

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-four (24) 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 (24 – 30 OCTOBER 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/284 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/412 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/295 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/224 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/409 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/879 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/15	Grinded thyme mix <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Regulation for "Grinded Thyme Mix"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/285 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/413 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/296 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/225 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/410 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/880 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/16	Lactose <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Lactose"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/286 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/414 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/297 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/226 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/411 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/881 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/17	Wheat protein products including wheat gluten <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Wheat Protein Products Including Wheat Gluten"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/287 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/415 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/298 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/227 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/412 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/882 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/18	Animal feeding-corn <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Animal Feeding-Corn"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/288 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/416 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/299 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/228 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/413 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/883 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/19	Canned sausage <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Canned Sausage"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/289 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/417 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/300 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/229 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/414 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/884 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/20	Fermented milk products heat treated after fermentation (long life) <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Fermented Milk Products Heat Treated After Fermentation (Long Life)"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/290 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/418 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/301 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/230 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/415 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/885 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/21	Flavor infused olive oil <i>Flavor infused olive oil</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARE/291 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/419 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/302 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/231 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/416 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/886 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/22	Prepackaged mixed improvers of Arabic coffee <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Prepackaged Mixed Improvers of Arabic Coffee"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
ARGENTINA	30/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ARG/295/Corr.1	Signs and / or labels - Corrigendum <i>Signs Control System and / or Tags (FDR) (Labelling inspection system) – Proposed date of adoption: 16 October 2015; Proposed date of entry into force: 17 October 2015</i>	–
CANADA	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/471	Hyoscine Butylbromide <i>Notice of Consultation - Prescription Drug List (PDL): Hyoscine Butylbromide</i>	30 December 2015
CHILE	30/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHL/328	Products with antimicrobial action <i>Proposal for a regulation of antimicrobial products</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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CHINA	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/256/Rev.1	Motor vehicle lamps - Revision <i>National Standards of the P.R.C., Photometric Characteristics of Power-Driven Vehicle Front Fog Lamps</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/327/Rev.1	Raw materials of toothpastes - Revision <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., General Requirements on Raw Materials of Oral Care Products</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1140	Microwave ovens <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Minimum Allowable Values of Energy Efficiency and Energy Efficiency Grades for Household and Similar Microwave Ovens</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1141	Sterile hypodermic needles for single use <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Disposable Sterile Hypodermic Needles for Single Use</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1142	Eye refractometers (based on objective measuring principle) <i>National Standards of the P.R.C., Ophthalmic Instrument - Eye Refractometers</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1143	Spectacle frames <i>National Standards of the P.R.C., Spectacle Frames - General Requirements and Test Methods</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1144	Sunglasses <i>National Standards of the P.R.C., Sunglasses and Sunglare Filters - Part 1: General Requirements</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1145	Domestic gas appliances and gas-electric combined stove <i>National Standards of the P.R.C., Domestic Gas Cooking Appliances</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1146	Austenitic stainless steel bars for nuclear power plants <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Austenitic Stainless Steel Bars for Nuclear Power Plants</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

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	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1147	Acupuncture needles <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Acupuncture Needles</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1148	X-ray protective clothing <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Protective Clothing - X-Ray Protective Clothing</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1149	Low floor (single/double/articulated) public bus and low entry (single/double/articulated) public bus <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Structure Requirements of Low Floor Public Bus and Low Entry Public Bus</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1150	Powered toothbrushes <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Powered Toothbrushes - General Requirements and Test Methods</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1151	Textile materials <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Conventional Moisture Regains of Textiles</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1152	Vehicles <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Symbols for Controls, Indicators and Tell-Tales of Motor Vehicles</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1153	Nickel alloy steel plates for low temperature pressure vessels <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Nickel Alloy Steel Plates for Low Temperature Pressure Vessels</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1154	Atmospheric pressure metal tank <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Road Tanker for Dangerous Liquid Goods Transportation - Part 1: Technical Requirements of Atmospheric Pressure Metal Tank</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1155	Electric toys <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Safety of Electric Toys</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

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	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/CHN/1156	Motor vehicle lamps <i>National Standards of the P.R.C. Motor Vehicle Headlamps Emitting a Symmetrical Passing Beam or a Driving Beam or Both</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
COLOMBIA	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/COL/207/Add.1	Seeds - Addendum <i>Colombian Agricultural Institute (ICA) Resolution "Regulating the production, importation, marketing and exportation of genetically improved seeds for sowing in Colombia, and the registration of agronomic assessment units and plant breeding research units, and issuing other provisions" — entered into force on 11 September 2015</i>	—
EGYPT	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/84/Add.1	Non-carbonated sweetened drinks - Addendum <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Non - Carbonated Sweetened Drinks - Part 2: Fruit Drinks and Artificial Drinks – extension of the comment period</i>	19 November 2015
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EGY/87/Add.1	Contaminants in food - Addendum <i>Draft Egyptian Standard for Maximum Level for Certain Contaminants in Foodstuffs – extension of the comment period</i>	21 November 2015
EUROPEAN UNION	29/10/2015	G/TBT/10.7/N/128 (Agreement reached by a Member with another country or countries on issues related to technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment)	Certified organic agricultural products <i>Organic Equivalence Arrangement Exchange of Letters – Parties to the Agreement: United States of America, European Union</i>	—
	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/322	Biocidal products <i>Draft Commission Implementing Decision pursuant to Article 3(3) of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on a product consisting of dried lavender blossoms contained in a pad placed on the market to repel moths</i>	60 days from notification
	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/323	Cosmetics <i>Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex V to Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Cosmetic Products – Ethyl Lauroyl Arginate HCl for use as a preservative in mouthwashes (cosmetics)</i>	60 days from notification

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JAPAN	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/501	Road transport vehicle <i>Partial amendments of the "Ordinance for Enforcement of the Road Transport Vehicle Act" (Ordinance of the Ministry of Transport, No. 74 of 1951), and others</i>	29 November 2015
	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/502	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>	30 November 2015
KENYA	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/KEN/450	High density polyethylene (HDPE) ducts and their accessories <i>DKS 2611: 2015. HDPE Ducts - Main, Mini & Micro Systems - Specification</i>	18 November 2015
	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/KEN/451	Instant tea <i>KS 2405:2015. Instant Tea - Specification</i>	28 October 2015
	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/KEN/452	Tea <i>KS 2128:2015 Tea industry - Code of Practice</i>	28 October 2015
MEXICO	30/10/2015	G/TBT/Notif.95/184/Add.1	Equipment used for detecting leaks of radioactive substances - Addendum <i>Mexican Official Standard NOM-002-NUCL-2015, leak tests and seal for sealed sources – published in the Official Gazette on October 26, 2015 by the Department of Energy</i>	–
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/611	Portable laser devices <i>A draft revision for Self-Regulatory Safety Confirmation Criteria for Portable Laser Devices Notice</i>	60 days from notification
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	30/10/2015	G/TBT/N/SAU/887	Single-speed, three-phase, cage induction motors <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia / Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) / Electronic Registration for Rotating Electrical Machines (SASO IEC 60034 Part 30: Efficiency Classes of Single-Speed, Three-Phase, Cage-Induction Motors (IE-Code))</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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SINGAPORE	30/10/2015	G/TBT/N/SGP/25	Food <i>Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2015</i>	60 days from the date of notification
THAILAND	29/10/2015	G/TBT/N/THA/468	Cigarette products <i>Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Criteria, Procedures, Conditions for Displaying Statements About Dangers and Harzards of Consuming Tobacco Products on Cigarette Label pursuant to Tobacco Product Control Act B.E 2535 (A.D. 1992) (No.18) B.E. 2558 (A.D.2015)</i>	—
UKRAINE	30/10/2015	G/TBT/N/UKR/104	Measuring equipment <i>The Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation of Measuring Equipment"</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/826/Add.4	Refrigerated beverage vending machines - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerated Beverage Vending Machines – Reopening of public comment period</i>	23 November 2015
	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/974/Add.3	Residential furnaces - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces – Reopening of public comment period</i>	6 November 2015
	26/10/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1041/Add.1	Allowable lead content limits - Addendum <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 – Direct final rule</i>	13 November 2015
VIET NAM	30/10/2015	G/TBT/N/VNM/77	Products of the chemical industry, pharmaceutics, medical equipment <i>Draft Circular Issuing List of Likely Unsafe Products and Goods Covered by Assigned Management of the Ministry of Health</i>	60 days from the date of notification
SOUTH AFRICA	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ZAF/181/Add.1	Brake linings and pads - Addendum <i>Amendment to the Compulsory Specification for Replacement Brake Lining Assemblies for Road Vehicles – published by the Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa on 23 October 2015</i>	—

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	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ZAF/187/Add.1	<p>Footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap - Addendum</p> <p><i>Compulsory Specification for Personal Protective Equipment: Safety Footwear – published by the Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa on 23 October 2015</i></p>	—
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ZAF/188/Add.1	<p>Automatic circuit breakers - Addendum</p> <p><i>Amendments to the Compulsory Specification for Circuit-Breakers (VC 8036) was published by the Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa on 23 October 2015</i></p>	—
	27/10/2015	G/TBT/N/ZAF/189/Add.1	<p>Granadillas and litchis - Addendum</p> <p><i>Standards and Requirements Regarding Control of the Exports of Litchis: Amendment was published by the Executive Officer, Agricultural Product Standards of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries on 23 October 2015</i></p>	—