



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 fifteen (15) WTO Members from Asia, Europe, 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 (23 - 29 APRIL 2016)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
ARGENTINA	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.4	Low-voltage electrical products - Addendum <i>Regime governing the mandatory certification of compliance with the essential safety requirements for low-voltage electrical products marketed in Argentina</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 75/2016 repeals Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 404/2015, with the exception of Articles 23 and 32 thereof • Re-enacts Resolutions Nos. 123/1999, 431/1999 and 640/1999 and Resolution No. 237/2000 • Updates the values of the civil liability insurance 	—
	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/302	Plastic pipes for the supply of gaseous fuels <i>NAG 140 Year 2016 " plastic pipe systems polyethylene (PE) for the supply of gaseous fuels " the Argentine Gas Code - NAG Group I: Distribution networks , transmission lines and complementary facilities</i>	—

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	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/303	Electrical apparatus for the detection of carbon monoxide and natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas for domestic use <i>NAG -204 - Year 2016 "Electrical apparatus for the detection of carbon monoxide in the local domestic use" and NAG -205 "Electrical apparatus for detecting natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas in local domestic use " of the Code Argentine Gas - NAG Group II : Internal Facilities</i>	—
BRAZIL	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/666/Add.1	Analytical methods validation - Addendum <i>Draft Resolution n° 129/2016, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/666 - analytical methods validation - had its comments and contribution deadline extended</i>	May 22, 2016
CANADA	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/470/Add.1	Prescription drug list - Polymyxin B - Addendum <i>The purpose of this Notice of Intent to Amend is to notify that Health Canada will switch certain uses of Polymyxin B to prescription status for veterinary use by adding it to the Veterinary Prescription Drug List (PDL)</i>	—
CHILE	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/358	Hot water buffer (Termo) <i>PE No. 1/15: 2016 protocol analysis and/or testing for hot water Storer Project (Termo)</i>	60 days from the date of notification
CHINA	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/CHN/45/Rev.2	Motor vehicles, trailers and combination vehicles - Revision <i>Limits of dimensions, axle load and masses for motor vehicles, trailers and combination vehicles</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/CHN/228/Rev.1	Mopeds - Revision <i>Limits and measurement methods for emissions from mopeds - CHINA</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/CHN/690/Rev.1	Road traffic signal controller - Revision <i>National Standards of the P.R.C., Road traffic signal controller</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat

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CZECH REPUBLIC	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/CZE/192/Add.1	Fissile materials and nuclear fuel technology - Addendum <i>The Draft implementing decree concerning the type approval of some products in the field of peaceful utilization of nuclear energy and ionising radiation and the transport of a radioactive or fissile material (G/TBT/N/CZE/ 192), was revoked.</i>	—
ECUADOR	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/32/Add.10	Motor vehicles - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses the Addendum 10 corresponding to the modification 3 of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 034 (3R) "Elements minimum safety in motor vehicles"</i>	—
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/33/Add.5	Conductors and wires for electrical use - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that the third revision (3R) of Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 021 "Insulated cables and cords for electrical use" of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (INEN)</i>	—
	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/93/Add.4	Spices and condiments– Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses the Addendum 4 corresponding to the modification 2 of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 079 (1R) "Spices and seasonings"</i>	—
	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/282/Add.1	Gems and jewelry - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and discloses that the draft Technical Regulation RTE INEN 126 "Gems and jewelry" becomes RTE INEN 126</i>	—
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/284/Add.3	Flexible retort packaging - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that the first revision (1R) of Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 253 "Flexible retort packaging for food subject to a heat sterilisation process" replaces Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 253:2015</i>	—

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	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/299/Add.1	Protective gloves - Addendum <i>Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 270 "Protective gloves" of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (INEN), has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 16 098</i>	—
EUROPEAN UNION	25/04/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/373	Biocidal products <i>Draft Commission Implementing Decision on the non-approval of certain biocidal active substances pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 528/2012</i>	60 days from notification
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/374	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
GEORGIA	25/04/2016	G/TBT/N/GEO/94	Buildings <i>Technical Regulation on "design norms for fire protection divisions buildings-constructions", approved by Decree of the Government of Georgia, 9 March 2016, No.119</i>	—
	25/04/2016	G/TBT/N/GEO/95	Wastes <i>Technical Regulation on "Special requirements for collection and treatment (processing) of hazardous waste" approved by Decree of the Government of Georgia, 29 March 2016, No.145</i>	—
	25/04/2016	G/TBT/N/GEO/96	Wastes <i>Technical Regulation on "wastes transportation rules" approved by Decree of The Government of Georgia, 29 March 2016, No.143</i>	—
INDIA	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/IND/55	Induction motors <i>Energy Efficient Induction Motors - Three Phase Squirrel Cage (Quality Control) Order, 2016</i>	60 days from the date of circulation of the notification
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	25/04/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/641	Food labelling <i>Draft amendment of Labelling Standard for Genetically Modified Foods</i>	60 days from notification

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	25/04/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/642	Livestock products <i>Regulation for the Labelling of Live-stock Products</i>	60 days from notification
	25/04/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/643	Cosmetics <i>Proposed amendments to the Regulation on the Labelled Warnings and Instructions of Use, etc. of Cosmetics</i>	60 days from notification
MEXICO	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/283/Add.1	New light-duty vehicles - Addendum <i>Replies to the comments received regarding draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-194-SCFI-2014 "Essential safety devices for new vehicles - Safety specifications"</i>	—
	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/307	Denatured ethyl alcohol <i>Draft Mexican Official Standard NOM- 138 - SSA1-2015 , which establishes the health specifications of denatured ethyl alcohol, used as material healing as well as for ethyl alcohol of 96°g.l. undenatured, used as raw material for processing and / or packaging of denatured ethyl alcohol as curing material</i>	60 days after its notification to the WTO
THAILAND	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/THA/476/Add.1	Tungsten filament lamps - Addendum <i>Draft Thai Industrial Standard for Tungsten Filament Lamps for Domestic and Similar Lighting Purpose Part 1 Safety Specification (TIS 4 Part 1 - 25xx)</i>	60 days from notification
	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/TJK/4	Products designed for children and adolescents <i>Technical Regulation "Product's safety designed for children and adolescents" ; Annexes 1-22 to Technical regulation "Product's safety designed for children and adolescents"</i>	—
	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/TJK/5	Products designed for children and adolescents <i>On the introduction of changes and additions to the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan from 1 August 2015, No. 498 "On Technical Regulation of products' safety designed for children and adolescents".</i>	60 days after notification

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THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/TPKM/219/Add.1	Food utensils, food containers or packaging containing plastic material <i>The "Labelling Requirements for Food Utensils, Food Containers or Packaging" was announced and will be implemented from 1 July 2017</i>	—
	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/TPKM/220/Add.1	Food utensils, food containers or packaging containing plastic material <i>The Amendment to "Items of Food Utensils, Food Containers or Packaging" to Which the Labelling Requirements Apply was announced and will be implemented from 1 July 2017</i>	—
	29/04/2016	G/TBT/N/TPKM/236	Miscellaneous products <i>The documents required for the importation of non-genetically modified colza, colza seeds, sweet corn, sugar beet and genetically modified colza, sweet corn, sugar beet</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/826/Add.5/Corr.1	Refrigerated beverage vending machines - Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines; Final rule; correcting amendment</i>	—
	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/967/Add.3	Internal combustion engines for road vehicles - Addendum <i>Amendments Related to: Tier 3 Motor Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards; Final rule</i>	—
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1034/Add.1	Table grapes - Addendum <i>Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Revision to the Administrative Rules and Regulations for Shipments to Charitable Organizations; Final rule</i>	—
	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1106	Ultra-filtered milk products <i>Temporary Standard for Ultra-Filtered Milk Products</i>	—

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	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1107	Building codes <i>Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code</i>	18 May 2016
	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1108	E-liquids <i>E-Liquids Emergency Rule</i>	—
	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1109	Fire prevention code <i>Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code</i>	18 May 2016
	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1110	Industrial building safety <i>Industrialized Building Safety Regulations</i>	18 May 2016
	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1111	Amusement devices <i>Virginia Amusement Device Regulations</i>	18 May 2016
	27/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1112	Radiation protection <i>Virginia Radiation Protection Regulations</i>	18 May 2016
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1113	Electrical stimulation devices <i>Banned Devices; Proposal To Ban Electrical Stimulation Devices Used To Treat Self-Injurious or Aggressive Behavior</i>	25 May 2016
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1114	Imitation numismatic items <i>Rules and Regulations Under the Hobby Protection Act</i>	1 July 2016
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1115	Transmitters used in licensed radio services <i>Incorporating the American National Standard for Compliance Testing of Transmitters Used in Licensed Radio Services (ANSI C63.26-2015) Into the Commission's Rules</i>	5 May 2016
	28/04/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1116	Canned and bottled foods and beverages <i>Proposition 65 Bisphenol A</i>	13 April 2016