



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 proposed 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

Notifications from nineteen (19) WTO Members from Asia, Europe, Africa, North and South America.

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 (8-14 AUGUST 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
ALBANIA	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/ALB/72	Petrol <i>Draft Decision of Council of Ministers "On measures of the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions resulting from the storage of petrol and its distribution from terminals to service stations"</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
CANADA	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/426/Add.1	On-road vehicles and engines, and gasoline <i>The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/426 (dated 7 October 2014) were adopted 16 July 2015 as the Regulations Amending the On-Road Vehicle and Engine Emission Regulations and Other Regulations Made Under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 and the Regulations Amending the Sulphur in Gasoline Regulations.</i>	—
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/430/Add.1	Non-corrective contact lenses <i>The proposed amendments notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/430 (dated 27 October 2014) were adopted 16 July 2015 as the "Regulations Amending the Medical Devices Regulations".</i>	—

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SWITZERLAND	13/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHE/198	Chemical Substances (not yet available in English)	01 November 2015
	13/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHE/199	Cosmetic Products (not yet available in English)	01 November 2015
	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHE/200	<u>Matériaux et objets destinés à entrer en contact avec les denrées alimentaires</u> (not yet available in English)	01 November 2015
CHILE	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/309	Vacuums (not yet available in English)	60 days from date of notification
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/310	Gas Lighters (not yet available in English)	60 days from date of notification
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/311	Utility Lighters (not yet available in English)	60 days from date of notification
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/312	Heaters (not yet available in English)	60 days from date of notification
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/313	Grille-pain, gril, tournebroche ou four mobile (not yet available in English)	60 days from date of notification
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/314	Boîtes de dérivation non métalliques de sol pour installations électriques fixes pour usage domestique (not yet available in English)	60 days from date of notification
	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/315	Cilindros portátiles soldados de acero para grúas horquillas que utilizan GLP (not yet available in English)	60 days from date of notification
CHINA	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1129	Motor vehicle products <i>Implementing Rules on the Administration of Recall of Defective Motor Vehicle Products</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
EUROPEAN UNION	12/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/306	Medicinal products for human use <i>Draft Commission Delegated Regulation supplementing Directive 2001/83/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council by laying down detailed rules for the safety features appearing on the outer packaging of medicinal products for human use</i>	60 days from notification
HONG KONG	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/HKG/48	Edible fats and oils and "waste cooking oils" <i>Legislative Proposals on Regulation of Edible Fats and Oils and Recycling of "Waste Cooking Oils"</i>	6 October 2015

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INDIA	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/IND/49	Edible vegetable oil, edible vegetable fat <i>Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Regulation, 2015 dated 5 June 2015</i>	60 days from the date of circulation of notification
JAMAICA	11/08/2015	G/TBT/N/JAM/50	Mineral aggregates, sands and fillers <i>Jamaican Standard Methods for Sampling and Testing of Mineral Aggregates, Sands and Fillers - Part 1: Sampling of Aggregates</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	11/08/2015	G/TBT/N/JAM/51	Mineral aggregates, sands and fillers <i>Jamaican Standard Methods for Sampling and Testing of Mineral Aggregates, Sands and Fillers - Part 2: Reducing Samples of Aggregate to Testing Size</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	11/08/2015	G/TBT/N/JAM/52	Mineral aggregates, sands and fillers <i>Jamaican Standard Methods for Sampling and Testing of Mineral aggregates, sands and fillers - Part 4: Determination of particle size distribution</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	11/08/2015	G/TBT/N/JAM/53	Property maintenance/construction <i>Jamaican Standard Jamaica Application Document for the International Property Maintenance Code</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/596	Veterinary drugs and quasi-drugs <i>Proposed Amendments to the Guideline on the manufacturing and item permission of veterinary pharmaceutical products</i>	60 days from notification
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/597	Electrical appliances <i>Draft of partial Amendment of Enforcement Rule of Electrical Appliances Safety control Act</i>	60 days from notification
KUWAIT	13/08/2015	G/TBT/N/KWT/277/Add.1	Labelling of pre-packaged food stuffs <i>Due to the international obligation that complies mentioning the trans-fat content on the food labels, an article in the Technical Regulation for Labelling of Pre-Packaged Food-stuffs (GSO 9:2013) will be added which states mentioning the trans-fat content is a must.</i>	—

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	13/08/2015	G/TBT/N/KWT/278/Corr.1	<p>Labelling of pre-packaged foodstuffs</p> <p><i>The information contained in G/TBT/N/KWT/278 is identical to that contained in G/TBT/N/KWT/277 . Notification G/TBT/N/KWT/278 is therefore null and void.</i></p>	—
MEXICO	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/MEX/290	Conditionneurs d'air Air Conditioners (not yet available in English)	60 days from notification
	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/MEX/291	Instrumentos, equipo, documentos y manuales que han de llevarse a bordo de las aeronaves (not yet available in English)	60 days from notification
OMAN	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/OMN/208	<p>Electronic cigarettes and their counterparts</p> <p><i>Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes and their Counterpart</i></p>	60 days from the date of circulation
PARAGUAY	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/PRY/84	Produits pour la santé et autres (not yet available in English)	—
THAILAND	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/THA/464	<p>Flat steel products and semi-products</p> <p><i>Draft Thai Industrial Standard for Electrolytic Zinc-Coated Cold Reduced Flat Carbon Steel of Commercial and Drawing Qualities</i></p>	60 days from the circulation date
	12/08/2015	G/TBT/N/THA/465	<p>Hot rolled structural steel</p> <p><i>Amendment to the Thai Industrial Standard for Hot Rolled Structural Steel Sections (TIS 1227-2539) . The main amendment includes chemical composition on ladle analysis and tolerances on product analysis.</i></p>	60 days from the circulation date
The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	12/08/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/212	<p>Chillers</p> <p><i>Draft Regulation on Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency for the Textile Industry</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
UGANDA	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/493	<p>Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers)</p> <p><i>Draft Uganda Standard: EAS 855:2015, Thinner for Resin-Based Auto-Refinishing Paints - Specification</i></p>	60 days from notification

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	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/494	Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) <i>Draft Uganda Standard: EAS 851:2015, Matt Emulsion Paint for Interior and Exterior Use - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/495	Paints and varnishes (including enamels and lacquers) <i>Draft Uganda Standard: EAS 852:2015, Air-Dried Roofing Paint - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	11/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/903/Add.1	Residential clothes washers <i>Final rule revising the test procedures for clothes washers established under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.</i>	—
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/907/Add.2	Dehumidifiers <i>Final rule to revise the test procedure for dehumidifiers established under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and establish a new test procedure for dehumidifiers in a new appendix.</i>	—
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/917/Add.1	Automatic goods-vending machines <i>Final rule : Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines</i>	—
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/998/Add.1	Residential conventional ovens <i>Extension of public comment period: Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Conventional Ovens</i>	9 September 2015
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1011/Add.2	Vehicle emissions <i>Notice of public hearing: Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium - and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles--Phase 2</i>	17 September 2015
	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1018	Medium base compact fluorescent lamps <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Compact Fluorescent Lamps</i>	14 October 2015
	11/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1019	Non-organic agricultural substances <i>National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset 2015 Amendments to the National List</i>	31 August 2015

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	11/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1020	Wireless devices <i>Equipment Authorization and Electronic Labeling for Wireless Devices: This document proposes updates to the rules that govern the evaluation and approval of RF devices.</i>	8 September 2015
	11/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1021	Battery chargers <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Battery Chargers</i>	20 October 2015
	12/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1022	Commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Small, Large, and Very Large Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioning and Heating Equipment</i>	8 September 2015
	13/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1023	Trichloroethylene <i>Trichloroethylene (TCE); Significant New Use Rule; TCE in Certain Consumer Product</i>	6 October 2015
	13/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1024	Distilled spirits, wine, beer, tobacco products, processed tobacco, or cigarette papers and tubes <i>Importation of Distilled Spirits, Wine, Beer, Tobacco Products, Processed Tobacco, and Cigarette Papers and Tubes; Availability of Pilot Program and Filing Instructions To Test the Collection of Import Data for Implementation of the International Trade Data System</i>	6 October 2015
	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1025	Grid-enabled water heaters <i>Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Definitions and Standards for Grid-Enabled Water Heaters</i>	None
VIET NAM	10/08/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/70	Electric motorcycles and mopeds <i>Draft National Technical Regulation of Motor Used for Electric Motorcycles and Mopeds</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/71	Regular solid waste <i>Draft Circular Regulating Management of Regular Solid Waste and Destruction of Preferential, Exempted Vehicles</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	14/08/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/72	Solid waste incinerator <i>Draft National Technical Regulation on Domestic Solid Waste Incinerator</i>	60 days from the date of notification