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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 42 notifications on Chemicals, Construction Materials and Building, Electrical Engineering, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology etc. from Ecuador, the European Union, Israel, Republic of Korea, Uganda 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 (16 - 22 December 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	SWITZERLAND	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/228	Tobacco products <i>The proposal establishes</i> <i>(i) requirements for the composition and emissions of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes with nicotine. It authorizes the marketing of tobacco for use oral (snus) and electronic cigarettes with nicotine that is currently banned according to Swiss law;</i> <i>(ii) packaging requirements for tobacco products and cigarettes with nicotine, that is, packaging, labeling and applicable to these products and the specific safety requirements electronic cigarettes with nicotine and tobacco products to be heated;</i>	15 March 2018

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				<p>(iii) restrictions on advertising when it specifically affects minors;</p> <p>(iv) the prohibition of the return to minors of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes with or without nicotine as well as the possibility for the enforcement authorities to perform test purchases;</p> <p>(v) the obligations incumbent on businesses, in particular self-monitoring and reporting the composition and emissions of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes with nicotine. Companies that manufacture or import tobacco products for heating, herbal smoking products or electronic cigarettes with nicotine must also make a notification before placing it on the market;</p> <p>(vi) the tasks of the competent executing authorities and the measures available to them, the data processing, execution financing and criminal provisions.</p>	
CHEMICALS					
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	EUROPEAN UNION	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/529	<p>Chemicals</p> <p>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation revises the fees and charges payable to ECHA for the submission of authorisation applications and review reports of authorisations.</p>	60 days from notification
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	JAPAN	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/574	<p>Chemical substances</p> <p>Since the amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (hereinafter referred to as "the Protocol") was adopted in October 2016, reduction of production and import of eighteen kinds of hydrofluorocarbons (hereinafter referred to as "the HFCs") that have global warming potential will be imposed on the parties involved. In order for us to fulfill our obligations, we will revise the Act on the Protection of the Ozone Layer Through the Control of Specified Substances and Other Measures (hereinafter referred to as "the Ozone Protection Law") in compliance with the Protocol in order to control production and import of the eighteen HFCs.</p> <p>We belong to non-Article 5 countries under the Protocol and will take measures, commencing on 1 January 2019, to control production and import amounts that producers should obtain permission for from Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry under the "Ozone Protection Law" while importers should receive approvals from the Minister under the "Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act".</p>	60 days from notification

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SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/745	<p>Cleansing and hygiene products</p> <p><i>The purpose of establishment of "Regulation for Inspection of Imported Cleansing & Hygiene Products" ("the Regulation") is to stipulate matters concerning import declaration and inspection of Cleansing & Hygiene Products according to the Cleansing & Hygiene Control Act and its Enforcement Rule.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed enactment of the regulation includes the following provisions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Disposal procedures when importers declare importation of Cleansing & Hygiene Products prior to the estimated arrival date.</i> <i>2. Illustrate follow-up steps after conditional import declaration certificate is issued.</i> <i>3. Notification procedures when imported Cleansing & Hygiene Products fail to meet the requirement laid down by the regulation.</i> <i>4. Scope of Cleansing & Hygiene Products subject to distribution control per the regulation and relevant follow-up procedures.</i> 	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UGANDA	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/799	<p>Shea butter for cosmetic use</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for shea butter for cosmetic use derived from the kernels of the sheanuts (<i>Butyrospermum parkii</i>) . This standard does not cover products for which therapeutic claims are made.</i></p>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UGANDA	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/800	<p>Lip balm (salve)</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for lip balm which are petroleum or vegetable oil based. This standard does not cover lip balms for which therapeutic claims are made, lipsticks, lip gloss and emulsion types.</i></p>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UGANDA	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/801	<p>Lip shine</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for lip shine based on refined vegetable or mineral oils. This Draft Uganda standard does not cover lip shine for which therapeutic claims are made, lip sticks and lip balms.</i></p>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UGANDA	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/802	<p>Aftershave</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for aftershave. This Draft standard covers both alcoholic and non-alcoholic aftershaves. This standard does not cover aftershave for which therapeutic claims are made.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY					
FOOTWEAR	ECUADOR	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/94/Add.5	<p>Labelling of footwear - Addendum</p> <p><i>By means of this Addendum No. 5, the Republic of Ecuador advises that the first revision of (1R) Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 080: "Labelling of footwear", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/94/Add.1 of 13 June 2013, has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 572 of 21 November 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 141 of 15 December 2017.</i></p>	—
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
ROOFS	ISRAEL	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/610/Add.1	<p>Roofing sheets : EPDM - Addendum</p> <p><i>EPDM Roofing sheets (SI 1430 part 2) The revision process of the mandatory standard SI 1430 part 2, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/610 (dated 23 July 2012) has been stopped and a new draft revision should be announced soon.</i></p>	—
THERMAL AND SOUND INSULATING MATERIALS	ISRAEL	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/994	<p>Insulation products for building</p> <p><i>Revision of the partially Mandatory Standard SI 14304, dealing with insulation products for building. This draft standard revision adopts two International standards and allows compliance with either, as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>European Standard EN 14304: December 2015 for flexible elastomeric foam products with an operating temperature in the range of -200 OC to +175 OC;</i> • <i>American Standard ASTM C534/C534M -14 for flexible elastomeric foam products with an operating temperature in the range of -183 OC to +175 OC.</i> <p><i>Only the following paragraphs will be mandatory after publication of this revision in Israel's Official Gazette:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chapter A - Compliance with the European Standard:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Paragraph 4.2.4 "Reaction to fire of the product as placed on the market" -including national requirements to test classification according Israel standard SI 755 and to test its implementation in buildings according to SI 921 or in air condition systems according to SI 1001;</i> ◦ <i>Paragraph 8 "Marking and labelling" - including national requirements to mark the name of the importer, his address and the manufacturing country according to Israel's Consumer Protection Order as well as the product thermal insulation in reaction to fire according to SI 755.</i> 	60 days from notification

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter B- Compliance with the American Standard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Paragraph 6.5 "Surface burning characteristics" - including national requirements to test classification according Israel standard SI 755 and to test its implementation in buildings according to SI 921 or in air condition systems according to SI 1001; ◦ Paragraph 14 "Packaging and marking" - including national requirements to mark the name of the importer, his address and the manufacturing country according to Israel's Consumer Protection Order as well as the product thermal insulation in reaction to fire according to SI 755. 	
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SPORTS					
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	ISRAEL	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/906/Add.1	<p>Refrigerating appliances, ice-cream appliances and ice makers - Addendum</p> <p>SI 900 Part 2.24 - Household and similar electrical appliances - Safety: Particular requirements for refrigerating appliances, ice-cream appliances and ice makers</p> <p>The draft revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 900 Part 2.24, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/906 (dated 15 April 2016) have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7633 of 4 December 2017, section of government notices, page 1941. This revision will enter into force 90 days after publication, i.e. on 4 March 2018.</p>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	ISRAEL	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/995	<p>Playpens for domestic use</p> <p>Revision of the Mandatory Standards SI 681 parts 1 and 2 to be replaced with SI 12227 part 1, dealing with the safety requirements and test methods for playpens for domestic use. This draft standard revision unites the two standards into one and adopts the European Standard EN 12227: August 2010, with a few national deviations that appear in the standard's Hebrew section as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes the standard's normative references to fit Israel laws and technical regulations (paragraph 2); • Requires testing the wheels lock mechanism (paragraph 8.2); • Provides an official unified translation of the instructions and warnings (paragraphs 9.4.1, 9.4.2 and 9.4.3); • Requires testing for formaldehyde according to different Israel standards (new paragraph 11); 	60 days from notification

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires testing the playpen's mattress according to Israel Mandatory Standard SI 5418 (new paragraph 12); Requires testing the playpen's toys according to Israel Mandatory Standard SI 562 (new paragraph 13) . <p>Both the old standards and this new revised standard will apply from date of entry into force as will be published in Israel Official Gazette for a period of 12 months. During this time product may be tested according to the old or the new revised standards.</p>	
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
INCANDESCENT LAMPS	ISRAEL	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/846/Add.1	<p>Tungsten filament lamps - Addendum</p> <p>SI 246 part 3 - Tungsten filament lamps: Special requirements for 6-75V lamps The declaration of the Mandatory Standard SI 246 part 3 as a voluntary standard, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/846 (dated 26 January 2016), have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7829 of 26 June 2017, section of government notices, page 1263. This declaration had entered into force immediately.</p>	—
CONNECTING DEVICES	ISRAEL	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/860/Add.1	<p>Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits - Addendum</p> <p>SI 60998 part 2.3 - Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes: Particular requirements for connecting devices as separate entities with insulation-piercing clamping units The draft revision of the Mandatory Standard 60998 part 2.3, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/860 (dated 9 February 2016) have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7633 of 4 December 2017, section of government notices, page 1942. This revision will enter into force 90 days after publication, i.e. on 4 March 2018.</p>	—
PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS, COUPLERS	ISRAEL	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/950/Add.1	<p>Plugs and socket-outlets - Addendum</p> <p>SI 32 part 1.1: Plugs and socket outlets for household and similar purposes: Plugs and socket-outlets for single phase up to 16A - General requirements The draft revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 32 part 1.1, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/950 (dated 23 August 2017) have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7625 of 22 November 2017, section of government notices, page 1554. This revision will enter into force 90 days after the publication, i.e.</p>	—

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PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS, COUPLERS	ISRAEL	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/952/Add.1	Floodlights - Addendum <i>SI 20 part 2.5: Luminaires: Particular requirements - Floodlights</i> <i>The draft revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 20 Part 2.5, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/952 (dated 23 August 2017) have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7633 of 4 December 2017, section of government notices, page 1942. This revision will enter into force 90 days after publication, i.e. on 4 March 2018.</i>	—
LAMP CAPS AND HOLDERS	ISRAEL	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/954/Add.1	Lampholders for tubular fluorescent lamps and starterholders - Addendum <i>SI 60400: Lampholders for tubular fluorescent lamps and starterholders</i> <i>The draft revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 60400, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/954 (dated 24 August 2017) have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7633 of 4 December 2017, section of government notices, page 1941. This revision will enter into force 90 days after publication, i.e. on 4 March 2018.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	CANADA	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/502/Add.1	Toxic substances - Addendum <i>Regulations Amending the Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012</i> <i>The proposed Regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/502 (dated 5 November 2016) were adopted and published on 13 December 2017, with significant modifications following public consultations, as the Regulations Amending the Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012.</i>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	ECUADOR	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/179/Add.3	Fans driven by motors - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador advises that the first revision of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 138, "Energy efficiency of fans driven by motors with an electric input power between 125 W and 500 kW", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/179/Add.1 of 3 October 2014, has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 529 of 16 October 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 140 of 14 December 2017.</i>	—

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VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	ECUADOR	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/186/Add.3	Fans with a self-contained electric motor - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador advises that the first revision of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 138, "Energy efficiency of fans driven by motors with an electric input power between 125 W and 500 kW", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/186/Add.1 of 3 October 2014, has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 529 of 16 October 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 140 of 14 December 2017.</i>	–
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	BURUNDI	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/BDI/2	Wheat flour <i>This East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for wheat flour (other than durum wheat flours) intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	BURUNDI	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/BDI/3	Maize grains <i>This East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for maize grains of varieties grown from common maize grains, Zea Mays indentata L., and/or Zea mays indurata L., or their hybrids intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	CHILE	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/427	Hydrobiological resources and products <i>The notified text amends Exempt Resolution No. 2.796 of 24 December 2009, published on 4 January 2010, establishing conditions and requirements for authorizing entry into the country of hydrobiological resources and the products thereof, and the procedure for accrediting their lawful origin.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
STARCH AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/843/Add.1	Crumbs from bakery products - Addendum <i>SI 1325 - Crumbs from bakery products ("breadings") The declaration of the Mandatory Standard 1325 as a voluntary standard, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/843 (dated 26 January 2016), have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7860 of 06 September 2017, section of government notices, page 1731. This declaration had entered into force immediately.</i>	–

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FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/844/Add.1	Fresh sardines - Addendum <i>SI 976 - Fresh sardines</i> <i>The declaration of the Mandatory Standard 976 as a voluntary standard, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/844 (dated 26 January 2016), have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry, published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7803 of 24 April 2017, section of government notices, page 997 and had entered into force immediately.</i>	—
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/863/Add.1	Sweets (candies) - Addendum <i>SI 1307 - Sweets: Hard candies, toffees, compressed candies</i> <i>The declaration of the Mandatory Standard SI 1307 as a voluntary standard, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/863 (dated 18 February 2016), have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7860 of 06 September 2017, section of government notices, page 1731. This declaration had entered into force immediately.</i>	—
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
SYRINGES, NEEDLES AND CATHETERS	ISRAEL	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/953/Add.1	Medical syringes and needles - Addendum <i>SI 1268 part 6: Syringes and needles: Hypodermic needles for single use - colour coding for identification</i> <i>The draft revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 1268 part 6, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/953 (dated 23 August 2017) have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7625 of 22 November 2017, section of government notices, page 1554. This revision will enter into force 90 days after the publication, i.e. on 20 February 2018.</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/575	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system <i>Proposed "Shitei Yakubutsu" (designated 5 substances), and their "proper uses" designated under the Act.</i>	Not applicable
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/742/Add.1	Medical devices - Addendum <i>The text of the draft measure is available at: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/KOR/17_5640_00_x.pdf</i>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/742/Rev.1/Corr.1	Medical devices - Corrigendum <i>The notification G/TBT/N/KOR/742/Rev.1 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.</i>	—

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OPHTHALMIC EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/743/Add.1	Medical devices - Addendum <i>The text of the draft measure is available at: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/KOR/17_5641_00_x.pdf</i>	–
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/743/Rev.1/Corr.1	Medical devices - Corrigendum <i>The notification G/TBT/N/KOR/743/Rev.1 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.</i>	–
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	MEXICO	20/12/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/384	Information technology equipment and associated equipment <i>Applies to information technology equipment and equipment associates, who use the electric power of the public service for their food, as well as from other sources of energy, such as batteries, batteries, accumulators, self-generation and alternative sources of power, with single-phase voltages 100 V power supply c.a. at 277 V c.a. at 60 Hz and / or three-phase voltages of 173 V c.a. to 480 V c.a. between lines at 60 Hz, to operate up to 3,000 meters above the level from sea.</i>	60 days from the notification
METALLURGY					
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	THAILAND	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/504	Hot-dip zinc-coated cold reduced flat steel strips, sheets and corrugated sheets <i>The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed to withdraw TIS 50-2548 : Hot-dip Zinc-coated Cold-rolled Steel Coil, Sheet and Corrugated Sheet and replace it with TIS 50-25XX : Hot-dip Zinc-Coated Cold Reduced Flat Steel Strips, Sheets and Corrugated Sheets as a mandatory standard.</i>	60 days from notification
PAINT AND COLOR TECHNOLOGIES					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	BRAZIL	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/768	Lead in paints <i>Draft Bill establishing maximum limit of lead in paints and materials similar to Surface coating, elaborated in the category of the National Commission Chemical Safety Agency (CONASQ), with a coordination of the Ministry of the Environment (Ministério do Meio Ambiente-MMA) . Informed and identified suggestions should be forwarded exclusively through the electronic form available at www.mma.gov.br, within the deadline 45 (forty-five) days from the date of publication of this Notice. It revokes Law 11,762, 1 August, 2008, keeping the concentration limit of lead in paints and similar coating materials the approval of the new law by the congress.</i>	22 January 2018

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PRECISION MECHANICS, JEWELLERY					
JEWELLERY	ISRAEL	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/856/Add.1	<p>Gold articles - Addendum</p> <p><i>SI 299 - Testing and marking of gold articles</i> <i>The declaration of the Mandatory Standard SI 299, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/856 (dated 9 February 2016), have been authorized by the Minister of Economy and Industry and published on Israel's Official Gazette No. 7583 of 12 September 2017, section of government notices, pages 9267-9268. This declaration will enter into force one year after the publication. i.e. 11 September 2018.</i></p>	—
JEWELLERY	ISRAEL	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/996	<p>Nickel from articles intended to come into contact with human skin</p> <p><i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 5562, dealing with the nickel release in contact with human skin. This standard will be replaced with 2 different standards as follows:</i></p> <p>1. <i>SI 1811 (January 2017) - Reference test method for release of nickel from all post assemblies which are inserted into pierced parts of the human body and articles intended to come into direct and prolonged contact with the skin:</i> <i>This draft standard revision adopts both the European Standard EN 1811: 2011 + A1: July 2015 and the American Standard ASTM F2923 - 14 and allows compliance with either. It includes the following national deviations that appear in the standard's Hebrew section:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chapter A - Compliance with the European Standard:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Changes the normative references to fit Israel technical regulations;</i> ◦ <i>Adds to paragraph 3 dealing with the terms and definitions a new definition 3.9 for long term contact with the skin.</i> • <i>Chapter B - Compliance with the American Standard:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Changes the standard's scope to apply only to nickel release;</i> ◦ <i>Changes paragraph 2 dealing with the referenced documents to fit Israel technical regulations;</i> <p>2. <i>SI 16128 (June 2017) - Ophthalmic optics - Reference method for the testing of spectacle frames and sunglasses for nickel release: This draft standard revision adopts the European Standard EN 16128: November 2015 with the following national deviation that appear in the standard's Hebrew section:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adds to paragraph 3 dealing with the terms and definitions a new definition 3.9 for long term contact with the skin.</i> 	60 days from notification

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/538	<p>Radiocommunications</p> <p>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development that the following document has been updated on its Web site http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/home?OpenDocument:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio Standards Specifications RSS-210, Issue 9, (amendment) Licence-Exempt Radio Apparatus: Category I Equipment sets out the requirements for equipment certification of several types of licence-exempt radio apparatus. 	24 January 2018
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	ECUADOR	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/7/Add.9	<p>Labelling and marking of textiles, articles of apparel, footwear and accessories thereof - Addendum</p> <p>By means of this Addendum No. 9, the Republic of Ecuador advises that the second revision (2R) of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 013, "Labelling of articles of apparel, household linen and clothing accessories", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/7/Add.3 of 11 June 2013, has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 571 of 21 November 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 141 of 15 December 2017.</p>	—
LEATHER PRODUCTS	ECUADOR	19/12/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/256/Add.3	<p>Labelling of articles of leather - Addendum</p> <p>By means of this Addendum No. 3, the Republic of Ecuador advises that the first revision of (1R) Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 157: "Labelling of articles of leather", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/256/Add.1 of 30 May 2014, has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 573 of 21 November 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 141 of 15 December 2017.</p>	—
WOOD TECHNOLOGY					
WOOD, SAWLOGS AND SAWN TIMBER	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	18/12/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/720/Add.2	<p>Timber products - Addendum</p> <p>The following communication, dated 25 July 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Republic of Korea.</p> <p>The Republic of Korea notifies the WTO of changes it has made, in part, to the content of notification G/TBT/N/KOR/720 with regard to information on Standards for Designation of Foreign Agencies for Inspection of Gauges and Quality of Timber Products.</p>	—