



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 (20) WTO Members from Asia, Australia, 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

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You can expect that, at BPS, we aim HIGH!

LIST OF WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (16-22 APRIL 2016)

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| ALBANIA | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ALB/78 | Propagating material of ornamental plants <i>Draft Decision of Council of Ministers "On determination of the requirements for the marketing and the certification of the planting and the propagating material of ornamental plant"</i> | 60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat |
| ARGENTINA | 18/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ARG/165/Add.5 | Wine products - Addendum <i>National Institute of Vitiviniculture (INV) Resolution No. 7/2016, the white grape varietal "Alvarinho" or "Alvariño" has been included in the list of varieties authorized in the production of Reserve and Grand Reserve wines (Listado de Variedades Autorizadas para la Elaboración de Vinos Reserva y Gran Reserva) contained in the Annex to INV Resolution No. C.11/2011</i> | — |
| | 20/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ARG/165/Add.5/Corr.1 | Wine products - Corrigendum <i>Access to the text in document G / TBT / N / ARG / 165 / Add.5 notified April 18, 2016 is via the link: https://members.wto.org/crnattac/hments/2016/TBT/ARG/16_1453_00_s.pdf</i> | — |

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| BRAZIL | 18/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/BRA/494/Add.5 | Wires, cables and electrical cords (electrical apparatus for making connections to or in electrical circuits) - Addendum <i>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance N° 176, 8 April 2016, approved conformity assessment requirements for Wires, Cables and Flexible Cords Electrical and adjust the Conformity Assessment Program for Wires, Cables and Flexible Cords Electrical—rewriting sub-items 6.4, 6.4.1 and 6.4.2</i> | — |
| BOTSWANA | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/BWA/38 | Carbon dioxide for use as a fire extinguishing medium <i>Equipment for fire protection and fire fighting - Fire extinguishing media - Carbon dioxide</i> | 2 months from date of circulation |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/BWA/39 | Cereal and pulses <i>Cereal and pulses— - Certain pulses - Specification</i> | 2 months from date of circulation |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/BWA/40 | Ultra high temperature treated cow's milk <i>Milk and milk products - Ultra High Temperature treated cow's milk - Specification</i> | 2 months from date of distribution |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/BWA/41 | Single-stage regulators for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) <i>Single-stage regulators for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) - specification</i> | 2 months from date of circulation |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/BWA/42 | Raw cow's milk <i>Raw cow's milk - Specification</i> | 2 months from date of circulation |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/BWA/43 | Cattle feed <i>Animal feeding stuffs - Cattle feed - Specification</i> | 2 months from date of circulation |
| CANADA | 18/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/CAN/487 | Motor vehicles and trailers <i>Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Interpretations and Standards 108 and 108.1)</i> | 12 May 2016 |

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| CHILE | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/CHL/352/Corr.1 | Vertical transportation equipment - Corrigendum <i>Chilean Standard NCh3395/1:2016, Vertical transport equipment - Part 1: Requirements governing the inspection of existing electrical lifts and freight lifts, G / TBT / N / CHL / 352, section 11, indicate : Empresa (Company) : DIRECON -009</i> | — |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/CHL/355 | Flexible non-metallic pipes for electrical installations <i>Draft Protocol Analysis and / or test Pipeline Safety No electrical installation Flexible Metal</i> | 60 days from the date of notification |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/CHL/356 | Decoder <i>Draft Protocol Analysis and / or Security Testing Electronic Equipment audio / video, information technology and communication technology</i> | 60 days from the date of notification |
| | 22/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/CHL/357 | Sawn timber <i>Approves Labeling Regulations Wood</i> | 60 days from the date of notification |
| CHINA | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/CHN/1172 | Products related to information security in the insurance industry <i>Provisions on Insurance System Informatization</i> | 60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat |
| COLOMBIA | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/COL/73/Add.3 | Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders - Addendum <i>Ministry of Mines and Energy Resolution No. 18 0581 of 23 April 2008 "Issuing the Technical Regulation on plants bottling liquefied petroleum gas", the draft version of which was notified on 7 June 2013 by the World Trade Organization in documentG/TBT/N/COL/73/Add.2 , will enter into force on 9 September 2016</i> | — |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/COL/208/Add.1 | Liquefied petroleum gas, LPG - Addendum <i>Ministry of Mines and Energy Resolution "Issuing the Technical Regulation on the reception, storage, handling, wholesale marketing and distribution of liquefied petroleum gas, LPG", will enter into force on 9 September 2016</i> | — |

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| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/COL/211/Add.1 | LPG cylinders - Addendum <i>Ministry of Mines and Energy Resolution "Issuing the Technical Regulation applicable to LPG cylinder depots, outlets and points of sale", will enter into force on 9 September 2016</i> | — |
| | 20/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/COL/217 | Weighing instruments Non-automatic (scales) <i>Draft Resolution of the Superintendency of Industry and Commerce "Whereby the Sixth Chapter is added in Title VI of the Circular and metrological control applicable to instruments regulating non-automatic weighing"</i> | July 15, 2016 |
| | 20/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/COL/218 | Distributors and / or metering of liquid fuels <i>Draft Resolution of the Superintendency of Industry and Commerce "Whereby Chapter Seven is added in Title VI of the Circular and metrological control applicable to suppliers , dispensers and / or liquid fuel gauges regulates"</i> | July 15, 2016 |
| ECUADOR | 20/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ECU/145/Add.3 | Bare copper conductors for electrical use - Addendum <i>The first revision of Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 153 "Bare copper conductors for electrical use" of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (INEN), replaces Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) 153:2014 and Amendment No. 1:2014</i> | — |
| EGYPT | 20/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/EGY/126/Corr.1 | Road vehicles - Corrigendum <i>Ministerial Decree no. 692/2015 (3 pages, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7942/2015—Revisions in items 5 and 8</i> | — |
| EUROPEAN UNION | 21/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/EU/372 | Thermal paper containing bisphenol A <i>Draft Commission Regulation amending Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) as regards bisphenol A</i> | 60 days from notification |

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| INDONESIA | 20/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/IDN/105 | Sweet biscuits, waffles and wafers <i>1. Regulation of Minister of Industry No.60/M-IND/PER/7/2015 on Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Biscuit</i> <i>2. Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 96/M-IND/PER/11/2015 concerning the Amendment of the Regulation No. 60/M-IND/PER/7/2015 on Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Biscuit</i> | 60 days after notification |
| | 21/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/IDN/106 | Forestry products <i>Regulation of Minister of Trade No. 97/M-DAG/PER/11/2015 concerning the Provision of Forestry Product Importation</i> | 60 days from notification |
| | 21/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/IDN/107 | Air conditioning devices <i>Decree of Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources No. 07 Year 2015 concerning Implementation of Minimum Energy Performance Standard and Inclusion Label of Energy Saving for Air Conditioning Devices</i> | 60 days from notification |
| ISRAEL | 20/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ISR/909/Corr.1 | Pepper (<i>Piper nigrum</i> L.) - Corrigendum <i>The information contained in the notification G/TBT/N/ISR/909 is identical to that contained in G/TBT/N/ISR/907. Therefore G/TBT/N/ISR/909 is cancelled</i> | — |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ISR/911 | Cutlery and feeding utensils for children <i>SI 14372 - Child use and care articles - Cutlery and feeding utensils: Safety requirements and tests</i> | 60 days from notification |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ISR/912 | Solar water heating systems <i>· SI 579 part 1.1 - Solar water heating systems: Solar collectors - General requirements</i> <i>· SI 579 part 1.2 - Solar water heating systems: Solar collectors - Test methods</i> | 60 days from notification |

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| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ISR/913 | Sugars <i>SI 7212 - Sugars</i> | 60 days from notification |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ISR/914 | Paprika and chili · <i>SI 7540 - Paprika</i> · <i>SI 7972 - Chili and capsicum, whole or ground (powdered)</i> | 60 days from notification |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ISR/915 | Medical electrical equipment <i>SI 60601 part 1 - Medical electrical equipment: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance</i> | 60 days from notification |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ISR/916 | Terrazzo floor tiles <i>SI 6 - Terrazzo floor tiles</i> | 60 days from notification |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/ISR/917 | Concrete blocks <i>SI 5 part 1 - Concrete blocks: Blocks for walls and for cover</i> | 60 days from notification |
| JAPAN | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/JPN/524 | 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> | Not applicable |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/JPN/525 | Radio equipment <i>Partial revision of regulation related to radio equipment</i> | 60 days from notification |
| | 22/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/JPN/526 | Pressure vessels <i>Amendment to the Construction Code for Pressure Vessels about Class-1 and Class-2 pressure vessels</i> | 60 days from date of circulation |

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| MEXICO | 20/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/MEX/304 | Hydraulic cylinders bottle type <i>Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM- 114 - SCFI -2015 , Hydraulic jacks type bottle - Safety specifications and test methods</i> | 60 days after April 13, 2016 |
| | 21/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/MEX/305 | Safety glass used in the construction <i>Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM- 146 - SCFI -2015 , Products glass - safety glass used in construction - Specification and test methods</i> | 60 days after its notification to the WTO |
| | 21/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/MEX/306 | Particle board wood and wooden fibreboard <i>NOM- 203- SCFI -2015 " establishes the maximum permissible emission limits and content of formaldehyde in particle board wood and wooden fiberboard made with urea formaldehyde, and products made with this type of boards</i> | 60 days after its notification to the WTO |
| NEW ZEALAND | 20/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/NZL/74 | Engine fuels <i>Reviewing Aspects of the Engine Fuel Specifications Regulations 2011: Discussion Paper</i> | 1 June 2016 |
| SEYCHELLES | 21/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/SYC/2 | Tobacco <i>S.I.57 of 2015, Tobacco Control Act (Act 14 of 2009) Tobacco (Health Warning and Messages) Regulations, 2015</i> | 60 days from notification |
| THAILAND | 21/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/THA/428/Add.1 | Protective helmets for motorcyclists - Addendum <i>Thai Industrial Standard for Protective Helmets for Motorcycles Users (TIS 369-2557(2014)) issued by the Thai Industrial Standards Institute was adopted on 11 February 2016 and will enter into force after 180 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (28 August 2016)</i> | — |
| | 21/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/THA/433/Add.1 | Paints and varnishes - Addendum <i>Thai Industrial Standard for Alkyd Enamel: Safety Requirement (TIS 2625-2557(2014)) issued by the Thai Industrial Standards Institute was adopted on 28 January 2016 and will enter into force after 365 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (28 January 2017)</i> | — |

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| UGANDA | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/UGA/538 | Miscellaneous products <i>Draft Uganda National Bureau of Standards (Enforcement of Compulsory Standard Specifications) Regulations, 2016</i> | 60 days from notification |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/USA/1027/Add.1 | Poultry - Addendum <i>Classes of Poultry- Final rule, effective date: 1 January 2018</i> | — |
| | 22/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/USA/1060/Add.1 | Drugs pharmaceuticals - Addendum <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 Proposed Rule— Reopening of the Comment Period</i> | 18 May 2016 |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/USA/1101/Add.1 | Airplanes - Addendum <i>Revision of Airworthiness Standards for Normal, Utility, Acrobatic, and Commuter Category Airplanes— Notice of Public Meeting</i> | 13 May 2016 |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/USA/1102 | Motor fuel sites <i>Renewable Fuel Infrastructure Program for Retail Motor Fuel Sites</i> | 19 April 2016 |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/USA/1103 | Bisphenol A <i>Maximum Allowable Dose Level for Bisphenol A (BPA) (Dermal Exposure from Solid Materials)</i> | 16 May 2016 |
| | 19/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/USA/1104 | Chemical substances <i>Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances</i> | 13 May 2016 |
| | 22/04/2016 | G/TBT/N/USA/1105 | Propane <i>Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Proposed New Listings of Substitutes; Changes of Listing Status; and Reinterpretation of Unacceptability for Closed Cell Foam Products Under the Significant New Alternatives Policy Program; and Revision of Clean Air Act Section 608 Venting Prohibition for Propane</i> | 2 June 2016 |