

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 twenty three (23) 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 (15-21 AUGUST 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/205/Corr.1	Unbottled drinking water <i>Information contained in G/TBT/N/ARE/205 is identical to that in G/TBT/N/ARE/266 . Notification G/TBT/N/ARE/205 is therefore null and void.</i>	—
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, OMAN, QATAR, KUWAIT, YEMEN	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/266; G/TBT/N/BHR/398; G/TBT/N/KWT/279; G/TBT/N/OMN/209; G/TBT/N/QAT/395; G/TBT/N/SAU/857; G/TBT/N/YEM/1	Unbottled drinking water <i>Revision article #5.2.2 of GCC Draft of Technical Regulation for Unbottled drinking water</i>	60 days from date of notification
	18/08/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/267; G/TBT/N/BHR/399; G/TBT/N/KWT/280; G/TBT/N/OMN/210; G/TBT/N/QAT/396; G/TBT/N/SAU/858; G/TBT/N/YEM/2	Toiletries <i>Draft technical regulation: Cosmetic Products - Cosmetic Products Claims</i>	60 days from the date of notification
ARGENTINA	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/290	Productos alimenticios - Food products <i>(not yet available in English)</i>	21 September 2015

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BRAZIL	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/527/Add.1	Public-key infrastructure (PKI) <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued the Ordinance N° 394, 10 August 2015, in order to make some adjustments in the Conformity Assessment Procedures for public-key infrastructure (PKI), issued by Ordinance N° 08, 8 January 2013 (G/TBT/N/BRA/527) .</i>	—
CANADA	20/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/428/Add.1	Synthetic drug <i>The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/428 (dated 21 October 2014) were adopted on 29 July 2015 as the "Order Amending Schedule I to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Tapentadol) and Regulations Amending the Narcotic Control Regulations (Tapentadol)".</i>	—
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/438/Add.1	Synthetic cannabinoids <i>The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/438 (dated 12 February 2015) were adopted on 16 July 2015 as the "Order Amending Schedule II to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Synthetic cannabinoids) and Regulations Amending the Narcotic Control Regulations (Synthetic cannabinoids)".</i>	—
	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/466	Substance AH-7921 <i>Notice to interested parties - Proposal regarding the scheduling of AH-7921 and MT-45 under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and its Regulations</i>	8 October 2015
SWITZERLAND	18/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHE/201	Jouets - Toys <i>(not yet available in English)</i>	20 September 2015
CHILE	20/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/316	Escaleras mecánicas, rampas móviles y ascensores - Escalators, Moving Walkways and Lifts, <i>(not yet available in English)</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	20/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/317	Habitabilidad en las construcciones— Habitability in Buildings <i>(not yet available in English)</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	20/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/318	Hormigón y morteros - Concrete and mortar <i>(not yet available in English)</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	20/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/319	Maderas - Lumber <i>(not yet available in English)</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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COLOMBIA	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/COL/213	Etanol anhidro combustible y etanol anhidro combustible desnaturalizado - Anhydrous ethanol fuel and fuel denatured anhydrous ethanol (not yet available in English)	19 November 2015
COSTA RICA	19/08/2015	G/TBT/N/CRI/151	Cementos hidráulicos - Hydraulic cements (not yet available in English)	20 October 2015
ECUADOR	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/ECU/142/Add.2	Rodamientos de bolas y de rodillos o de agujas - Ball bearings and roller or needle (not yet available in English)	—
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/ECU/174/Add.2	Rodamientos de rodillos cónicos - Tapered roller bearings (not yet available in English)	—
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/ECU/188/Add.2	Televisiones - Television (not yet available in English)	—
EGYPT	19/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/84	Carbonated sweetened drinks <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Non - Carbonated Sweetened Drinks - Part 2: Fruit Drinks and Artificial Drinks</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	19/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/85	Concrete masonry units <i>Ministerial Decree No. 537,2015, concerning the modified Egyptian Standard ES 1292-2/2015 for "Concrete Masonry Units - Part 2: Non Load Bearing Concrete Masonry Units "</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	19/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/86	Concrete masonry units <i>Ministerial Decree No. 537,2015 , concerning the modified Egyptian Standard ES 1292-1/2015 for "Concrete Masonry Units - Part 1: Load Bearing Concrete Masonry Units"</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/87	Contaminants in food <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Maximum Level for Certain Contaminants in Foodstuffs</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/88	Edible vegetable oils <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Edible Named Vegetable Oils</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/89	Edible oil for frying <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Edible Mixed Oil for Frying</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	20/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/90	Liquid synthetic detergents for kitchen and table ware <i>Ministerial Decree No. 535, 2015, mandating the application of the Egyptian Standard ES 1562 "Liquid Synthetic Detergents for Kitchen and Table Ware"</i>	60 days from the date of the notification

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	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/91	Cream cheese <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Soft Cheese - Part 2: Cream Cheese (Double Cream)</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/92	Mould ripened-blue cheese <i>Standard for Semi-Hard Cheese Part: 2 Mould Ripened - Blue Cheese</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/93	Non alcoholic beverages <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Non Alcoholic Barley Drink</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/94	Pencils and coloured pencils <i>Draft Egyptian Standard "Pencils, Coloured Pencils and Leads for Them"</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/95	Soap with detergent for household purposes <i>Ministerial Decree No. 535 for the year 2015 mandating the application of Egyptian Standard ES 858 "Soap With Detergent for Household Purposes"</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
GEORGIA	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/GEO/90	Protection against fire, explosion <i>Technical Regulation on "Fire Safety Rules and Conditions" approved by Decree of The Government of Georgia 23 July 2015 No. 370</i>	—
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/GEO/91	Wastes and landfill <i>Technical Regulation on "Landfill's construction, operation, closure and follow-up care" approved by Decree of the Government of Georgia 11 August 2015 No.421</i>	—
JAPAN	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/498	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>	—
The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/184/Add.1	Infant and follow-up formula <i>G/TBT/N/TPKM/184 was promulgated on 11 August 2015, under the name "Infant and follow-up formula shall have a recognized label directly printed onto the container for ease of identification".</i>	—

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	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/207/Add.1	Edible oils and fats, meat products, dairy products, seafood products, lunch box, food additives, materials of genetically modified foods, soybeans, wheat, maize(corn), wheat flour, starches, food grade salts, sugars, tea leaves, prepackaged tea drinks or soybean products <i>G/TBT/N/TPKM/207/Add.1</i> , was promulgated on 31 July 2015, and came into effect on 31 July 2015.	—
UGANDA	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/496	Paints and varnishes <i>Draft Uganda Standards: EAS 853-2:2015, Auto Refinishing Paint - Specification - Part 2: Nitrocellulose Resin Based</i>	60 days from notification
	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/497	Paints and varnishes <i>Draft Uganda Standards: EAS 854:2015, Thinner for Nitrocellulose Resin-Based Paints and Lacquers - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/498	Paints and varnishes <i>Draft Uganda Standards: EAS 856:2015, 2-Pack Acrylic Resin-Based Auto-Refinishing Paint - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/499	Paints and varnishes <i>Draft Uganda Standards: EAS 857:2015, Thinner for Acrylic Resin Based Auto-Refinishing Paints - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/500	Paints and varnishes <i>Draft Uganda Standards: EAS 848:2015, Water-Thinned Priming Paints for Wood - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/501	Paints and varnishes <i>Draft Uganda Standards: EAS 849:2015, Silk (Sheen) Emulsion Paint for Interior Use - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/502	Paints and varnishes <i>Draft Uganda Standards: EAS 850:2015, Matt Solvent-Borne Paint for Interior and Exterior Use - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/503	Toilet or facial tissue stock, towel or napkin stock <i>Draft Uganda Standards: EAS 355:2015, Toilet Paper - Specification</i>	60 days from notification

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/861/Add.4	Ceiling fans <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fan Light Kits Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) and announcement of public meeting</i>	13 October 2015
	19/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/988/Add.1	Curbside mailboxes <i>Standards Governing the Design of Curbside Mailboxes; Final rule</i>	—
	19/08/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1026	Infant bath tubs <i>Safety Standard for Infant Bath Tubs</i>	28 October 2015
VIETNAM	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/73	Hazardous chemicals <i>Draft National Technical Regulation on Occupational Safety and Health in Production, Commerce, Use, Handling and Transportation of Hazardous Chemicals</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/74	Lifting equipment <i>Draft National Technical Regulation on Safe Work for Room-Less Electric Lift</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	21/08/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/75	Construction materials <i>Decree on Management of Construction</i>	60 days from the date of notification
SOUTH AFRICA	17/08/2015	G/TBT/N/ZAF/173/Corr.1	Labelling of electrical and electronic apparatus <i>Correction notification to the Compulsory Specification for Energy Efficiency and Labelling of Electrical and Electronic Apparatus (VC 9008) was published in South African Government Gazette 39091, Notice R710, dated 13 August 2015.</i>	—