



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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You can expect that, at BPS, we aim HIGH!

LIST OF WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (18-24 JULY 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
BRAZIL	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/373/Rev.1/Add.1	Mattress and mats made of flexible polyurethane foam <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued the Ordinance N° 349, 9 July 2015, approved adjustments and clarifications to the Conformity Assessment Process for Mattresses & Mats Flexible Polyurethane Foam .</i>	—
	21/07/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/642	Potatoes <i>Ordinance N° 60, 15 July 2015 Draft technical regulation to set the official standard classification, quality requirements of sampling, presentation marking or labelling aspects, relating to potatoes</i>	19 September 2015
	21/07/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/643	Wheel assembly and spare tire <i>Ordinance N° 540, 15 July 2015— Mandatory technical specifications for temporary and alternative use of wheel assembly and spare tyre, for vehicles M1 and N1 categories manufactured in the country or imported, designed and built for passenger transport.</i>	—

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CANADA	21/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/458	Tobacco products <i>Making Healthier Choices Act, 2015 - Bill 45, Schedule 2 - Smoke-Free Ontario Act Amendments</i>	27 August 2015
CHINA	22/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1091	Single superphosphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	22/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1092	Ammonium nitrate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	22/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1093	Liquefied anhydrous ammonia <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	22/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1094	Wood based furniture <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	22/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1095	All indoor bed mattress products <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1096	Sofa <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1097	Rescue saw <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1098	Manual rescue tools for firefighting <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1099	Feed additives - DL A Tocopheryl Acetate (powder form) <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1100	Feed additives - L Lysinem Monohydrochloride <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1101	Feed additives - Calcium salt of hydroxyl analogue of methionine <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1102	Feed additives - Menadione dimethylpyrimidinol bisulfite <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

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	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1103	Feed additives - Vitamin A Palmitate (powder form) <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1104	Feed additives - DL A Tocopheryl acetate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1105	Feed additives - L-Calcium ascorbate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1106	Feed additives - L-Sodium Ascorbate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1107	Feed additives - L-Carnitine <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1108	Feed additives - Manganese methionine complex (Chelate) <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1109	Feed additives - Copper sulphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1110	Feed additives - Cupric methionine complex (Chelate) <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1111	Feed additives - Zinc methionine complex (Chelate) <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1112	Feed additives - Monocalcium phosphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1113	Feed additives - Potassium dihydrogen phosphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1114	Feed additives - Sodium dihydrogen phosphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

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	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1115	Feed additives - Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1116	Feed additives - Dicalcium phosphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1117	Feed additives - Tricalcium phosphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1118	Feed additives - Magnesium sulphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1119	Feed additives - Manganese sulphate <i>National Standard of the People's Republic of China</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
COSTA RICA	21/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CRI/98/Add.2	Dietary supplements <i>The purpose of this Addendum is therefore to notify WTO Members that Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 436:2009 has been amended and that the final date for comments is 60 days from the date of this notification.</i>	60 days from the date of this notification
	21/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CRI/125/Add.1	Rice <i>Notified document G/TBT/N/CRI/125 on 19 October 2011, establishing provisions applicable to long-grain pounded rice, except for the gourmet variety, intended for direct human consumption in Costa Rica, whether domestically produced, donated or imported, has been amended with a view to facilitating trade.</i>	—
CZECH REPUBLIC	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/179/Add.1	Measuring instruments <i>The Draft general measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for specified measuring instruments, including testing methods for the verification of those devices: "Heat meters and their sub-assemblies - temperature sensors for use in residential, commercial and light industrial environments" (G/TBT/N/CZE/179), was adopted on 12 March 2015, and published in the Official Journal.</i>	—

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	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/180/Add.1	Measuring instruments <i>The Draft general measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for specified measuring instruments, including testing methods for the verification of those devices: "Heat meters and their sub-assemblies - calculator units for use in residential, commercial and light-industrial environments" (G/TBT/N/CZE/180), was adopted on 12 March 2015, and published in the Official Journal.</i>	—
	21/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/181/Add.1	Measuring instruments <i>The Draft general measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for specified measuring instruments, including testing methods for the verification of those devices: "Heat meters - compact and combined heat meters for use in residential, commercial and light-industrial environments" (G/TBT/N/CZE/181), was adopted on 12 March 2015, and published in the Official Journal.</i>	—
	21/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CZE/182/Add.1	Measuring instruments <i>The Draft general measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for specified measuring instruments, including testing methods for the verification of those devices: "Heat meters and their sub-assemblies - flow sensors for use in residential, commercial and light-industrial environments" (G/TBT/N/CZE/182), was adopted on 12 March 2015, and published in the Official Journal.</i>	—
PHILIPPINES	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PHL/193	Miscellaneous products <i>Measures to Facilitate the Issuance of the Import Commodity Clearance</i>	—
UGANDA	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/UGA/492	Leather products <i>Draft Standards – FDUS 1608:2015, Men's, Women's and Children's Leather Belts Specifications</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/621/Add.4	Food <i>Food Labeling; Nutrition Labeling of Standard Menu Items in Restaurants and Similar Retail Food Establishments</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of Compliance Date 	—

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	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/698/Add.3	Light-emitting diode lamps <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Integrated Light-Emitting Diode Lamps</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking 	10 August 2015
	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/749/Add.2	Polychlorinated biphenyls <i>Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs): Revisions to Manifesting Regulations; Item Number</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final rule Technical amendment to correct references in the regulations to the item number for the Special Handling Instructions Box on the manifest form 	—
	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/787/Add.2	Conventional cooking products <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Conventional Ovens</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final rule 	—
	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/868/Add.1/Corr.1	Residential and commercial water heaters <i>Final rule amending the test procedures for consumer water heaters and certain commercial water heaters.</i>	—
	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/902/Add.1	Veterinary biological products <i>Amendment of the Virus-Serum-Toxin Act regulations to provide for the use of a simpler labelling format that would better communicate product performance to the user.</i>	—
	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/983/Add.2	Certain chemical substances <i>Chemical Substances when Manufactured or Processed as Nanoscale Materials, TSCA Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of Comment Period 	5 August 2015
	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1008	Portable hook-on chairs <i>Safety Standard for Portable Hook-On Chairs</i>	9 September 2015
	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1009	Prerinse spray valves <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves</i>	8 September 2015

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	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1010	Multichannel video programming distributor apparatus <i>Accessible Emergency Information, and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description</i>	8 August 2015
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1010/Add.1	Multichannel video programming distributor apparatus <i>The Commission adopts additional rules under the authority of the Twenty-First CVAA to make emergency information in video programming accessible to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.</i>	—
	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1011	Vehicle emissions <i>Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles - Phase 2</i>	11 September 2015
	20/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1012	Excess flow valves in gas distribution systems <i>Pipeline Safety: Expanding the Use of Excess Flow Valves in Gas Distribution Systems to Applications Other Than Single-Family Residences</i>	14 September 2015
	23/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1013	Chemical substances <i>Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Determination 30 for Significant New Alternatives Policy Program</i>	No comment period
VIETNAM	22/07/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/66	Fortified food <i>Draft Decree on Fortified Food</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifies mandatory micronutrients which need to be added in food, and food subject to micronutrients fortification to prevent and recover from micronutrient deficiencies in public. 	60 days from the date of notification
SOUTH AFRICA	24/07/2015	G/TBT/N/ZAF/190/Corr.1	Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked <i>Notification G/TBT/N/ZAF/190, is a revision of notification G/TBT/N/ZAF/131 and should have been issued with symbol G/TBT/N/ZAF/131/Rev.1</i>	—