



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- eight (28) WTO Members from Asia, Europe, Australia, North and South America are listed.

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 (09 - 15 JANUARY 2016)

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	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/299 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/426 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/309 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/238 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/423 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/910 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/29	Energy drinks <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Requirements of Handling Energy Drinks"</i>	60 days from notification
ARGENTINA	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/166/Add.9	Latex paints – Addendum <i>Latex paints - Lead Content Limit Resolution No. 685/2015 system of compulsory certification or Graphics Products Print inks in order to verify that the content of heavy metals do not exceed the limits of migration is amended according to the IRAM Standards</i>	—

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	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/296/Add.1	Irradiated foods – Addendum <i>Draft Joint Resolution amending Article 174 on the preservation and treatment of conserved or preserved foods, in Chapter III on food products, of the Argentine Food Code; National Food Commission adds the 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>	17 January 2016
	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/299	Potassium chloride <i>Draft Joint Resolution "Changing the Argentine Food Code - Chapter XXII Miscellaneous - Article 1417. Incorporation of paragraph 3) Potassium chloride"</i>	17 January 2016
	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/300	Algae <i>Draft Joint Resolution amending Article 923 on Algae, in Chapter XI on Plant foods, of the Argentine Food Code</i>	17 January 2016
ARMENIA	14/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ARM/74	Oil prepared for transportation and (or) use <i>Draft of the technical regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union "Oil prepared for transportation and (or) use"</i>	14 January 2016
BRAZIL	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/559/Add.2	Parts and accessories of vehicles – Addendum <i>Ordinance No. 469, 23 September 2013– Ordinance n° 598, amending the Automotive Components motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, tricycles, and others, requirements, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/559/Add.1.</i>	4 January 2016
	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/579/Add.2	Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles – Addendum <i>Inmetro Ordinance N°. 43, 27 January 2014: Compulsory Supplier's Conformity Declaration for automotive components imported to replace market demand– Ordinance n° 598, amending the automotive components motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, tricycles, and others, requirements, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/579/Add.1.</i>	4 January 2016

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	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/654/Add.1	Pharmaceutical products – Addendum <i>Draft Ordinance N° 88, 6 November 2015– Ordinance N° 104, extend for another thirty (30) days the comments period on Technical Regulations approval for Antiparasitic Products for veterinary use</i>	–
CANADA	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/473	Radiocommunications <i>Notice No. SMSE-018-15 - Release of Interference Causing Equipment Standard ICES-005</i>	18 March 2016
SWITZERLAND	14/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CHE/210	Equipment and products containing radioactive substances <i>Drafts of the following Ordinances:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Radiological protection ordinance (RPO) · FDHA Ordinance on radiation protection for non-medical radiation generators · FDHA Ordinance on medical use of closed radioactive sources · FDHA Ordinance on radiation protection for particle accelerators for medical use · FDHA Ordinance on radiation protection for medical X-ray systems · FDHA Ordinance on use of radioactive sources · FDHA Ordinance on compulsory delivery of radioactive waste 	90 days from the date of notification
CHILE	14/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/336	Oils for human consumption <i>Amendment of Article No. 255 and No. 258 of the Food Health Regulations concerning the definition of marine oils , Supreme Decree No. 977/96 of the Ministry of Health</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	14/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/337	Food for human consumption <i>Proposal to amend the Technical Standards on Nutritional Guidelines indicates , for the health claim Food, related to the Food Health Regulations , Supreme Decree No. 977/96 of the Ministry of Health</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	14/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/338	Vehicle lights <i>Amending Decree No. 22 of 2006 of the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications, Undersecretary of Transportation</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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	14/01/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/339	Public transportation buses <i>Review of noise emission standard for buses for urban and rural public transportation contained in Supreme Decree No. 129 of 2002, the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications</i>	60 days from the date of notification
COLOMBIA	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/COL/207/Add.2	Seeds – Addendum <i>Draft Colombian Agricultural Institute 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"</i>	–
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/DOM/223	Wiring and protection <i>National Electrical Code</i>	2 May 2016
ECUADOR	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/49/Add.7	Interprovincial and intraprovincial buses – Addendum <i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (RTE INEN) No. 043: "Interprovincial and intraprovincial buses" – modification 1 Technical Regulation RTE INEN 043 (2R) "public transport vehicles intraregional, interprovincial and intra-provincial passenger"</i>	–
	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/53/Add.4	Metal cable tray, electrical conduit and trunking systems – Addendum <i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (RTE INEN) No. 047: "Metal cable tray, electrical conduit and trunking systems" – extends the validity of Regulation totaling addition to the term of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 126 "Emerging Fashion Jewelry 6 months"</i>	–
	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/66/Add.3	Fuels – Addendum <i>(Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 028: "Domestically produced or imported fuels marketed in the Republic of Ecuador" – Addendum 3 corresponding to the modification 1 Technical Regulation RTE INEN 028 (1R) "Fuel"</i>	–

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	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/85/Add.1	Food additives – Addendum <i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 054: "Permitted food additives. Positive lists. Requirements" – has been suspended and is groundless</i>	–
	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/106/Add.3	Surface tension agents – Addendum <i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 088: "Surface tension agents" – Amending 2 has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 15465 of December 23, 2015</i>	–
	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/175/Add.3	Jewellery, including imitation jewellery – Addendum <i>Emergency Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (RTE INEN) No. 126, "Jewellery, including imitation jewellery" – extends the validity of Regulation totaling addition to the term of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 126 Emerging "Fashion Jewellery" 6 months</i>	Not applicable
	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/239/Add.2	Padlocks – Addendum <i>Draft Technical Regulation of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (PRTE INEN) No. 194, "Padlocks. Security level and corrosion resistance" – Amending 1 has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 15439 of December 15, 2015</i>	–
EUROPEAN UNION	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/335	Oxygen sensors <i>Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for cadmium anodes in Hersch cells for certain oxygen sensors used in industrial monitoring and control instruments</i>	60 days from notification
	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/336	Temperature measurement sensors <i>Draft Commission Delegated Directive amending, for the purposes of adapting to technical progress, Annex IV to Directive 2011/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards an exemption for lead in solders of electrical connections to temperature measurement sensors in certain devices</i>	60 days from notification

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FRANCE	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/FRA/167	Miscellaneous Products <i>Decree implementing Law No. 2013-453 of June 3, 2013 to ensure the quality of the food supply in over-seas</i>	
INDONESIA	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/IDN/98/Add.1	Carcass, meat and/or processed meat products – Addendum <i>Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture No. 58/Permentan/PK.210/11/2015 concerning Importation of Carcass, Meat and/or Processed Meat Products Into the Territory of the Republic of Indonesia</i> – Draft amendment covers the requirements of importation of carcass, meat and/or processed meat products; additional HS Number of imported carcass, meat and/or processed meat products; and, additional HS Number of imported secondary cut carcass and meat products	–
JAPAN	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/JPN/448/Add.2	Geographical indications – Addendum <i>Draft outline of amendment to the Act on Protection of the Names of Specific Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Products and Foodstuffs to introduce new provisions for designating foreign agricultural, forestry and fishery products and foodstuffs, and protecting the names of the said products as Geographical Indications (GIs)</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
MEXICO	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/269/Add.2	Water and ice – Addendum <i>Mexican Official Standard NOM - 201- SSA1-2015 , products and services. Ice water for human consumption, packaged and in bulk. Sanitary specifications– published in the Official Gazette last December 22, 2015</i>	–
NEW ZEALAND	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/NZL/73	Children's nightwear <i>The title of the document is "Product Safety Standards (Children's Nightwear and Limited Daywear Having Reduced Fire Hazard) Regulations 2016"</i>	28 February 2016
PAKISTAN	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/93	Masonry cement <i>Masonry cement</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/94	White Portland cement <i>White Portland Cement</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/95	Stainless steel for general purpose <i>Stainless Steel for General Purpose:</i> ·Part 1: Corrosion-resistant flat products ·Part 2: Corrosion-resistant semi finished products, bars, rods & sections ·Part 3: Wire <i>PS-ISO: 16143-1, PS-ISO: 16143-2 and PS-ISO: 16143-3</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/96	Steel ingots and billets for the production of bars (plain and deformed) for concrete reinforcement <i>Steel ingots and billets for the production of bars (plain and deformed) for concrete reinforcement</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/97	Steel wire road <i>Steel wire road - Dimensions and tolerances</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/98	Polypropylene woven sacks for packing fertilizers <i>Polypropylene woven sacks for packing fertilizers</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/99	Internal combustion engine lubricating oil <i>Internal Combustion Engine Lubricating Oil</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/100	Flexible polyurethane foam domestic mattresses <i>Flexible Polyurethane Foam Domestic Mattresses</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/101	Motorcycle tyres and rims <i>Motorcycle Tyres and Rims (Code Designated Series)</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/102	Enamel brushing, interior undercoating and finishing colour as required <i>Enamel Brushing, Interior Undercoating and Finishing Colour as Required – Quality requirements</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/103	Enamel brushing, exterior undercoating and finishing colour as required <i>Enamel brushing, exterior undercoating and finishing colour as required – Quality requirements</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/104	Paints, brushing, undercoat exterior for finishing vehicles <i>Paints, Brushing, Undercoat Exterior for Finishing Vehicles</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PAK/105	Fertilizers - Bio organo phosphate <i>Bio Organo Phosphate</i>	60 days from the date of notification
PERU	14/01/2016	G/TBT/N/PER/83	Measuring equipment electrical energy <i>RAFT Peruvian metrological standard PNMP 022 : 2015 Measurement equipment of electric power (AC) . Particular requirements - Part 22: Static meters for active energy</i>	March 28, 2016
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/SAU/908	Air conditioners <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)/Large Capacity Air- Conditioners - Performance Requirements and Methods of testing. This Standard does not apply to air conditioners that are covered under the scope of SASO 2663:2014 "Energy Labelling and Minimum Energy Performance Requirements for Air Conditioners"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/SAU/909	Electrical appliances <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)/General National Requirements for Manufacturing and Importing Electrical Appliances Intended To Be Connected to the Supply Mains by a Flexible Cord Fitted With a Plug</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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SINGAPORE	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/SGP/26	Single-phase non-ducted split type air-conditioner <i>I. Energy Conservation Act 2012 II. Energy Conservation (Registrable Goods) Order 2013 III. Energy Conservation (Energy Labelling and Minimum Performance Standards) Regulations 2013</i>	60 days from the date of notification
THAILAND	14/01/2016	G/TBT/N/THA/383/Rev.2	Product licensing - Revision <i>Notification of the Thai Industrial Standards Institute Regarding the Rules and Conditions on Conformity Assessment for Licensing to Import for Sale Industrial Products which are required by the Royal Decree to conform with the standard according to Section 21</i>	—
	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/THA/472	Grills, toasters and similar portable cooking appliances <i>Thai Industrial Standard for Grills, Toasters and Similar Portable Cooking Appliances - Safety Requirements (TIS 1641-2552)</i>	60 days from notification
TURKEY	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/TUR/71	Spirit drinks <i>Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Spirit Drinks</i>	20 March 2016
	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/TUR/72	Food <i>Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Nutrition and Health Claims</i>	20 March 2016
	13/01/2016	G/TBT/N/TUR/73	Food <i>Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Food Labelling and Information to Consumers</i>	20 March 2016
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	11/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/826/Add.5	Refrigerated beverage vending machines – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines – Final Rule; effective date of this rule is 8 March 2016</i>	—
	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/941/Add.2	Organic products – Addendum <i>Exemption of Organic Products From Assessment Under a Commodity Promotion Law – Final Rule; Effective 29 February 2016</i>	—

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	12/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1060	Drugs pharmaceuticals <i>Fixed-Combination and Co-Packaged Drugs: Applications for Approval and Combinations of Active Ingredients Under Consideration for Inclusion in an Over-the-Counter Monograph</i>	22 March 2016
	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1061	Jewellery, precious metals, and pewter <i>Guides for the Jewellery, Precious Metals, and Pewter Industries</i>	4 April 2016
	15/01/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1062	Ceiling fans <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fans</i>	14 March 2016