



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.

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A total of 32 notifications on Agriculture, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Fluid Systems and Components Use, Food and Beverages, Road Vehicles etc. from Chile, Ecuador, the European Union, Mexico, the United States of America 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 (30 December 2017 - 05 January 2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED	BRAZIL	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/769	Packaging requirements and health warnings for smoking tobacco products <i>This Resolution provides for packaging requirements and health warnings for smoking tobacco products.</i> <i>This Resolution applies to all smoking products marketed domestically, domestically manufactured and imported. The primary and secondary packaging of all smoking products derived from tobacco should contain health warnings about the harm arising from the use of these products and the message prohibiting the sale for children under the age of eighteen, as provided in this Resolution. All health warnings and the prohibition message for the sale for children younger than eighteen years old must be printed on the outside of the packaging in high</i>	No final date for comments

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				<p><i>resolution, legibly and ostensibly highlighted, according to the models in the Annexes of this Resolution, without changing the proportionality between its elements, as well as its graphic parameters.</i></p> <p><i>The provisions of this Resolution comply with the WHO FCTC, adopted by the Member States of the World Health Organization on May 21, 2003 and signed by Brazil on June 16, 2003, promulgated by Decree 5,658, of January 2, 2006, and follow the guidelines for its implementation, approved by the Conference of the Parties.</i></p> <p><i>This Resolution revokes the Resolutions RDC 335, of November 21, 2003; RDC 168 of July 07, 2004; RDC 10 of February 15, 2007; RDC 30, of May 23, 2013; RDC 43, of September 3, 2013 and RDC 14, April 10, 2015.</i></p>	
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	CHILE	4/1/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/428	<p>Microbial pesticides</p> <p><i>The measure establishes technical requirements and conditions for evaluation and authorization of microbial pesticides, meeting the growing need of the productive sector to have these inputs. In the project they propose definitions, categories and prerequisites, as well as technical requirements and documentaries for the identity of the microorganism and its active metabolic products, as well as the biological properties and utilization, analytical methods, information from safety, fate and behavior in the environment, effect on organisms not objectives and data on the application, among other provisions.</i></p>	60 days from the notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/530	<p>Biocidal products - PHMB (1415; 4.7)</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves PHMB (1415; 4.7) as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 2 and 4</i></p>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/531	<p>Biocidal products - Chlorophene</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve chlorophene as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 3.</i></p> <p><i>For that product-type, the scenarios evaluated in the human health risk assessment identified unacceptable risks. The opinion of the European Chemicals Agency can be found on its website (http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/biocidal-products-regulation/approval-of-active-substances/bpc-opinions-on-active-substance-approval) .</i></p>	60 days from notification

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PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/532	Biocidal products - PHMB (1415; 4.7) <i>This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve PHMB (1415; 4.7) as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 1, 5 and 6. For those product-types, the scenarios evaluated in the human health and environmental risk assessments identified unacceptable risks. The opinion of the European Chemicals Agency can be found on its website (http://echa.europa.eu/regulations/biocidal-products-regulation/approval-of-active-substances/bpc-opinions-on-active-substance-approval) .</i>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/533	Biocidal products - Azoxystrobin <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves azoxystrobin as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 7, 9 and 10</i>	60 days from notification
FARMING AND FORESTRY	PERU	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/PER/98	Forest seeds <i>The Draft Forest Seed Regulation establishes regulation for the production, certification, marketing and import of material of the multiplication of forest species in order to ensure that they meet the minimum quality requirements: varietal, physiological and health, required for the installation of high productivity forest plantations.</i>	27 March 2018
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/803	Pesticides <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies procedures and requirements for the handling, storage and disposal of pesticides by household users, farmers, pest control operators, distributors, manufacturers, formulators packers and re-packers to ensure the least risk to health and safety to property and the environment. This draft standard also covers first-aid actions to be taken in the case of an incident, and firefighting procedures.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICALS					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	4/1/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/875/Add.3	Consumer antiseptics - Addendum <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is issuing this final rule establishing that certain active ingredients used in nonprescription (also known as over-the-counter or OTC) antiseptic products intended for use by health care professionals in a hospital setting or other health care situations outside the hospital are not generally recognized as safe and effective (GRAS/GRAE) .</i>	—

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				<i>FDA is issuing this final rule after considering the recommendations of the Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee (NDAC); public comments on the Agency's notices of proposed rulemaking; and all data and information on OTC health care antiseptic products that have come to the Agency's attention. This final rule finalizes the 1994 tentative final monograph (TFM) for OTC health care antiseptic drug products that published in the Federal Register of 17 June 1994 (the 1994 TFM) as amended by the proposed rule published in the Federal Register (FR) of 1 May 2015 (2015 Health Care Antiseptic Proposed Rule (PR)) .</i>	
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	4/1/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1325/Add.1	Flammable refrigerants - Addendum <i>The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking direct final action to modify the use conditions required for use of three flammable refrigerants, isobutane (R-600a), propane (R-290), and R-441A, in new household refrigerators, freezers, and combination refrigerators and freezers under the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program. The use conditions, which address safe use of flammable refrigerants, are being revised to reflect the incorporation by reference of an updated standard from Underwriters Laboratories.</i>	—
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CEMENT, GYPSUM, LIME, MORTAR	CHILE	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/429	Mortars <i>This standard classifies and establishes the general requirements and specific according to use, mortars based on cement for construction sites; mortars for masonry (joints and fillers) and mortars for coatings (stuccos). This standard applies to mortars made on site and to industrial mortars (predosed or premixed). This standard does not include special mortars, such as mortars for discontinuous coatings and mortars for overlays, or other mortars whose formulation and application procedures are governed by documents and technical data sheets provided by the manufacturers or applicators.</i>	60 days from the notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	NEW ZEALAND	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/NZL/79	Refrigerated display and storage cabinets <i>The Regulatory Impact Statement sets out options for proposed changes to the current regulatory requirements for commercial refrigeration equipment, and identifies a modified version of Option Four [1] as the preferred option, including the following proposed changes. Note that these measures have been developed under the</i>	23 February 2018

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				<i>Australian and New Zealand Equipment Energy Efficiency (E3) Program for adoption in both countries.</i>	
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	NEW ZEALAND	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/NZL/80	Household refrigerators and freezers <i>The E3 Decision Regulation Impact Statement - Household Refrigerators and Freezers presents proposed changes to regulatory requirements for household refrigerators and freezers offered for sale in New Zealand and Australia. The key changes are outlined below.</i>	23 February 2018
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	4/1/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1042/Add.1	Children's folding chairs and stools - Addendum <i>The Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act, section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), requires the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) to promulgate consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. These standards are to be "substantially the same as" applicable voluntary standards, or more stringent than the voluntary standard if the Commission concludes that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product. The Commission is issuing a safety standard for children's folding chairs and stools in response to the direction under Section 104(b) of the CPSIA. In addition, the Commission is amending its regulations regarding third party conformity assessment bodies to include the safety standard for children's folding chairs and stools in the list of Notices of Requirements (NORs) issued by the Commission. Finally, the Commission is amending its regulations establishing requirements for consumer registration of durable infant or toddler products to identify children's folding stools as a durable infant or toddler product.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/360/Add.1	Lamps - Addendum <i>ANSWER to the comments received on the Draft Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-028 - ENER-2017, Energy efficiency of lamps for general use. Limits and testing methods.</i>	—

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GALVANIC CELLS AND BATTERIES	MEXICO	4/1/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/385	Electronic equipment and accessories <i>Applies to electronic equipment and its accessories that use for electric power supply of the public service, with single-phase voltages of power supply up to 277 V c.a. at 60 Hz and / or three-phase voltages up to 480 V c.a. between lines at 60 Hz; as well as other energy sources, such as batteries, batteries, accumulators, self-generation and alternative sources of power up to 500 V c.c. It is applicable to new, second-line, discontinued electronic equipment, rebuilt, reconditioned, used or second hand.</i>	60 calendar days counted from of the publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation of this project
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	CHILE	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/431	Prevention of fire in buildings <i>This standard establishes the test conditions and criteria to evaluate the fire resistance of horizontal and vertical ventilation ducts under normalized fire conditions. The test evaluates the behavior of ducts when exposed to fire from outside (duct A) and when the fire enter the interior (duct B). This standard applies to ventilation ducts vertical or horizontal, rigid or flexible, including its support system and doors registration, which are located or enter the interior of a building and are exposed to fire throughout its surface. Annex C provides a general guide to this standard and information on which the development of this method is based. This standard does not apply to: a) Conduits whose resistance to fire depends on the fire resistance of a sky; b) Conduits that contain fire dampers in the passages of walls resistant to fire; c) Doors of inspection records, unless they are included in the ducts to be tested; d) Conduits formed by only two or three faces; e) Fixings of the devices of suspension to floors or walls; f) Smoke extraction ducts. For this it applies NCh935 / 5.</i>	60 days from the notification
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/SAU/1038	Personal protection equipment <i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i>	60 days from notification
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	ECUADOR	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/ECU/179/Add.3/Corr.1	Fans, motor - Corrigendum <i>Please note that, in notification G / TBT / N / ECU / 179 / Add.3, the time for entry into force, according to Article 3</i>	—

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VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	ECUADOR	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/ECU/186/Add.2/Corr.1	Fans with electric motor - Corrigendum <i>Please note that, in notification G / TBT / N / ECU / 186 / Add.2, the time for entry into force, according to Article 3</i>	–
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	ECUADOR	4/1/2018	G/TBT/N/ECU/186/Add.3/Corr.1	Fans with electric motor - Corrigendum <i>Notification G / TBT / N / ECU / 186 / Add.3 was distributed by mistake and, as a result, consider null and void</i>	–
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	MEXICO	4/1/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/387	Air conditioners <i>Applies to split type air conditioners, free discharge and without air ducts (known as minisplit and multisplit); Cycle simple (only cold) or reversible cycle (heat pump), which use capacitors cooled by air, operated with electric power, in nominal capacities of Cooling from 1 Wt to 19 050 Wt that work by mechanical compression. This Draft Official Mexican Standard is limited to systems that use one or several simple refrigeration circuits with evaporator and condenser, marketed in the United States of Mexico. The following devices are excluded from the field of application: a) Water-based heat pumps b) Units that are designed to be used with additional conduits c) Mobile units (that are not window type) that have a conduit exhaust condenser d) Units with variable compressor and / or variable refrigerant flow, known as Inverter e) Air conditioners that have a two-speed compressor (s)</i>	Sixty calendar days, counted from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/997	Shelf-stable bakery products <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 1181 part 1, dealing with shelf-stable bakery products, to be replaced with SI 1181. This new revised draft standard is significantly differing from the old standard, both in structure and in content. Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from entry into force, as will be published in Israel Official Gazette, for a period of 1 year. During this time products may be tested according to the old or the new</i>	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	MEXICO	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/308/Add.1	Egg and its products - Addendum <i>ANSWER to the comments received regarding the Draft Official Mexican Standard PROYNOM-159-SSA1-2015, Products and services. Egg and its products. Provisions and sanitary specifications. Test method, published on April 29, 2016.</i>	–

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MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	MEXICO	4/1/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/386	<p>Processed meat products and establishments dedicated to their process</p> <p><i>This Standard is mandatory throughout the entire national territory for natural or legal persons engaged in the process of meat products or their import</i></p>	60 calendar days following the of its publication date in the Official Gazette of the Federation
GLASS AND CERAMICS INDUSTRIES					
GLASS	CHILE	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/432	<p>Thermopanel glasses</p> <p><i>This standard establishes the characteristics required for the design and construction of the product called double hermetic glaze, from now on DVH. NOTE DVH is known, commercially, as a thermopanel. 1.2 This standard is applies to double hermetic glazing used in buildings, showcases, cameras refrigerators, windows in transport vehicles and other applications. 1.3 In Annex C, includes a recommended practice for DVH installation.</i></p>	60 days from the notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/770	<p>Industrialized allergen products</p> <p><i>This Resolution provides for registration and post-registration changes of Industrialized Allergen Products, and makes other arrangements. This Resolution applies to Industrialized Allergen Products to be submitted for analysis for marketing authorization (registration) and post-registration alterations, as well as regulates the products Allergenic Nominal Patient Vaccine, Allergen Vaccine for Use by Professional Enabled and Allergenic Product for use by Qualified Professional. Industrialized Allergen Product: industrialized finished medicinal product, manufactured by authorized pharmaceutical industry, and can be an Industrialized Allergen Extract, an Industrialized Allergen Vaccine or an Industrialized Allergen Product for Diagnosis. Industrialized Allergen Products may only be marketed and distributed in Brazil if registered in Anvisa and manufactured or imported by a company whose operation is authorized by this Agency, and duly licensed by the competent local health authority. All companies involved in the manufacture of Industrialized Allergen Product, from the extraction stage, must comply with good manufacturing practices, and present the certificate of good manufacturing practices issued by Anvisa. Industrialized Allergen Products must be registered by Anvisa as a biological product, according to specific petition procedures.</i></p>	No final date for comments

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				<p><i>The registration of Industrialized Allergen Products manufactured in other countries can only be granted by Anvisa if the product is registered and released for use in its country of manufacture. In cases where the country of origin does not register Industrialized Allergen Products, the manufacturing authorization must be presented, in accordance with the local requirements, and the proof of commercialization. All therapeutic or diagnostic allegations claimed in the registration application must be documented in the reports of the clinical studies in the product registration dossier. The studies mentioned in the caput of this article must have been conducted with the Industrialized Allergenic Product presented for registration. The clinical studies carried out must have been approved by the sanitary authority of the country where the clinical research was carried out. All clinical investigations conducted in Brazil with the Industrialized Allergen Product must have prior authorization from Anvisa, as provided for in the Resolution of the Collegiate Board of Directors - RDC No. 9 of February 20, 2015, and its updates. At the moment of applying for registration, the requesting company must present documentation regarding the validation of the transport chain, with the presentation of the operation qualification and performance qualification of the system to be used for the transport of the product. This Resolution establishes the necessary or required documentation concerning the quality, safety and efficacy of the product to be registered. The absence of any document required by this Resolution shall be justified and scientifically based. This Resolution revokes the Resolution RDC n° 233, 17 August 2005.</i></p>	
METALLURGY					
ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS	CHILE	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/CHL/430	<p>Aluminum carpentry</p> <p><i>This standard establishes the requirements that must be met by Aluminum windows and doors to ensure proper functioning, durability and security for users. This standard applies to aluminum windows and doors intended for exterior and interior use of houses, residential, commercial buildings, institutional, educational, health and other similar. This rule does not apply to security doors, doors for non-residential heavy work such as those used in industrial sheds, movable facades of public passage and / or destined to the passage of vehicles or animals. This standard does not apply to aluminum curtain walls, although their mobile or open elements if they must meet the requirements established in this standard.</i></p>	

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NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES					
BIOLOGY, BOTANY, ZOOLOGY	AUSTRALIA	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/AUS/106	Genetically modified organisms (GMO) <i>The document outlines proposed changes to the Gene Technology Regulations 2001 which will clarify the classification of organisms that have been modified through the use of certain new technologies (two site directed nuclease techniques, oligo-directed mutagenesis and some RNA interference techniques) . These changes will clarify which organisms will be required to be regulated as genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in Australia. They will also identify some organisms which will not require regulation as GMOs in Australia. The document also contains information on other proposed changes to the Regulations which are not relevant to the international community.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	MEXICO	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/361/Add.2	Motor transport vehicles - Addendum <i>NORMA Official Mexican NOM-012-SCT-2-2017, On the weight and maximum dimensions with which can travel the motor transport vehicles that transit in the general roads of communication of federal jurisdiction.</i>	—
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	OMAN	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/OMN/340	Vehicles <i>Requirements for specific equipment of vehicles using liquefied petroleum gases in their propulsion system</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	OMAN	5/1/2018	G/TBT/N/OMN/341	Vehicles <i>Requirements for retrofit systems to be installed in motor vehicles for the use of LPG or CNG in their propulsion system</i>	60 days from notification