

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, Europe, Africa, Australasia, 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 (04 - 10 JUNE 2016)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
ALBANIA	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ALB/79	Biologic production <i>Draft Law "On biologic production"</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ALB/80	Standardization <i>Draft Decision of Council of Ministers "Approval of the Regulation on the standardization"</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
ARMENIA	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARM/75	Labelling of food products obtained with the use of genetically modified organisms <i>Draft amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "Labelling of Food Products" (TR CU 022/2011)</i>	13 July 2016
	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARM/76	Milk and milk products <i>Draft amendments No. 1 to the Technical Regulations of the Customs Union "On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products" (TR CU 033/2013)</i>	13 July 2016

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BRAZIL	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/6/Add.1	Clinical thermometer - Addendum <i>The Inmetro Ordinance N° 254/2016 sets out the conditions that must be met by clinical thermometers of Mercury in glass, intended for Measurement of the Human Body Temperature</i>	—
	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/309/Rev.1/Add.1	Carbon steel pipes - Addendum <i>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance N° 246, 3 June 2016, approved the Conformity Assessment Procedures for Carbon Steel Tubes for Common Uses and for Carbon Steel Tubes for High Temperatures, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/309/Rev.1</i>	—
	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/312/Add.10	Tyres - Addendum <i>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance N° 251, 3 June 2016, approving adjustments to the Conformity Assessment Procedures for New Tyres, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/312/Add.4</i>	—
	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/396/Add.8	Festive or other entertainment articles - Addendum <i>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance N° 249, 3 June 2016, where:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Reword articles 03th and 04th of Inmetro Ordinance N° 545, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/396/Add.4 ; · Revokes articles 01th and 02th of Inmetro Ordinance N° 270, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/396/Add.7. 	—
	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/397/Rev.1/Add.3	All products subject to conformity assessment procedure - Addendum <i>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance N° 252, 3 June 2016, approving adjustments to the General Requirements to Product Certification (RGCP), notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/397/Rev.1/Add.1. The Inmetro Ordinance N° 252/2016 reword, add and exclude different items, sub-items and notes on Inmetro Ordinance N° 118/2015 and Annex.</i>	—

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	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/559/Add.3	Parts and accessories of vehicles - Addendum <i>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance N° 248, 03 June 2016, approving adjustments to the Conformity Assessment Procedures for Automotive Components Motorcycles, Scooters, Mopeds, Tricycles and Quadricycles, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/559/Add.1. The Inmetro Ordinance N° 248, 3 June 2016, establishes rules for the import process of Low Volume and Exact Match between the Technical Regulation and Conformity Assessment Procedures.</i>	—
CANADA	07/06/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/465/Add.1	2C-phenethylamines and their salts, derivatives, isomers and salts of derivatives and isomers - Addendum <i>The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/465 (dated 5 August 2015) were adopted on 4 May 2016 as the "Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Part J - 2C-phenethylamines) and "Order Amending Schedule III to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (2C-phenethylamines)".</i>	—
	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/489	Energy efficiency standards for consumer and commercial products <i>Energy Efficiency Regulations, 2016</i>	8 August 2016
CHILE	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/361	Portable air conditioners and dehumidifiers <i>Draft protocol analysis and/or safety testing for portable air conditioners and dehumidifiers</i>	60 days from the date of notification
CHINA	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/CHN/1174	Motorcycles <i>Limits and measurement methods for emissions from motorcycles (CHINA c)</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
COLOMBIA	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/COL/220	Sheep and goat meat <i>Project Resolution of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare "Establishing the Technical Regulation establishing the health requirements for the operation of plants animal benefit of sheep and goats, deboning plants and storage, marketing, sale is issued, transport, import or export of meat and edible meat products"</i>	August 26, 2016

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COSTA RICA	07/06/2016	G/TBT/N/CRI/158	Used clothing <i>Costa Rican Technical Regulation (RTCR) No. 483:2016: Textiles and textile products. Used clothing. Labelling</i>	25 July 2016
EUROPEAN UNION	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/381	L-category vehicles <i>Draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 3/2014, Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 44/2014 and Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 134/2014 with regard, respectively, to vehicle functional safety requirements, to vehicle construction and general requirements and to environmental and propulsion unit performance requirements</i>	60 days from notification
	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/382	New passenger cars & light commercial vehicles <i>Draft Commission Delegated Regulation establishing detailed technical requirements and test procedures for the EC type-approval of motor vehicles with respect to their 112-based eCall in-vehicle systems, of 112-based eCall in-vehicle separate technical units and components and supplementing and amending Regulation (EU) No. 2015/758 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the applicable standards</i>	60 days from notification
IRELAND	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/IRL/2	Alcohol products <i>Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015</i>	90 days from notification
ISRAEL	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ISR/935	Gluten labelling <i>Public Health Regulations (Food) (Gluten Labelling) 5776 - 2016</i>	30 days from notification
KAZAKHSTAN	07/06/2016	G/TBT/CS/N/185	Notification of Acceptance <i>Under paragraph C of the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards contained in Annex 3 to the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, "Standardizing bodies that have accepted or withdrawn from this Code shall notify this fact to the ISO/IEC Information Centre in Geneva."</i>	—

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	06/06/2016	G/TBT/N/KAZ/5	Low-voltage equipment <i>Draft amendments to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "Low-voltage Equipment" (TR CU 004/2011)</i>	29 July 2016
	06/06/2016	G/TBT/N/KAZ/6	Labelling of food products obtained with the use of genetically modified organisms <i>Draft amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "Labelling of Food Products" (TP TC 022/2011)</i>	13 July 2016
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	08/06/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/649	Pharmaceuticals <i>The Act on the control of pharmaceutical development and approval exception</i>	60 days from notification
	08/06/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/650	Cosmetics <i>Proposed amendments to the "Regulation on the color ingredients and standards of cosmetics"</i>	60 days from notification
	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/651	Food <i>Proposed amendments to Enforcement Rule of Food Sanitation Act</i>	60 days from notification
MEXICO	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/284/Add.2	Drugs, medicaments and herbal remedies - Addendum <i>Mexican Official Standard NOM-073- SSA1-2015 , Stability of drugs and medicines as well as herbal remedies, published in the Official Journal of the Federation on June 7, 2016</i>	—
NICARAGUA	06/06/2016	G/TBT/N/NIC/145	Agricultural inputs <i>Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard (NTON) No. 11 048-16: Agricultural inputs. Bio-inputs and related substances. Registration requirements</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	06/06/2016	G/TBT/N/NIC/146	External personal dosimetry services <i>Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard (NTON) No. 08 001-16: Personal dosimetry. External service suppliers. Technical requirements and provisions</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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NEW ZEALAND	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/NZL/62/Add.2	Packaging of tobacco products - Addendum <i>Smoke-free Environments (Tobacco Plain Packaging) Amendment Bill: Release of Draft Regulations for Consultation</i>	60 days from the date of notification
RWANDA	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/RWA/47	Construction materials and building <i>DRS 96-3:2016 Aggregates "Test Methods" Part 3: Method of sampling</i>	60 days from notification
	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/RWA/48	Construction materials in general <i>DRS 96-5:2016, Aggregates - Test methods - Part 5: Determination of particle shape - Flakiness index</i>	60 days from notification
	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/RWA/49	Construction materials in general <i>DRS 96-6:2016 Aggregates - Test methods - Part 6: Determination of shell content in coarse aggregates</i>	60 days from notification
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/SAU/926	Steel sheet <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) SASO/ASTM A 755/A 755 M: 2016 Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Metallic Coated by the Hot-Dip Process and Prepainted by the Coil-Coating Process for Exterior Exposed Building Products With National Deviation</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/SAU/927	Steel sheet <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) Standard SA-SOASTM A653/A653M - 16 Standard Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated (Galvannealed) by the Hot-Dip Process With National Deviation</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	09/06/2016	G/TBT/N/SAU/928	Steel sheet <i>The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) Standard SASO ASTM A924/A924M - 16 Specification for General Requirements for Steel Sheet, Metallic-Coated by the Hot-Dip With National Deviation</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	08/06/2016	G/TBT/N/TPKM/205/Add.1	Suitcases - Addendum <i>Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) notified Proposal for the Legal Inspection of Suitcase C o m m o d i t i e s u n d e r G/TBT/N/TPKM/205. This rule has been adopted on 2 June 2016 and will enter into force on 1 March 2017</i>	—
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/552/Add.6	Air conditioners, heat pumps - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps; Final rule</i>	—
	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/960/Add.1	Hazardous materials - Addendum <i>Hazardous Materials: Miscellaneous Amendments (RRR); Final rule</i>	—
	07/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1030/Add.1	Compressors and pneumatic machines - Addendum <i>Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources; Final rule</i>	—
	07/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1100/Add.1	Home insulation - Addendum <i>Labeling and Advertising of Home Insulation; Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of deadline for submission of public comments</i>	6 September 2016
	10/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1118/Add.1	Organic livestock and poultry - Addendum <i>National Organic Program (NOP); Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices Proposed Rule; Extension of Comment Period</i>	13 July 2016
	06/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1133	Commercial water heating equipment <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Water Heating Equipment</i>	1 August 2016
	07/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1134	Renewable fuel standard program <i>Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2017 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2018</i>	11 July 2016

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	08/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1135	Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) <i>Addition of Hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) Category; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting</i>	1 August 2016