

# 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 37 notifications on Healthcare Technology, Environment , Health Protection and Safety, Food Technology, Chemical Technology, Domestic and Commercial Equipment. Entertainment. Sports., Construction and Building Materials, etc., from Brazil, Republic of Korea, Chinese Taipei/The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, Kenya, United States of America Tanzania 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (21 - 27 March 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
03. PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT					
CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1476/Add.1</a>	<p>Product-safety testing and certification services</p> <p><i>In this notice, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), announces the final decision to: (1) Add one new test standard to the Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories (NRTL) Program's list of appropriate test standards; (2) delete or replace several test standards from the NRTL Program's list of appropriate test standards; and (3) update the scope of recognition of several NRTLs. The actions contained in this notice will become effective on 24 March 2020.</i></p>	—

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<b>11.HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
MEDICAL DEVICES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/884</a>	<p><b>Medical Devices</b></p> <p><i>The administrative rules prescribe the operation of medical device software precertification program which aim to support the development and commercialization of innovative medical devices</i></p>	30 days from date of notification
MEDICAL DEVICES	CHINESE TAIPEI/THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	25/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/263/Add.1</a>	<p><b>Medical Devices</b></p> <p><i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Medical Devices Act", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/263 on 31 January 2017, was promulgated on 15 January 2020. The implementation date will be further announced.</i></p>	-
MEDICAL DEVICES	PHILIPPINES	24/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PHL/232</a>	<p><b>Health products under the DOH-Food and Drug Administration (e.g processed food, food supplements, food additives and ingredients, drugs or medicines, cosmetics, medical and health-related devices, including diagnostic kits and reagents, radiation emitting devices or equipment, household hazardous substances, including urban pesticides, cigarettes, toys and childcare articles, among other products as determined by the DOH-FDA)</b></p> <p><i>The draft Administrative Order provides additional guidelines on the FDA services particularly on fees and charges, validity of License to Operate (LTO), Certificate of Product Registration (CPR), Foreign Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (FGMP), among others.</i></p>	60 days from date of notification
ANAESTHETIC, RESPIRATORY AND REANIMATION	BRAZIL	26/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/988</a>	<p><b>Medical devices, protection equipment, and lung ventilator</b></p> <p><i>This Resolution establishes extraordinary and temporary criteria and procedure for the handling of petitions for the market authorization of individual protection equipment, lung ventilator equipment, and another medical devices identified as strategic by Anvisa, due to the international public health emergency of the new coronavirus (Covid-19) .</i></p>	-
SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND MATERIALS;	UGANDA	23/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/1206</a>	<p><b>Absorbent Gauze</b></p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements, methods of test and sampling of absorbent gauze.</i></p>	60 days from date of notification
SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND MATERIALS;	UGANDA	23/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/1207</a>	<p><b>Plastic of Paris Bandage</b></p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements, methods of test and sampling of plaster of Paris (POP) bandage.</i></p>	60 days from date of notification

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DISINFECTANTS AND ANTISEPTICS	BRAZIL	26/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/989</a>	Antiseptic preparations, sanitizer  <i>This resolution establishes exceptional criteria and procedure for the manufacturing and sale of antiseptic preparations and sanitizers without previous market authorization from Anvisa and provides other measures due to the international public health emergency related to the SARS-CoV-2.</i>	-
IN-VITRO DIAGNOSTIC TEST SYSTEMS; PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	26/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/990</a>	Pharmaceutical products, in vitro diagnosis products, biological products  <i>This resolution establishes exceptional and temporary criteria and procedure for the processing of petitions for the market authorization of medicines, biological products, and in vitro diagnosis products; and for the post-market authorization of medicines and biological products due to the international public health emergency of the new coronavirus (Covid-19) .</i>	-
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	25/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/870/Add.22</a>	Antibiotics, Medicaments  <i>The Resolution - RDC number 301, 21 August 2019 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/870 - which adopts the Guide to Good Manufacturing Practices for Medicinal Products of the Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (PIC/S) of 1 July 2018, was rectified. The final text is available only in Portuguese and can be downloaded at: <a href="http://pesquisa.in.gov.br/imprensa/jsp/visualiza/index.jsp?data=23/03/2020&amp;jornal=515&amp;pagina=134">http://pesquisa.in.gov.br/imprensa/jsp/visualiza/index.jsp?data=23/03/2020&amp;jornal=515&amp;pagina=134</a></i>	-
<b>13. ENVIRONNEMENTE. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY</b>					
SPECIAL WASTES; PAPER AND BOARD;	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	23/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/881</a>	Recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paper-board  <i>Chinese Taipei is trying to delete the exemption of waste export and import declaration for those who want to import and export waste paper that is contaminated with oil or contains foreign substances.</i>	20 days from date of notification
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	CHINESE TAIPEI/ THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MANTSU	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/390/Rev.1</a>	Protective helmets for drivers and passengers of motorcycle and mopeds; pedal cyclists and for users of skates, skateboards and roller skates.  <i>The BSMI is proposing to amend the inspection requirements for certain protective helmets currently subject to legal inspection to ensure their safety with multi-functions. This proposal applies to protective helmets for (1) drivers and passengers of motorcycle and mopeds, (2) pedal cyclists and (3) users of skates, skateboards and roller skates. In addition, a new version of the inspection standard will be adopted for the second and third categories of protective helmets. The conformity assessment procedure remains the same: Batch Inspection or Registration of Product Certification (RPC) .</i>	60 days from date of notification

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<b>29. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>					
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/885</a>	<i>Medical Devices with Electrical Safety</i>  <i>The amendment aims for the exemption from electrical appliance safety verification for medical devices with electrical safety.</i>	60 days from date of notification
RECTIFIERS, CONVERTERS, STABILIZED POWER SUPPLY	CHINESE TAIPEI/ THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENG-HU, KIN-MEN AND MATSU	23/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/395/Add.1</a>	<i>Static converters and other products</i>  <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Legal Inspection Regulations on static converters and eleven other commodities" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/395 on 11 December 2019, was promulgated on 19 March 2020 and came into effect on the date of announcement.</i>	60 days from date of notification
<b>33. TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	23/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/985</a>	<b>Telecommunication Products</b>  <i>Public Consultation Proposal for approval of the Operational Procedure for Anatel Identification Label in Telecommunications Products, aiming to comply with the provisions of article 63 of the Conformity Assessment and Homologation Regulation for Telecommunications Products, approved by Resolution No. 715, 23 October 2019.</i>	07 April 2020
<b>35. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>					
35.020 - Information technology (IT) in general;	BRAZIL	23/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/986</a> Brazil	<b>Terminal equipment; telecommunications network infrastructure equipment</b>  <i>Public Consultation for approval of minimum cyber-security requirements for terminal equipment connects to the Internet and for telecommunications network infrastructure equipment, aiming to minimize vulnerabilities by means of software/firmware updates or by means of recommendations on configurations and remote management methods.</i>	17 May 2020
<b>45. RAILWAY ENGINEERING</b>					
RAILWAY ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	MEXICO	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/435/Add.1</a>	<b>Railway tractive stock</b>  <i>Mexico notifies response to comments received on the draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-002-ARTF-2018. Railway system - Safety - Inspection of traction equipment, published on October 25, 2018.</i>	-

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<b>59 . TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY</b>					
YARNS	TANZANIA	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/412</a>	<b>B-twill Jute Cloth</b> <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard prescribes the constructional details and other particulars of B-twill jute cloth used for the manufacture of jute bags for packing food grains.</i>	60 days from date of notification
			61. CLOTHING INDUSTRY		
CLOTHES	KENYA	26/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/991</a>	<b>Cotton Flannel</b> <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and test methods for cotton flannel.</i>	10 May 2020
CLOTHES	TANZANIA	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/413</a>	<b>Ready-made Garments</b> <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies basic labelling, marking and sapling plan requirements for all ready-made garments, woven and knitted fabrics and other products manufactured from textiles.</i>	60 days from date of notification
<b>65. AGRICULTURE</b>					
FARMING AND FORESTRY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	24/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/882</a>	<b>Environment-friendly agricultural and fishery products, processed organic foods and materials for organic farming</b> <i>The proposed amendments aims to prescribe detailed matters regarding imposing and collection of penalty surcharges as laying the basis for imposing penalty surcharges, setting specific standards for imposing administrative fines concerning those violated and importance of matters under the amendments to the act, in particular upper limit of administrative fines and developing specific regulations on delegation including research and evaluation on actual conditions of agricultural and fishery resources and environment, designation of and monitoring agency for education and training, imposing and collection of penalty surcharges .</i>	60 days from date of notification
TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1519/Add.2</a>	<b>Cigarette Packages and Advertisements</b> <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a final guidance for industry entitled "Submission of Plans for Cigarette Packages and Cigarette Advertisements." This guidance is intended to assist those required to submit cigarette plans for cigarette packages and cigarette advertisements by providing content, timing, and other recommendations related to those submissions. The announcement of the guidance is published in the Federal Register on 20 March 2020. Link is provided below: <a href="https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/submission-plans-cigarette-packages-and-cigarette-advertisements">https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/submission-plans-cigarette-packages-and-cigarette-advertisements</a></i>	-

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<b>67. FOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	24/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/987</a>	Food supplements <i>This draft normative instruction establishes the updating of the lists of constituents, limits of use, health claim, and labelling for food supplements. Please, find the attached file containing the text of the draft resolution.</i>	04 May 2020
CHEESE	KENYA	26/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/990</a>	Provolone cheese and curds <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for Provolone cheese intended for direct consumption and/ or for further processing.</i>	05 May 2020
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ISRAEL	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1109</a>	Intoxicating beverages <i>The new draft regulations announced by Israel's Ministry of Health called "Protection of Public Health Regulations (Food) (Food that is an Intoxicating Beverage) 5779-2019" aim to regulate production procedures, import and inspection of intoxicating beverages.</i>	60 days from date of notification
COOKWARE, CUTLERY AND FLATWARE	MEXICO	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/414/Add.1</a>	Cooking utensils with a non-stick coating that contain the following base materials (substrata): aluminium, steel, stainless steel, iron, ceramics, glass, or any other material deriving from these base materials. <i>The official Mexican Standard NOM-225-SCFI-2019. Safety of household items - Cooking utensils with non-stick coating - Specifications and test methods, is published.</i>	=
<b>71. CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY</b>					
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	26/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TTO/123</a>	Laundry detergents <i>This standard establishes compulsory requirements for laundry detergents. It specifies the chemical requirements for key parameters and also includes requirements for labelling of the packaging used for laundry detergents.</i>	60 days from date of notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	EUROPEAN UNION	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/707</a>	Cosmetic products <i>This draft Commission Regulation would restrict nail products containing HEMA/Di-HEMA to professional use only and the following warnings "for professional use only" and "Can cause an allergic reaction" should be added on the package.</i>	60 days from date of notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1480/Add.1</a>	Chemical substances <i>EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for the chemical substances identified in Unit IV. which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . This action requires persons to notify EPA least 90 days before commencing manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or processing of any of these chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this rule. This rule is effective on 19 May 2020. For purposes of judicial review, this rule shall be promulgated at 1 p.m. (EST) on 3 April 2020.</i>	=

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<b>75. PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
WOOD CHAR-COAL	KENYA	23/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/989</a>	<p>Charcoal and carbonized briquettes</p> <p><i>This standard specifies requirements for sustainably produced charcoal and carbonized briquettes that are derived from forest, plantation, sustainably harvested wood and other forest products, by-products and residues from wood processing industry, chemically untreated wood, herbaceous biomass, fruit biomass, aquatic biomass, agro-industrial residues (e.g. sugarcane bagasse, rice husks etc.), treated faecal sludge and organic market wastes, in lump and briquette form that is intended for household and commercial use.</i></p>	17 May 2020
<b>77. METALLURGY</b>					
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODCUTS	THAILAND	26/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/Notif.98/618/Rev.1</a>	<p>Hot-Rolled Steel Strip for Pipes and Tubes</p> <p><i>The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed to revise the draft Thai Industrial Standard for Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Coil and Strip for Pipes and Tubes (TIS 1735-2542 (1999)) which was notified to WTO/TBT under G/TBT/Notif.98.618; by withdrawing the previous version and replacing it with TIS 1735-2563 (2020): Thai Industrial Standard for Hot-Rolled Steel Strip for Pipes and Tubes.</i></p> <p><i>This revised standard is applicable to the hot-rolled carbon steel strip, whether unalloyed or alloy steels, used for welded steel pipes and tubes.</i></p> <p><i>The major revisions include amending the scope, definition, type and chemical composition; and laying down the requirements for materials and mass.</i></p>	60 days from date of notification
<b>91. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	KENYA	26/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/992</a>	<p>Plastic Composite Paving Blocks</p> <p><i>This Kenya Standard specifies requirements for plastic composite paving blocks intended for the construction of low speed roads, domestic driveways and parking and other paved surfaces subjected to all categories of static and vehicular loading and pedestrian traffic.</i></p>	20 My 2020
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	ISRAEL	25/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1108/Rev.1</a>	<p>Lead content in taps for use with drinking water</p> <p><i>This draft additional exemption applies only to bathroom taps and to taps intended for washing hands. It postpones the end date of the exemption notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/1108 with an additional eight months, until 1 March 2021. This exemption will allow the selling of remain inventory and therefore, will not apply on taps manufactured in Israel or imported into Israel after 1 July 2020.</i></p>	60 days from date of notification



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<b>95. MILITARY AFFAIRS. MILITARY ENGINEERING. WEAPONS</b>					
MILITARY AFFAIRS. MILITARY ENGINEERING. WEAPONS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/883</a>	<p><b>Airsoft Guns</b></p> <p><i>A draft revision of Safety Certification criteria for Airsoft Guns where the following requirements are added: (1) structure, (2) banning setting or missetting components to interrupt normal shooting, (3) test method for "normal shooting" and (4) test height is set as 1-1.6m considering age and shooting posture.</i></p> <p><i>According to the Safety Certification System, manufacturers or importers should obtain safety certification from a safety certification agency and attach Korea Safety Certification Mark as the product meets safety standards</i></p>	60 days from date of notification
<b>97. Domestic and commercial equipment. Entertainment. Sports</b>					
HOME TEXTILES. LINEN	TANZANIA	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/414</a>	<p><b>Mosquito Nets</b></p> <p><i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies basic labelling, marking and sapling plan requirements for all ready-made garments, woven and knitted fabrics and other products manufactured from textiles.</i></p>	60 days from date of notification
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	CHINESE TAIPEI/THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	27/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/379/Add.1</a>	<p><b>Erasers</b></p> <p><i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Legal Inspection of Eraser", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/379 on 4 June 2019, was promulgated on 25 March 2020 and came into effect on the date of announcement.</i></p>	-
SPORTS EQUIPMENT FACILITIES	UKRAINE	23/03/2020	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UKR/151/Add.1</a>	<p><b>Equipment for use outdoors</b></p> <p><i>Ukraine informs that the draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation for noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors" (G/TBT/N/UKR/151 ) was adopted on 4 December 2019 (Resolution N° 1186) and will enter into force on 11 March 2021.</i></p>	-