



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 10 WTO Members from Asia, Europe, 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 (27 JUNE - 3 JULY 2015)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
BRAZIL	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/312/Add.7	Tyres <i>Draft Ministerial Act on conformity assessment procedure for tyres</i> ◆ <i>This addendum aims to inform that National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro made adjustments on the Conformity Assessment Procedures for New Tyres</i>	—
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/368/Add.3	Wheat <i>Draft technical regulation to set the standard official classification of wheat, considering their requirements of identity and quality, sampling, mode of presentation and marking or labelling aspects relating to the classification of the product.</i> ◆ <i>Extending to 2 July 2016, the beginning of the required rules set in item 2, of Ordinance N^o 38, 30 November 2010</i>	—

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	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/416/Add.4	Refreshments and drinks preparations <i>Draft technical regulation which sets fruits and other edible parts of plants preparations concerned standards for beverages resulting from the appropriate dilution in drinking water, including product's packaging, marking and labelling requirements to be marketed in Brazil.</i> ◆ Issued the Ordinance N° 19, 1 July 2015, concerning the changes upon the Ordinance N° 17, 19 June 2013	—
	02/07/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/481/Add.4	Parts and accessories for bicycles <i>Conformity Assessment Procedures for Components for Adult Bicycle Usage with a focus on safety by a compulsory third party certification, carried out by an accredited body to determine that relevant requirements in technical regulation are fulfilled.</i>	—
	30/06/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/493/Add.2	Metal ladders <i>Conformity Assessment Procedures for metal ladders, with a focus on security by a compulsory third party certification, carried out by an accredited body to determine that, relevant requirements in technical regulation are fulfilled.</i> ◆ Adjustments on the Conformity Assessment Procedures for domestic metal ladders	—
	02/07/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/567/Add.3	Baby feeding bottles and nipples <i>Conformity Assessment Procedures for baby feeding bottles and nipples by a compulsory third party certification, carried out by an accredited body focusing on minimum safety requirements.</i> ◆ Adjustments related to the testing and sample acceptance criteria	—
	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/BRA/582/Add.2	Powders fire extinguishers <i>Draft technical regulation proposing requirements for physical and chemical properties to be complied by the chemical agents in the powder form used for firefighting in fire classes A, B, and C, focusing on performance and aiming at the efficiency to extinguish fire start .</i> ◆ Adjustments in the item 5.4 of the Technical Regulation for Powder Used for Fire Fighting	—

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CANADA	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/455	Flavoured tobacco products <i>An Act to Amend Tobacco Sales Act.</i> ◆ <i>The legislation bans the sale of all flavoured tobacco within the province, including menthol.</i>	30 September 2015
	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/456	Tampering of prescription drugs <i>Pre-Consultation Notice - Draft Tamper-Resistant Properties of Drugs Regulations</i> ◆ <i>Health Canada proposes to establish a regulatory framework under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) which would require certain formulations of drugs to have tamper resistant properties before being authorized to be marketed in Canada</i>	10 September 2015
	02/07/2015	G/TBT/N/CAN/457	Radiocommunications <i>Interference Causing Equipment Standard ICES-008, Issue 1, Cable Distribution Networks - sets out the limits and methods of measurement for cable distribution networks</i>	12 October 2015
ECUADOR	02/07/2015	G/TBT/N/ECU/232/Add.2	Printing and digitization equipment <i>Draft Technical Regulation</i>	—
EUROPEAN UNION	29/06/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/295	Food <i>Draft Commission Regulation refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk</i>	60 days from notification
	29/06/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/296	Food <i>Draft Commission Regulation authorising a health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health</i>	60 days from notification
	29/06/2015	G/TBT/N/EU/297	Tobacco products <i>Draft Commission Implementing Decision on the technical specifications for the layout, design and shape of the combined health warnings for tobacco products for smoking</i>	60 days from notification

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JAPAN	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/490	Naphthalene and refractory ceramic fibers <i>Amendment to Enforcement Order of Industrial Safety and Health Law and related ordinances</i> ◆ <i>Partially amended to place obligations on the business operators relating to Naphthalene and Refractory ceramic fibers.</i>	31 July 2015
	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/491	Products designated as "specified mercury-added products" with corresponding mercury content limits <i>Enforcement Order of Act on Preventing Environmental Pollution of Mercury</i>	31 August 2015
	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/492	Mercury-added products for new use <i>Ministerial Ordinance of the Act on Preventing Environmental Pollution of Mercury</i> ◆ <i>Restricts the manufacture and distribution in commerce of "mercury-added products for new use", unless an assessment of the risks and benefits of the product demonstrates environmental or human health benefits.</i>	31 August 2015
	02/07/2015	G/TBT/N/JPN/493	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system <i>Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Regenerative and Cellular Therapy Products, Gene Therapy Products, and Cosmetics</i> ◆ <i>Proposed "Shitei Yakubutsu" (designated 3 substances), and their "proper uses" designated under the Act</i>	—
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/590	IPTV equipment <i>Technical Requirements for the IPTV Equipment for Broadcasting Service</i> ◆ <i>Three articles are amended to reflect the legal revision of Internet Multimedia Broadcasting Business Act and ICT technology development.</i>	60 days from notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/KOR/591	Cosmetics <i>Proposed amendments to the "The Cosmetic Act"</i>	60 days from notification

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KUWAIT	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/KWT/276	Cosmetics. Toiletries <i>Cosmetic Products - Cosmetic Products Claims</i> ◆ <i>WS / GCC Draft of Technical Regulation</i> ◆ <i>Specifies the basic criteria of acceptable claims of cosmetic products</i>	60 days from notification
PAKISTAN	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/81	Carbon structural steel <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/82	Tinplate containers for ghee, banaspati ghee, cooking/edible oils <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/83	Tooth paste <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/84	Toilet soap <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/85	Shampoo <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/86	Synthetic detergent for general purposes <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/87	Powder hair dyes <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/88	Oxidation hair dyes liquid <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/89	Urea fertilizer (prilled and granular) <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/90	Diamminoum phosphate <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/91	Single super phosphate <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/PAK/92	Triple super phosphate <i>Pakistan Standard</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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TAIPEI	29/06/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/168/Rev.1/Add.1	Prepackaged food, food additives and unpackaged food containing ingredients of genetically modified organisms <i>Labelling requirements for prepackaged food, food additives and unpackaged food containing ingredients of genetically modified organisms</i> ◆ The implementation date for prepackaged food and food additives will be 31 Dec 2015. ◆ For unpackaged food, the requirements will be implemented in a phased manner, starting from 1 July 2015 to 31 Dec 2015.	—
	02/07/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/198/Add.1	Health food <i>"The amendments of Enforcement Rules of Health Food Control Act (articles 9, 10 and 12)", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/198 on 28 Jan 2015 was promulgated on 9 June 2015.</i>	—
	02/07/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/199/Add.1	Health food <i>"The content of related health effects ingredients shall be labelled in a prominent manner on the container or packaging of health food", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/199 on 28 Jan 2015 was promulgated on 9 June 2015.</i>	—
	02/07/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/208	Miscellaneous products <i>Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/TPKM/209	Automobile tyres <i>Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act</i> ◆ The BSMI will soon adopt the revised CNS 1431 Standard ◆ The BSMI will revise automobile tyres' description of goods	60 days from the date of notification
UNITED STATE OF AMERICA	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/897/Add.1	Terminal air conditioners (PTACs) and packaged terminal heat pumps (PTHPs) <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps</i>	—

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	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/985/Add.1	Certain chemical substances <i>Modification of Significant New Uses of Certain Chemical Substances</i> ◆ <i>This final rule is effective 31 August 2015.</i>	—
	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1004	Endocrine disruptor screening <i>Use of High Throughput Assays and Computational Tools; Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program; Notice of Availability and Opportunity for Comment</i> ◆ <i>This document describes how EPA is planning to incorporate an alternative scientific approach to screen chemicals for their ability to interact with the endocrine system.</i>	18 August 2015
	01/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1005	Animal feed and drinking water additives; animal feeding stuffs <i>Food Additives Permitted in Feed and Drinking Water of Animals; Gamma-Linolenic Acid Safflower Meal</i>	22 July 2015
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1006	Tobacco products and liquid nicotine <i>Nicotine Exposure Warnings and Child-Resistant Packaging for Liquid Nicotine, Nicotine-Containing E-Liquid(s), and Other Tobacco Products</i>	31 August 2015
	03/07/2015	G/TBT/N/USA/1007	Aircraft emissions <i>Proposed Finding That Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Aircraft Cause or Contribute to Air Pollution That May Reasonably Be Anticipated To Endanger Public Health and Welfare and Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking</i> <i>(within the meaning of section 231(a) of the Clean Air Act.)</i>	31 August 2015