

# 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 sixteen (16) WTO Members from Asia, Europe, Africa, 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

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## LIST OF WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (30 JANUARY - 05 FEBRUARY 2016)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
ARGENTINA	02/02/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/295/Add.2	Labelling – Addendum  <i>Secretariat of Industry Resolution No. 6/2016 repeals Secretariat of Industry Resolution No. 420/2015 (notified in document G/TBT/N/ARG/295) and consequently also Regulation No. 35/2015 of the Under-Secretariat of Domestic Trade (notified in document G/TBT/N/ARG/295/Add.1) on the "Labelling inspection system"</i>	—
KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN	02/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/430</a>	White Portland cement  <i>White Portland Cement, GSO 488: 1994</i>	60 days from date of notification
BRAZIL	05/02/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/375/Add.4	Pencil sharpeners, backpacks and briefcases, drawing sets—Addendum  <i>Ministerial Act: N° 188, 21 May 2010— National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance N° 56, which lays down the Conformity Assessment Procedures for school sets composed of school supplies certified by a compulsory third party certification carried out by an accredited body</i>	18 February 2016

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	05/02/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/401/Rev.1/Add.1	Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom (baby crib)— Addendum  <i>Ordinance N<sup>o</sup>. 10, 10 January 2014— National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance N<sup>o</sup> 53, approval the Conformity Assessment Procedures for kids cribs; the rules for testing inspection evaluation, assurance of conformity assessment through the certification mechanism, registration and others issues aiming at accident prevention</i>	—
	05/02/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/575/Add.1	Spring mattress — Addendum  <i>Inmetro Ordinance N<sup>o</sup>. 20, 17 January 2014 — National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance N<sup>o</sup> 52, 1 February 2016, in order to get better results and to approve and adapt the mandatory technical requirements (Annex I) for spring mattresses</i>	—
	05/02/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/605/Add.1	Equipment under a health surveillance — Addendum  <i>Ordinance N<sup>o</sup>. 407, 26 August 2014— National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance N<sup>o</sup> 54, 1 February 2016, establishing the Conformity Assessment Procedures for the electrical equipment under Health Surveillance</i>	—
	05/02/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/646/Add.1	Cribs and cradles for domestic use — Addendum  <i>Ordinance N<sup>o</sup>. 422, 27 August 2015— National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance N<sup>o</sup> 53, 1 February 2016, establishing the Technical Requirements for kids Cribs (Annex I)</i>	—
	05/02/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/647/Add.1	Spring mattresses — Addendum  <i>Ordinance N<sup>o</sup>. 508, 8 October 2015— National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance N<sup>o</sup> 52, 1 February 2016, in order to get better results and to approve and adapt the mandatory technical requirements (Annex I) and the Conformity Assessment Procedures (Annex II) for spring mattresses</i>	—

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CANADA	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/475</a>	Seeds for propagation <i>Weed Seeds Order</i>	14 April 2016
	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/476</a>	Radiocommunications <i>Notice No. SMSE-002-16 - Release of ICES-003</i>	19 April 2016
	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/477</a>	Radiocommunications <i>Notice No. SMSE-003-16 - Release of RSS-216</i>	21 April 2016
	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/478</a>	Radiocommunications <i>Notice No. SMSE-004-16 - Release of RSS-117</i>	19 April 2016
	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/479</a>	Radiocommunications <i>Notice No. SMSE-005-16 - Release of DC-01</i>	21 April 2016
	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/480</a>	Radiocommunications <i>Notice No. SMSE-005-16 - Release of RSP-100</i>	21 April 2016
CHILE	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/343</a>	Organic agricultural products <i>Technical Standards Law No. 20.089 , which established the National Certification System of Agricultural Organic Products</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/344</a>	Organic agricultural products <i>Approves Regulations of the Law No. 20.089 , establishing the National System Product Certification</i>	60 days from the date of notification
ECUADOR	01/02/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/66/Add.4	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" – Amendment No. 2 to the first revision (1R) of Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 028 notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/66/Add.2 has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 15 484 of 31 December 2015</i>	–

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	02/02/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/74/Add.2	Functional foods – Addendum  <i>Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 059 "Functional foods. Requirements" of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (INEN), notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/74/Add.1 of 29 June 2012, has been repealed and is therefore null and void</i>	–
EGYPT	01/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/114</a>	Miscellaneous products  <i>Decree No. 43/2016 – Ministerial Decree no. 43 for the year 2016 mandates that imports for commercial purposes of the described products will only be allowed into Egypt provided they are produced by manufacturing plants or imported from the companies owning the trademarks or their distribution centres registered in the relevant established register in the General Organization for Export and Import Control</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	01/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/115</a>	Miscellaneous products  <i>Ministerial Decree No.991/2015 – mandates that the clearance of shipments of imports of the above mentioned products except for what is imported for private and personal use are subject to alternatives</i>	60 days from date of notification
EUROPEAN UNION	01/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/346</a>	Pesticides - Amitrole  <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation concerning the non-renewal of approval of the active substance amitrole, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011</i>	60 days from notification
	04/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/347</a>	Air heating/cooling and chillers  <i>Draft Commission Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 1275/2008, (EC) No 107/2009, (EC) No 278/2009, (EC) No 640/2009, (EC) No 641/2009, (EC) No 642/2009, (EC) No 643/2009, (EU) No 1015/2010, (EU) No 1016/2010, (EU) No 327/2011, (EU) No 206/2012, (EU) No 547/2011, (EU) No 932/2012, (EU) No 617/2013, (EU) No 666/2013, (EU) No 813/2013, (EU) No 814/2013, (EU) No 66/2014, (EU) No 548/2014, (EU) No 1253/2014, (EU) 2015/1095, (EU) 2015/1185, (EU) 2015/1188, (EU) 2015/1189 and (EU) 2016/XXX [Air heating/cooling and chillers Number of the Regulation to be inserted before publication in the OJ] with regard to the use of tolerances in verification procedures</i>	60 days from notification

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	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/348</a>	Energy-related products  <i>Draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulations (EU) No 1059/2010, (EU) No 1060/2010, (EU) No 1061/2010, (EU) No 1062/2010, (EU) No 626/2011, (EU) No 392/2012, (EU) No 874/2012, (EU) No 665/2013, (EU) No 811/2013, (EU) No 812/2013, (EU) No 65/2014, (EU) No 1254/2014, (EU) 2015/1094, (EU) 2015/1186 and (EU) 2015/1187 with regard to the use of tolerances in verification procedures</i>	60 days from notification
GUATEMALA	05/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GTM/90</a>	Products of the chemical or allied industries  <i>Government Decision no. 87-2011 Regulation for the registration, renewal, endorsement, (authorization of use) and transfer of substances related to pesticides ; microbial pesticides ; biochemical pesticides; arthropod predators, parasites , parasitoids ; requirements for import , export and return; and the registration of individual and legal persons related to these inputs to the Ministry of Agriculture , Livestock and Food</i>	—
JAPAN	04/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/515</a>	Food utensils, containers and packaging  <i>Revision of Specifications and Standards for Food, Food Additives, etc.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation of the notification
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	02/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/625</a>	Railway vehicles  <i>Additional enactment and amendment of the technical regulations of the railway vehicles</i>	60 days from notification
MEXICO	01/02/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/289/Add.2	Life jackets – Addendum  <i>On 21 December 2015, the Mexican Ministry of Communications and Transport published in the Official Journal (Diario Oficial de la Federación) the response to the comments received regarding Draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-006-SCT4-2012 “Technical requirements to be met by life jackets “</i>	—
PARAGUAY	04/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/86</a>	Automotive and industrial lubricants  <i>Technical Regulations for which the labeling of lubricants for automotive and industrial use , for marketing in the country is established , whether locally manufactured or imported</i>	—

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THAILAND	01/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/474</a>	Novel food <i>Draft Ministry of Public Health Notification, No. ... B.E. ... (...) entitled "Novel food"</i>	60 days from notification
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	02/02/2016	G/TBT/N/TPKM/225/Add.1	Organic agricultural products—Addendum <i>Draft of the Organic Agriculture Act – Since the English translation of the Organic Agriculture Act (G/TBT/N/TPKM/225, is in progress the Agriculture and Food Agency under the Council of Agriculture would like to extend the comment period</i>	31 March 2016
	02/02/2016	G/TBT/N/TPKM/225/Suppl.1	Organic agricultural products—Supplementary <i>Draft of the Organic Agriculture Act – The delegation of the European Union has provided the Secretariat with an unofficial translation into English of the document referenced in this notification.</i>	—
	04/02/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/227</a>	Chocolate products <i>Draft of Regulations Governing the Labelling of Chocolate</i>	60 days from the date of notification
UNITED STATES	02/02/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/658/Add.2	Children's products – Addendum <i>Testing and Labelling Pertaining to Product Certification Regarding Representative Samples for Periodic Testing of Children's Products – Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Third Party Testing of Children's Products</i>	29 February 2016
	02/02/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/659/Add.2	Children's products – Addendum <i>Application of Third Party Testing Requirements; Reducing Third Party Testing Burdens – Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Third Party Testing of Children's Products</i>	29 February 2016
	04/02/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/953/Add.1	Organics production – Addendum <i>National Organic Program: Notice of Final Guidance for Accredited Certifying Agents and Certified Operations on Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation – Notice of availability of final guidance</i>	—

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	02/02/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/978/Add.2/Corr.1	Residential boilers – Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Boilers – Final rule; technical correction</i>	–
	02/02/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1009/Add.4	Prerinse spray valves – Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Prerinse Spray Valves – Final rule</i>	–
	02/02/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1067/Corr.1	Import data collection quality– Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Certification and Enforcement -- Import Data Collection – Correction of Final Date for Comments and Full Text link</i>	12 February 2016