



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 thirteen (13) WTO Members from Asia, Europe, Africa, North and South America 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 (12 –18 DECEMBER 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
ARGENTINA	18/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/150/Add.4	Food products– Addendum <i>ARGENTINE FOOD CODE - Dietetic foods or foods for special dietary uses and gluten-free foods</i> –National Administration of Drugs, Food and Medical Technology adopts Regulation No. 10408/2015 by the "Guidelines for Health Authorization Gluten Free" and Regulation No. 10410/2015 "Guidelines for the Conduct of Manufacturing Establishments audits of gluten-free foods" and "Checklist for Conducting audits Manufacturing Establishments of gluten-free foods"	–
	18/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.2	Low-voltage electrical products– Addendum <i>Regime governing the mandatory certification of compliance with the essential safety requirements for low-voltage electrical products marketed in Argentina</i> –Resolution No. 686/2015 of the Ministry of Commerce (SC) writing articles 2 is replaced ,18°,26° and 28° of SC Resolution No. 508/2015 (G/TBT/N/ARG/297) as amended by SC Resolution No. 559/2015 (G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.1)	–

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
	18/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.3	Low-voltage electrical products—Addendum <i>Regime governing the mandatory certification of compliance with the essential safety requirements for low-voltage electrical products marketed in Argentina</i> —Resolution No. 681/2015 of the Ministry of Commerce (SC) SC Resolution No. 508/2015 , as amended supplemented SC Resolution No. 508/2015 and its amendments have been notified in document G/TBT / N/ARG/297 and its addenda 1 and 2	—
BRAZIL	14/12/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/648/Add.1	Pesticides—Addendum <i>Draft Technical Resolution n° 87, October 2nd 2015, regarding the pesticides toxicological evaluation and classification, labels and leaf-lets, and the procedure to post-register alteration</i> —comments for draft Technical Resolution No. 87 of October 2, 2015, which was notified in G/TBT/N/BRA/648 is extended until February 8, 2016	February 8, 2016
CHINA	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/145/Rev.2	Motorcycle tyres - Revision <i>National Standard of the P.R. C., Motorcycle Tyres</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/248/Rev.1	Inner tube of motorcycle tyres - Revision <i>National Standard of the P.R. C., Inner Tube of Pneumatic Tyres - Part 2: Inner Tube of Motorcycle Tyres</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1159	Crushing equipment <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Crushing Equipment - Safety Requirements</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1160	Filter <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Filter - Safety Requirements</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1161	Stationary gas power engine <i>National Standard of the P.R.C. Technical Code for Safety of Stationary Gas Power Engine</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

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ECUADOR	18/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ECU/19/Add.11	<p>Processed and packaged food products– Addendum</p> <p><i>Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute RTE INEN 022 on the labelling of processed and packaged food products</i> – The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses the Addendum 11 concerned the Corrigendum 1 Technical Regulation RTE INEN 022 (2R) " Labeling processed , packaged and packaged foodstuffs " has been published in the Official Gazette No. 646 of 11 November 2015</p>	–
EUROPEAN UNION	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/329/Corr.1	<p>Four chemical substances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), (EC No. 204-211-0, CAS No. 117-81-7, HS code 2917.32) · dibutyl phthalate (DBP) (EC No. 201-557-4, CAS No. 84-74-2, HS code 2917.34) · benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) (EC No. 201-622-7, CAS No. 85-68-7, HS code 2917.34) and · diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) (EC No. 201-553-2, CAS No. 84-69-5, HS code 2917.34) <p>– Corrigendum</p> <p><i>Draft Commission Decision on the identification of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), dibutyl phthalate (DBP), benzyl butyl phthalate (BBP) and diisobutyl phthalate (DIBP) as substances of very high concern according to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council</i></p>	–
	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/330	<p>Food</p> <p><i>Draft Commission Regulation refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health</i></p>	60 days from notification
	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/331	<p>Food</p> <p><i>Draft Commission Regulation refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health</i></p>	60 days from notification

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JAPAN	15/12/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/510	Harmful chemical substances <i>Amendment to the Enforcement Order of Industrial Safety and Health Act and related ordinances about the 27 substances</i>	15 February 2016
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/511	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system <i>Designation of "Shitei Yakubutsu" (designated substances), based on the provision of the Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Regenerative and Cellular Therapy Products, Gene Therapy Products, and Cosmetics (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") (1960, Law No. 145)</i>	Not applicable
MEXICO	18/12/2015	G/TBT/N/MEX/297	Products of glazed pottery , glazed pottery , porcelain and glassware (ICS: 81) <i>NOM- 231- SSA1-2015 , articles glazed pottery , glazed pottery , porcelain and glassware. Maximum permissible levels of soluble lead and cadmium. Test method</i>	February 15, 2016
NIGERIA	14/12/2015	G/TBT/N/NGA/2	Products in general <i>Draft Nigeria National Quality Policy</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	14/12/2015	G/TBT/N/NGA/3	Locally manufactured products <i>Standards Organisation of Nigeria Mandatory Conformity Assessment Programme (MANCAP) in brief</i>	The regulation is already in force
	14/12/2015	G/TBT/N/NGA/4	Imported products <i>Standards Organization of Nigeria Conformity Assessment Programme (SONCAP) Guidelines in brief</i>	The regulation is already in force
PERU	14/12/2015	G/TBT/N/PER/82	Pharmaceutical products <i>Draft Regulation on the interchangeability of medicines</i>	9 March 2016
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/896	Refrigerated display cabinets <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 23953-2:2015 (ISO 23953-2:2015) "Refrigerated Display Cabinets - Part 2: Classification, Requirements and Test Conditions"</i>	60 days from notification

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	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/897	Tractors for agriculture and forestry <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 3463:2008 (ISO 3463:2006) "Tractors for Agriculture and Forestry - Roll-Over Protective Structures (ROPS) - Dynamic Test Method and Acceptance Conditions"</i>	60 days from notification
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/898	Full-flow lubricating oil filters <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 4548-5:2014 (ISO 4548-5:2013) "Methods of test for full-flow lubricating oil filters for internal combustion engines - Part 5: Test for cold start simulation and hydraulic pulse durability"</i>	60 days from notification
	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/899	Full-flow lubricating oil filters <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 4548-7:2013 (ISO 4548-7:2012) "Methods of Test for Full-Flow Lubricating Oil Filters for Internal Combustion Engines - Part 7: Vibration Fatigue Test"</i>	60 days from notification
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/900	Full-flow lubricating oil filters <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 4548-9:2008 (ISO 4548-9:2008) "Methods of Test for Full-Flow Lubricating Oil Filters for Internal Combustion Engines - Part 9: Inlet and Outlet Anti-Drain Valve Tests"</i>	60 days from notification
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/901	Full-flow lubricating oil filters <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 4548-12:2008 (ISO 4548-12:2000) "Methods of Test for Full-Flow Lubricating Oil Filters for Internal Combustion Engines - Part 12: Filtration Efficiency Using Particle Counting, and Contaminant Retention Capacity"</i>	60 days from notification
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/902	Full-flow lubricating oil filters <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 4548-13:2014 (ISO 4548-13:2013) "Methods of Test for Full-Flow Lubricating Oil Filters for Internal Combustion Engines - Part 13: Static Burst Pressure Test for Composite Filter Housings"</i>	60 days from notification

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	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/903	Full-flow lubricating oil filters <i>Draft of Technical Regulation for No. (ISO 4548-15:2014) "Methods of Test for Full-Flow Lubricating Oil Filters for Internal Combustion Engines - Part 15 : Vibration Fatigue Test for Composite Filter Housings"</i>	60 days from notification
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/904	Full-flow lubricating oil filters <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 4548-4:2008 (ISO 4548-4:1997) "Methods of Test for Full-Flow Lubricating Oil Filters for Internal Combustion Engines - Part 4: Initial Particle Retention Efficiency, Life and Cumulative Efficiency (Gravimetric Method)"</i>	60 days from notification
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/905	Agricultural tractors and machinery <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 5673-1:2007 (ISO 5673-1:2005) "Agricultural Tractors and Machinery - Power Take-Off Drive Shafts and Power-Input Connection - Part 1: General Manufacturing and Safety Requirements"</i>	60 days from notification
	17/12/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/906	Tractors for agriculture and forestry <i>Transfer from Standard to Technical Regulation for No. SASO ISO 5700:2015 (ISO 5700:2013) "Tractors for Agriculture and Forestry - Roll-Over Protective Structures - Static Test Method and Acceptance Conditions"</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/999/Add.1	Renewable fuel standards— Addendum <i>Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2014, 2015, and 2016 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2017 — final rule is effective on 12 February 2016</i>	—
	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1019/Add.1	Non-organic agricultural substances— Addendum <i>National Organic Program (NOP); Sunset 2015 Amendments to the National List — final rule is effective on 14 December 2015</i>	—

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VIET NAM	14/12/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/15/Add.1	<p>Drugs– Addendum</p> <p><i>The draft Circular amending and supplementing a number of articles of Circular No. 03/2012/TT-BYT of the Ministry of Health Guidelines for Clinical trials on Drugs</i></p> <p>– SUMMARY:</p> <p>1. Delete Clause 3 of Article 7 of Circular No. 03/2012/TT-BYT</p> <p>2. Article 20. Stages of clinical trial of pharmaceutical products of herbal origin of Circular No. 03/2012/TT-BYT is amended and supplemented in order to provide more details on purpose, sample size and evaluation in each stage and to define the criteria for exemption of clinical trial at certain stages</p>	60 days after notification date
ZAMBIA	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ZMB/45	<p>Asbestos cement corrugated sheets and decking for roofing and cladding</p> <p><i>Asbestos-Cement Corrugated Sheets and Decking for Roofing and Cladding - Specifications And Testing</i></p>	60 days from notification
	16/12/2015	G/TBT/N/ZMB/46	<p>Toiletries</p> <p><i>Petroleum Jelly - Specification</i></p>	60 days from notification