



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.

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Notifications from nineteen (19) 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 (19-25 SEPTEMBER 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
ALBANIA	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/ALB/74	Dangerous substances <i>Draft Decision of Council of Ministers "On import and export of dangerous substances"</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/ALB/75	Certain chemicals and certain dangerous articles <i>Draft Decision of Council of Ministers "On restrictions on the manufacture, placing on the market and use of certain chemicals and certain dangerous articles"</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/ALB/76	Substance of very high concern (SVHC) <i>Draft Decision of Council of Ministers "On the list of Substances of Very High Concern (SVHC), detailed rules for inclusion of substances and issuing of a conditional authorization in order to continue the use of SVHC"</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat

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ARGENTINA	22/09/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/292	Medicinal products for human use <i>"Authorization of sale of drug products with active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) of antimicrobial activity"</i>	—
	25/09/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/293	Elevators and components <i>"Elevators certification scheme and their components"</i>	October 23, 2015
SWITZERLAND	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/CHE/207	Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment <i>Draft revision of the Ordinance of the Swiss Federal Office of Communications on telecommunications installations (OOIT)</i>	10 December 2015
CHILE	23/09/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/323	Excess flow valves for indoor gas installations (safety device) <i>Project No. 33 PC protocol that establishes the certification procedure for excess flow valves for indoor gas installations</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	23/09/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/324	Excess flow valves for indoor gas installations (safety device) <i>PC Project No. 65/1 protocol establishes the certification procedure for patio heaters dedicated liquefied petroleum gases (LPG)</i>	60 days from the date of notification
CHINA	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1138	Essential oils and resinoids <i>Cosmetic Safety Technical Specification</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
COLOMBIA	22/09/2015	G/TBT/N/COL/95/Add.1	Bovine, bubaline, avian, porcine, equine, ovine, caprine and aquatic species <i>Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) Resolution No. 001599 of 20 June 2007 "Establishing provisions governing the registration of veterinary diagnostic laboratories"; Repealed Resolution</i>	—

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CZECH REPUBLIC	25/09/2015	G/TBT/2/Add.114	Implementation and Administration of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade <i>Technical Regulation from Seychelles on "Policy on National Framework on Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures"</i>	—
EGYPT	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/96	Furniture <i>Ministerial Decree No. 535/2015 mandating Egyptian Standard ES 1993/2015 "The Blockboard and Laminboard"</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/97	Hardwood round timber <i>Ministerial Decree No. 537/2015 on the modified Egyptian Standard ES 4027/2015 "Hard Wood Round Timber Order of Beech Log" that supersedes its last edition in 2005 that has been already mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 134/2014.</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/98	Iron and steel products <i>Ministerial Decree no. 535/2015 mandating Egyptian Standard ES 262-2 for Steel for the Reinforcement of Concrete Part 2: Ribbed Bars</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/99	Iron and steel products <i>Ministerial Decree no. 535/2015 mandating Egyptian Standard ES 262-3 for Steel for the Reinforcement of Concrete - Part 3: Welded Fabric</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/100	Iron and steel products <i>Ministerial Decree no. 535/2015 mandating Egyptian Standard ES 262-1 for Steel for the Reinforcement of Concrete Part 1: Plain Bars</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/101	Office furniture - Office work chair <i>Ministerial Decree No. 537/2015 on the modified Egyptian Standard ES 495-2/2015 "Office Furniture - Office Work Chair - Part 2 : Safety Requirements" that supersedes its last edition ES 495-2/2005 that has already been mandated by Ministerial Decree No. 134/2014.</i>	60 days from the date of the notification

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	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/102	Road vehicles <i>Ministerial Decree no. 535/2015 (2 pages, in Arabic) mandating Egyptian Standard ES 7880/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/103	Road vehicles <i>Ministerial Decree no. 535/2015 (2 pages, in Arabic) mandating Egyptian Standard ES 7882/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/104	Road vehicles <i>Ministerial Decree no. 535/2015 (2 pages, in Arabic) mandating Egyptian Standard ES 7883/2015</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
JAPAN	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/500	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</i>	Not applicable
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	23/09/2015	G/TBT/10.7/N/127 <i>(Agreement reached by a Member with another country or countries on issues related to technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures)</i>	Certified Organic Processed Foods <i>Organic Equivalence Recognition Exchange of Letters</i> Parties to the Agreement: <i>Republic of Korea</i> <i>United States of America</i>	—
	22/09/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/603	Cosmetics <i>Proposed amendments to the "Regulation on Safety Standards etc of Cosmetics"</i>	60 days from notification
	22/09/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/604	Foods, livestock products <i>Proposed Establishment of the "Regulation for Designation of Certification-Assurance Agency for Foods and Livestock Products"</i>	60 days from notification

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	24/09/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/605	Man over board (MOB) equipment <i>Partly revision draft of Technical Requirements for the Land Mobile Radio(LMR), Space Station, Earth Station, Radio Determination, etc.</i>	60 days from notification
KUWAIT	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/KWT/277/Rev.1	Labelling of pre-packaged food stuffs - Revision <i>GCC Draft of Technical Regulation for labelling of all pre-packaged foodstuffs</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/KWT/281	Beef, buffalo, mutton and goat meat, chilled and frozen <i>This technical regulation contains definitions of all kinds of chilled and frozen meat, chillier, freezer, thermal centre, drip percentage, and also include meet classes, grades, and cuts.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/KWT/282	Halal food <i>General Requirements for Halal Food</i>	60 days from the date of notification
LITHUANIA	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/LTU/27	Construction products <i>Draft Law of the Republic of Lithuania amending and supplementing Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 141, 15, 18, 181, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 38, 381, 39, 40, 41, 42, 431, 45, 47, 49, 52, 541, 542, 543, 55 of the Law on Construction of the Republic of Lithuania No I-1240</i>	60 days from notification
MEXICO	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/MEX/156/Add.1	Personnel working in nuclear power plants <i>Draft Amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM-034-NUCL-2009, Requirements for selection, qualification and training of staff of Nuclear Power Plants</i>	within 60 calendar days of the date of its publication
PERU	25/09/2015	G/TBT/N/PER/80	Measuring equipment, electricity, static meter <i>Peruvian project PNMP 021 2015 metrological standard equipment as electric power (AC). Acceptance inspection. Particular requirements for static meters for active energy</i>	December 22, 2015

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KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/859	Breast milk substitutes <i>Executives Regulations (rules and decision) of the code for marketing breast milk substitutes</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/860	Plugs and sockets <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Saudi Standards and Quality Organization (SASO)/Plugs And Socket-Outlets for Household and Similar General Use</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
EL SALVADOR	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/SLV/182	Pharmaceuticals, drugs <i>Pharmaceuticals. Medicines for human use. Bioequivalence and interchangeability</i>	—
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/215	Network media players and projectors <i>Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	21/09/2015	G/TBT/10.7/N/125	Certified organic plants, including fungi, and organic processed foods of plant origin <i>Mutual Organic Equivalence Recognition Exchange of Letters</i> Parties to the Agreement: <i>Japan</i> <i>United States of America</i>	—
	21/09/2015	G/TBT/10.7/N/126	Certified Organic Agricultural Products <i>Organic Equivalence Arrangement-Exchange of Letters</i> Parties to the Agreement: <i>Canada</i> <i>United States of America</i>	—
	25/09/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/689/Add.1	Chemical substances - Hexabromocyclododecane and 1,2,5,6,9,10 <i>Significant New Use Rule for Hexabromocyclododecane and 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10 - Hexabromocyclododecane; Final Rule</i>	—

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	25/09/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/923/Add.1/Corr.1	Packaged terminal air conditioners and packaged terminal heat pumps <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps; Final Rule; Correction</i>	—
	25/09/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/948/Add.1	Single package vertical air conditioners and single package vertical heat pumps <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Single Package Vertical Air Conditioners and Single Package Vertical Heat Pumps; Final Rule</i>	—
	21/09/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1022/Add.2	Commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment <i>Reopening of Public Comment Period for the Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Small, Large, and Very Large Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air Condition-</i>	no later than 2 October 2015
	22/09/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1030	Compressors and pneumatic machines <i>Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New and Modified Sources</i>	17 November 2015
SOUTH AFRICA	22/09/2015	G/TBT/N/ZAF/193	Agricultural products <i>Prohibition regarding the removal of imported regulated agricultural products intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa from prescribed ports of entry</i>	60 days from notification