 20-06 Series of 2020 to allow entry of plywood from foreign source without valid PS License until 31 December 2021.	-
SEMI-MANUFACTURES OF TIMBER	UGANDA	17/08/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1366	Sculptures made from crafting wood This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements sampling and test methods for wood carvings/sculptures made from crafting wood.	60 days from notification