

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 40 notifications on Electrical engineering, Food technology, Health care technology, Metallurgy, Telecommunications. Audio and video engineering, etc., from Brazil, India, Kenya, Thailand, 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 (08-14 August 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	BRAZIL	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/795/Add.2	Cattle and buffaloes - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA published in the Official Gazette No. 141 on 24 July 2020 the Ministerial Technical Regulation No. 50, 21 July 2020 that revokes article 89 of the Technical Regulation No. 51, 1 October 2018.</i>	—

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FARMING AND FORESTRY	UNITED STATES	10/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1637	Organic agricultural products <i>The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposes amending the USDA organic regulations to strengthen oversight and enforcement of the production, handling, and sale of organic agricultural products.</i>	05 October 2020
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	BRAZIL	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/711/Add.1	Hair products - Addendum <i>The Draft Resolution number 323, 21 March 2017 - which establishes technical requirements for authorization of products to modify hair format by changing its chemical structure.</i>	—
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	BRAZIL	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/713/Add.1	Cosmetics products - Addendum <i>The Draft Resolution number 325, 21 March 2017 - which establishes the list of active ingredients allowed in cosmetic products to modify the shape of the hair by changing its chemical structure and the requirements for its use, was adopted as Normative Instruction number 64, 27 July 2020.</i>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/08/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/415/Add.1	Bedside sleepers - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection Requirements for Bedside Sleeper" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/415 on 26 May 2020, was promulgated on 6 August 2020 and will come into effect on 1 September 2021. A transitional period is provided until 1 January 2021.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CHILE	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/504/Add.1	Indoor lighting products including light bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps, LED lamps and halogen light bulbs - Addendum <i>In connection with the Ministry of Energy draft text establishing the minimum energy efficiency standard for indoor lighting products, notified by the World Trade Organization on 17 October 2019 in document G/TBT/N/CHL/504, the Republic of Chile hereby advises that this standard was issued on 31 July 2020 through Ministry of Energy Exempt Resolution No. 10, which was published in the Official Journal on 6 August 2020.</i>	—

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INCANDESCENT LAMPS	THAILAND	14/08/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/476/Add.2	Tungsten filament lamps - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that TIS 4 Part 1 - 25XX proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/476 , was adopted as TIS 4 Part 1 - 2558 (2015) Tungsten Filament Lamps for Domestic and Similar Lighting Purpose Part 1 Safety Specification.</i>	—
FUSES AND OTHER OVERCURRENT PROTECTION DEVICES	THAILAND	14/08/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/498/Add.1	Electrical apparatus - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that TIS 2425-2560 (2017) was adopted as TIS 2425-2560(2017) Residual Current Operated Circuit-Breakers without Integral Overcurrent Protection for Household and Similar Uses (RCCBS)- Part 1: General Rules (Amendment No.1).</i>	—
ALKALINE SECONDARY CELLS AND BATTERIES	THAILAND	13/08/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/502/Add.1	Portable power bank - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that TIS 2879-25XX proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/502 ,was adopted as TIS 2879-2560(2017) Portable Power Bank - Safety Requirements.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/116/Rev.1	Ozone Depleting Substances - Revision <i>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to revise regulations governing the production and import of class I ozone-depleting substances in the United States to extend indefinitely the global essential laboratory and analytical use exemption. Final date for comments: 6 October 2020</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	10/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/517/Add.6	Metal halide lamp fixtures - Addendum <i>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), directs DOE to determine whether standards for metal halide lamp fixtures ("MHLFs") should be amended. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding this NOPD no later than 19 October 2020.</i>	—

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AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	13/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1556/Add.2	Hazardous air pollutants : miscellaneous organic chemical manufacturing residual ri[...] d technology review - Addendum <i>This action finalizes the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing source category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP). This final rule is effective on 12 August 2020.</i>	—
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1561/Add.2	Vapor products containing vitamin E acetate - Addendum <i>This emergency rule continues the ban on the sale of vapor products containing vitamin E acetate. This also supersedes the emergency rule filed as WSR 20-08-007 on 19 March 2020.</i>	—
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
CHEESE	BRAZIL	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/922/Add.2	Cream cheese - Addendum <i>The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA, Brazil, has issued the Technical Regulation No. 75, 31 July 2020, published in the Official Gazette No. 147 on 3 August 2020, to add the text "and not fused" to the end of the paragraph 1, on article 2 of the Technical Regulation No. 71, 24 July 2020, establishing the identity and quality standards for cream cheese.</i>	—
FOOD ADDITIVES	CHILE	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/528	Salt for human consumption <i>The purpose of the proposed amendment is to adjust the iodization range established in Article 438 of the Food Health Regulations, Supreme Decree No. 977/96 of the Ministry of Health.</i>	60 days from notification
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MEXICO	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/178/Add.13	Labelling of pre-packaged food and non alcoholic beverages - Addendum <i>The Ministry of the Economy published, in the Official Journal, the Agreement establishing criteria for the implementation, verification, monitoring and conformity assessment of the Amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-051-SCFI/SSA1-2010: General specifications for the labelling of pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages - Commercial and health information.</i>	—

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NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MEXICO	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/178/Add.14	<p>Labelling of pre-packaged food and non alcoholic beverages - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Ministry of the Economy published, in the Official Journal, the Interinstitutional Agreement between the Ministry of the Economy, the Ministry of Health (through the Federal Commission for Protection against Health Risks) and the Federal Consumer Protection Agency on verification activities under the Amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-051-SCFI/SSA1-2010: General specifications for the labelling of pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages - Commercial and health information.</i></p>	—
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	THAILAND	14/08/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/533/Add.1	<p>Food utensils made of thermoset plastic with the polymerization of formaldehyde - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum is to inform that TIS 2921 - 25XX(20XX) proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) was adopted as TIS 2921 - 2562(2019) Melamine-formaldehyde, Urea-formaldehyde and Melamine-urea-formaldehyde Utensils for Food: Safety Requirements.</i></p>	—
GLASS AND CERAMICS INDUSTRIES					
GLASS IN BUILDING	THAILAND	14/08/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/488/Add.1	<p>Glass in building - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum is to inform that TIS 1231-2558 (2015), proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/488, was adopted as TIS 1231-2560(2017) Sealed Insulating Glass.</i></p>	—
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/841/Add.1	<p>Medicines - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Draft Resolution number 551, 3 September 2018 - which establishes the Good Pharmacovigilance Practices to be watched by all the registration holder of medicine for human use, was adopted as Resolution - RDC number 406, 22 July 2020.</i></p>	—
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/843/Add.1	<p>Medicines - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Draft Resolution number 552, 3 September 2018 - which establishes the content of the Periodic Report of Evaluation of Risk-Benefit provided by the medicine registration holder, was adopted as Normative Instruction number 63, 22 July 2020.</i></p>	—

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PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/899/Add.3	Active pharmaceutical ingredients - Addendum <i>The Draft Normative Instruction number 689, 12 August 2019 - which establishes guidelines for authorization of suppliers related to the Technical Regulation for Good Practice of Distribution and Fractioning of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API), was adopted by the Normative Instruction 62, 16 June 2020.</i>	—
OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO HEALTH CARE IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1060	Products subject to public health surveillance <i>This draft resolution establishes guidelines, procedure, and criteria for the depletion in the stocks of products subject to public health surveillance.</i>	04 September 2020
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1061	Medicines <i>This resolution establishes control measures for medicines that contain substances mentioned by the Annex I of this resolution, isolated or in association with other drugs, due to the international public health emergency of the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) .</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	ISRAEL	14/08/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1161	Packaging labeling of medical preparations <i>New procedure announced by the Pharmaceutical Division at Israel's Ministry of Health called "Procedure for Packaging Labeling of Medical Preparations (PRA-043/03)".</i>	01 September 2020
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/RUS/104	Evaluation of biological action of medical product <i>The Draft amendments to the Rules for conducting studies (tests) for evaluation of biological action of medical products to medical devices issued for circulation in the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union.</i>	60 days from notification
METALLURGY					
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	THAILAND	14/08/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/55/Rev.1/Add.1	Steels - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that TIS 1999-25XX proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/55/Rev.1 , was adopted as TIS 1999-2560(2017) Hot-Rolled Flat Steel for Automobile Structural Uses.</i>	—

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FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	THAILAND	14/08/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/149/Rev.2/Add.1	Steels - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that TIS 528- 25XX (20XX) proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/149/Rev.2 , was adopted as TIS 528- 2560 (2017) Hot-rolled Flat Steel of Commercial and Drawing Qualities.</i>	—
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THAILAND	14/08/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/501/Add.1	Hot rolled steel sheet piles - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that TIS 1390 - 25XX proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/501 , was adopted as TIS 1390 - 2560 (2017) Hot Rolled Steel Sheet Piles.</i>	—
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	THAILAND	14/08/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/506/Add.1	Cold reduced flat steel for automobile uses - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that TIS 2140-25XX proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/506 , was adopted as TIS 2140-2560(2017) Cold Reduced Flat Steel for Automobile Uses.</i>	—
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
SACKS. BAGS	KENYA	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1015	Polyester fabric coated with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) tarpaulins used for post-harvest handling of agricultural produce <i>This part two of the Kenya Standard prescribes the requirements, test methods and sampling for polyester fabric coated with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) tarpaulins used for post-harvest handling of agricultural produce.</i>	04 October 2020
SACKS. BAGS	KENYA	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1016	Tarpaulins made from woven high density polyethylene and are used for post-harvest handling[...]cultural produce such as grains <i>This part of the Kenya Standard prescribes the requirements and test methods for tarpaulins made from woven high density polyethylene and are used for post-harvest handling of agricultural produce such as grains.</i>	04 October 2020
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
CRASH PROTECTION AND RESTRAINT SYSTEMS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/402/Add.1	Child restraint system for vehicles - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs of Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Legal Requirements for Children Restrain System for Vehicles" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/402 on 14 February 2020, was promulgated on 28 April 2020 and came into effect on the same day.</i>	—

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1050/Add.1	Radio communication transmitting station - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the National Telecommunications Agency - ANATEL, issued Resolution No. 730, 28 July 2020, which amends the entry into force of the Regulation General Licensing, approved by Resolution No. 719.</i>	—
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CAN/614	Industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) equipment <i>Notice is hereby given by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada that the following has been published at Web site: Interference-Causing Equipment Standard, ICES -001, Issue 5, Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) Equipment.</i>	01 October 2020
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	11/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CAN/615	Radiocommunications : terminal, radio, broadcasting and interference-causing equipment <i>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada that the following consultations have been published at Web site: RSP-102, Issue 1, Draft 1.</i>	16 October 2020
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	INDIA	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/158	Feedback device <i>Testing and Certification requirements under MTCTE scheme were notified through Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017 [WTO TBT Notification G/TBT/N/IND/66].</i>	30 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	INDIA	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/159	Transmission terminal equipment <i>Testing and Certification requirements under MTCTE scheme were notified through Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017 [WTO TBT Notification G/TBT/N/IND/66].</i>	30 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	INDIA	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/160	Broadband equipment <i>Testing and Certification requirements under MTCTE scheme were notified through Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2017 [WTO TBT Notification G/TBT/N/IND/66].</i>	30 days from notification

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DATA COMMUNICATION NETWORKS	JAPAN	12/08/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/649/Add.1	Radio equipment : 2.4 GHz band low power data communication systems (only for radiolocation) - Addendum <i>As announced in G/TBT/N/JPN/649 dated 20 January 2020, the revisions were entered into force on 31 July 2020. The texts of the amendments are available on the following website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications in Japanese.</i>	—