

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 eighteen (18) WTO Members from Asia, 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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You can expect that, at BPS, we aim HIGH!

LIST OF WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (17 – 23 OCTOBER 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	19/10/2015	G/TBT/2/Add.47/Rev.1	Implementation and Administration of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade – Revision <i>Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards' activities are supported by the following legislation: Standards Act No. 18 of 1997, Standards Regulations 2007, Metrology Act No. 18 of 2004. Metrology Regulations, 2015, Metrology (Quantities of Goods) Regulations, 2015 and CROSQ Act 2005</i>	–
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, OMAN, QATAR, KUWAIT, YEMEN	19/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/271 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/401 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/284 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/213 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/398 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/868 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/4	Pummelos GCC Technical Regulation for "Pummelos"	60 days from notification
	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/272 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/402 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/285 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/214 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/399 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/869 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/5	Chewing gum GCC Technical Regulation for "Chewing Gum"	60 days from notification

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	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/273 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/403 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/286 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/215 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/400 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/870 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/6	Yoghurt <i>GCC Technical Regulation for "Yoghurt"</i>	60 days from notification
	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/274 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/404 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/287 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/216 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/401 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/871 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/7	Cereal flakes <i>GCC Technical Regulation for "Cereal Flakes"</i>	60 days from notification
	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/275 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/405 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/288 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/217 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/402 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/872 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/8	Shawurma <i>General Requirements for Preparation and Handling of Shawurma</i>	60 days from notification
	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/276 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/406 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/289 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/218 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/403 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/873 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/9	Natural pomegranate molasses <i>Natural Pomegranate Molasses – Draft of technical regulation concerns natural pomegranate molasses</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/277 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/407 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/290 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/219 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/404 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/874 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/10	Cake <i>Cake – Concerned with the cake types, cake shapes</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	23/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/280 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/408 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/291 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/220 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/405 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/875 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/11	Certain canned vegetables <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Certain Canned Vegetables"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	23/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/281 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/409 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/292 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/221 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/406 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/876 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/12	Cocoa nibs, cocoa mass and cocoa press cake <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Cocoa nibs, cocoa mass and cocoa press cake"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	23/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/282 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/410 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/293 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/222 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/407 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/877 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/13	Electrolyte drinks <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Technical Regulation for Electrolyte Drinks</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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	23/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/283 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/411 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/294 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/223 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/408 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/878 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/14	Food packages made of aluminium <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Food packages made of aluminium foil"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/278	Rotodynamic water pumps <i>Draft of UAE Technical Regulation - Minimum Energy Efficiency Limits Rotodynamic Water Pumps</i>	60 days from notification
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/279	Nutrition labelling of foods <i>Draft of UAE Technical Regulation "Requirements on Nutrition Labeling"</i>	60 days from notification
ARGENTINA	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/284/Add.3	Herbal medicines, plant-based drugs and preparations of plant-based drugs –Addendum <i>Review of the comprehensive legal framework for herbal medicines, plant-based drugs and preparations of plant-based drugs</i> –Circular (Circular) ANMAT No. 11/2015 specifies the documents required for the purposes of adapting the entries in the Register of medicinal specialties	–
	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/294	All products subject to a certification scheme <i>Recognition of certification bodies, testing laboratories and inspection bodies</i>	–
	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/295	Signs and / or labels (FDR) <i>Placards control system and/or labels (FDR)</i>	–
	23/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/296	Irradiated foods <i>Draft Joint Resolution "Changing the Argentine Food Code - Chapter III of foodstuffs - Article 174 of the storage and processing of foods preserved or preserved"</i>	November 15, 2015

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PLURINATION-AL STATE OF BOLIVIA	22/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BOL/3	Foodstuffs in general <i>Technical Regulations of the Supreme Decree No. 2452 regulating the same paragraph 3 of Article 15 of Law 144 of 26 June 2011 Productive Agricultural Revolution Community relating to the labeling of products intended for human consumption directly or indirectly, that is, containing or derived from genetically modified organisms</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
BRAZIL	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/501/Add.2	Matches - Addendum <i>Ministerial Act No. 404, 1 August 2012– Addendum; Ordinance N° 526 make some adjustments in the Technical Regulation for Safety Matches</i>	18 November 2015
	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/504/Add.3	Matches - Addendum <i>Ministerial Act N° 440, 27th August 2012– Addendum; Ordinance N° 526, make some adjustments in the Conformity Assessment procedures Safety Matches</i>	18 November 2015
	19/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/567/Add.4	Baby feeding bottles and nipples - Addendum <i>Ordinance No. 576, 28 November 2013– Addendum; Ordinance N° 517, final rule to ensure the prohibition of the manufacture, importation and/or marketing, of customized baby feeding bottles and baby feeding bottles nipples</i>	—
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/651	Transition food to lactating and early childhood <i>Draft Technical Resolution n° 95, 8 October 2015, regarding the alteration of the item 2.2.1.1. "a" of the annex of the Ordinance SVS/MS n. 34/1998, which approved the technical regulation on transition food to lactating and early childhood</i>	16 November 2015
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/652	Cigarette lighters <i>Inmetro Ordinance N° 525, 16 October 2015. Draft technical regulation which lays down technical requirements to gas lighters</i>	17 December 2015

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CHILE	20/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/327	Electric motors three-phase induction <i>Preliminary Technical Report: Minimum standard of energy efficiency for electric motors three-phase induction</i>	60 days from the date of notification
CHINA	19/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1139	Consumer products <i>Regulation on the Administration of Recall of Defective Consumer Products</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	19/10/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/608	Gas lighters <i>A draft revision for Safety Certification Criteria for Gas Lighters Notice</i>	60 days from notification
	19/10/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/609	Electrical appliances <i>Draft of amendment of Operation Bulletin of Electrical Appliances Safety Control Act</i>	60 days from notification
	22/10/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/610	Sticks for the elderly <i>A draft revision for Safety and Quality Mark Criteria for Sticks for the Elderly's Notice</i>	60 days from notification
MEXICO	22/10/2015	G/TBT/N/MEX/295	Transmission apparatus for radio-broadcasting receivers <i>Emergency Official Mexican Standard NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 products. Radio systems employ the technique of spread-spectrum radio equipment frequency hopping and digital modulation to operate in the bands 902-928 MHz, 2400-2483.5 MHz and 5725-5850 MHz- Specifications and test methods</i>	—
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	19/10/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/865	Deformed and plain low-alloy steel bars for concrete reinforcement <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Low-Alloy Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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	19/10/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/866	Deformed and plain carbon-steel bars for concrete reinforcement <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia / Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	19/10/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/867	Luminaires, incorporating electric light sources <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) Luminaire performance - Part 1: General requirements</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/211/Add.2	Labeling of restructured meat products - Addendum <i>"Regulations Governing the Labeling of Restructured Meat Products", was promulgated on 14 October 2015, and it will come into effect on 1 January 2016</i>	—
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/221	Labelling of agro-pesticides <i>Amendment of Article 5 and Article 6 of Regulations for the Labelling of Agro-Pesticides</i>	60 days from notification
UGANDA	22/10/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/524	Smoked fish, smoke-flavoured fish and smoke-dried fish <i>DUS DEAS 876:2015, Smoked Fish, Smoke-Flavoured and Smoke-Dried Fish - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	22/10/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/525	Quick frozen prawns and shrimp <i>DUS DEAS 875:2015, Quick Frozen Prawns and Shrimp - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	22/10/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/526	Frozen octopus <i>DUS DEAS 872:2015, Frozen Octopus - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	22/10/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/527	Fish sausages <i>DUS DEAS 871:2015, Fish sausages - Specification</i>	60 days from notification

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	22/10/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/528	Crackers from marine and freshwater fish <i>DUS DEAS 870:2015, Crackers from marine and freshwater fish, crustacean and molluscan shellfish - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/813/Add.2	Infant formula - Addendum <i>Infant Formula: The Addition of Minimum and Maximum Levels of Selenium to Infant Formula and Related Labeling Requirements; Confirmation of Effective Date</i>	—
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/893/Add.6	Food labelling - Addendum <i>Food Labeling: Revision of the Nutrition and Supplement Facts Labels; Reopening of the Comment Period</i>	23 October 2015
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/903/Add.1/Corr.2	Residential clothes washers - Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Clothes Washers; Correcting Amendments</i>	—
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1040	Hazardous liquid pipelines <i>Pipeline Safety: Safety of Hazardous Liquid Pipelines</i>	8 January 2016
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1041	Allowable lead content limits <i>Amendment To Clarify When Component Part Testing Can Be Used and Which Textile Products Have Been Determined Not To Exceed the Allowable Lead Content Limits</i>	13 November 2015
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1042	Children's folding chairs and stools <i>Safety Standard for Children's Folding Chairs and Stools</i>	4 January 2016
	21/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1043	Children's folding chairs <i>Safety Standard for Infant Bouncer Seats</i>	4 January 2016
	23/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1044	Hazardous waste <i>Hazardous Waste Export-Import Revisions; Proposed Rule</i>	18 December 2015