



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 ten (10) 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 (10 – 16 OCTOBER 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
COLOMBIA	12/10/2015	G/TBT/2/Add.18/Rev.1/Suppl.2	Implementation and Administration of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade <i>Government of the Republic of Colombia wishes to inform the Committee on Technical Barriers Trade on measures Standards, Technical Regulations, Accreditation, Conformity Assessment and Metrology –supplement linked to the implementation and administration of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade</i>	–
BRAZIL	15/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/647	Spring mattresses <i>Ordinance N°. 508, approving the technical requirements and procedures to access conformity for spring mattresses</i>	9 November 2015
	16/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/648	Pesticides <i>Draft Technical Resolution n° 87, regarding the pesticides toxicological evaluation and classification, labels and leaflets, and the procedure to post-register alteration</i>	10 December 2015

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	16/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/649	Food additives and technology authorized to use in wine <i>Draft Technical Resolution n° 88, regarding the Technical Regulation on Food Additives and Technology Supporting Authorized to Use in Wine</i>	11 December 2015
	16/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/650	Mercosur certificate of free sale to extra zone export of personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes <i>Draft Technical Resolution n° 86, regarding the MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on Certificate of Free Sale to Extra Zone Export of Personal Hygiene Products, Cosmetics and Perfumes</i>	10 December 2015
CANADA	16/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/470	Prescription drug list - Polymyxin B <i>Notice of Consultation - Prescription Drug List (PDL): Polymyxin B</i>	23 December 2015
EGYPT	15/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/105	Tomato concentrates <i>Ministerial Decree No. 536 for the year 2015 concerning the modified Egyptian Standard ES 132-1/2015 "Preserved Tomato Products Part - 1 Tomato Concentrates" that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/106	Tomatoes packed <i>Ministerial Decree No. 536 for the year 2015 concerning the modified Egyptian Standard ES 132-2 /2015 "Preserved Tomato Products - Part 2 Tomatoes Packed" that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	15/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/107	Ketchup <i>Ministerial Decree No. 536 for the year 2015 concerning the modified Egyptian Standard 132-3 /2005 "Preserved Tomato Products - Part 3: Ketchup" that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 130/2005</i>	60 days from the date of the notification

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	15/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/108	Food grade salt <i>Ministerial Decree No. 536 for the year 2015 concerning the modified Egyptian Standard ES 273-1/2015 2 "Sodium Chloride - Part 1: Food Salt" that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 515/2005</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	16/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/109	Food grade salt <i>Ministerial Decree No. 536 for the year 2015 concerning the modified Egyptian Standard ES 2732-1/2015 "Table Salt Fortified With Iodine and Test Methods - Part 1 : Table Salt Fortified With Iodine" that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 515/2005</i>	60 days from date of the notification
EUROPEAN UNION	16/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/319	Pesticides - Residues - Tricyclazole <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-approval of the active substance tricyclazole, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market</i>	60 days from notification
	16/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/320	Electrical and electronic equipment <i>Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) in spare parts recovered from and used for the repair or refurbishment of medical devices or electron microscopes</i>	60 days from notification
	16/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/321	Diaphragms (used in electrolysis installations) that contain asbestos (chrysotile) fibres and the fibres themselves <i>Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards asbestos fibres (chrysotile)</i>	60 days from notification

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INDIA	12/10/2015	G/TBT/N/IND/47/Add.1	Electronics and information technology goods - Addendum <i>Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012</i> – notified addition of 15 products	–
	14/10/2015	G/TBT/N/IND/47/Add.1/Corr.1	Electronics and information technology goods - Addendum <i>The notification submitted on 8 September was not circulated until 12 October</i> – due to a WTO secretariat error	–
MEXICO	16/10/2015	G/TBT/N/MEX/270/Add.3	Motor vehicles in circulation that use gasoline as fuel - Addendum <i>Official Mexican Standard NOM-041-SEMARNAT-2015, which establishes the maximum permissible limits of emission are modified exhaust pollutants from motor vehicles in circulation that use gasoline as fuel</i>	–
THAILAND	15/10/2015	G/TBT/N/THA/467	Fluorescent lamps <i>Draft Thai Industrial Standard for Ballasts for Tubular Fluorescent Lamps: Safety Requirements</i>	60 days from notification
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	14/10/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/219	Food utensils, food containers or packaging containing plastic material <i>Draft Labelling Requirements for Food Utensils, Food Containers or Packaging</i>	60 days from notification
	14/10/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/220	Food utensils, food containers or packaging containing plastic material <i>Draft Amendment to "Items of Food Utensils, Food Containers or Packaging" to Which the Labelling Requirements Apply</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	12/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1016/Add.1	Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment - Addendum <i>Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Rear Impact Protection, Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment Single Unit Trucks</i> – Advance notice of proposed rule-making; reopening of comment period	5 November 2015

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	12/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1035	Chemical substances <i>Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances</i>	2 November 2015
	12/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1036	Food standards and labeling policy <i>Availability of Updated FSIS Food Standards and Labeling Policy Book</i>	19 October 2015
	12/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1037	Motor vehicle parts and accessories <i>Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance; General Amendments</i>	7 December 2015
	12/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1038	Air emission sources <i>Revisions to Test Methods, Performance Specifications, and Testing Regulations for Air Emission Sources</i>	9 November 2015
	12/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1039	Pediatric hospital beds, medical cribs and medical bassinets <i>General Hospital and Personal Use Devices: Renaming of Pediatric Hospital Bed Classification and Designation of Special Controls for Pediatric Medical Crib; Classification of Medical Bassinet</i>	7 December 2015