



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 nineteen (19) WTO Members from Asia, Africa, Australia, 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 (25 JUNE - 01 JULY 2016)

Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AUSTRALIA	01/07/2016	G/TBT/N/AUS/101	Lupin seeds <i>Assessment summary for Proposal P1026 - Lupin as an Allergen</i>	29 August 2016
BRAZIL	30/06/2016	G/TBT/10.7/N/129	AS9100 Quality System <i>Accreditation body pursuant the requirements of the standard AIR 5359 (American Aerospace Quality Group - AAQG)</i>	—
	30/06/2016	G/TBT/10.7/N/130	Pesticides, industrial chemicals, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, disinfectants, veterinary products, feed additives, wood preservatives and wastewater and natural ecosystems treatment products <i>OECD Council Acts related to Mutual Acceptance of Data in the Assessment of Chemicals</i>	—
	01/07/2016	G/TBT/10.7/N/131	Certified Reference Materials and Non Reference Materials <i>Multilateral Recognition Agreement - Body Reference Material Producers Accreditation (ISO Guide 34)</i>	—

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	01/07/2016	G/TBT/10.7/N/132	Proficiency test providers <i>Multilateral Recognition Agreement - Accreditation Body for Proficiency Testing Providers (ISO / IEC 17043)</i>	—
	01/07/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/317/Add.2	Televisions of the type plasma, LCD and of projection - Addendum <i>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance N° 286 revoking Inmetro Ordinance N° 85, counting after publication on Brazilian Official Journal (29 June 2016)</i>	—
	30/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/552/Add.1	Cosmetics - Addendum <i>Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA), issued the Resolution RDC N° 83, approving the Technical Regulation which establishes MERCOSUR list of substances that cannot be used in personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes</i>	—
	01/07/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/560/Add.3	Television - Addendum <i>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance N° 286, approving adjustments to the Conformity Assessment Procedures for Televisions</i>	—
	30/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/637/Add.1	Pickled heart of palm - Addendum <i>Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA), issued the Resolution RDC N° 85, approving the Technical Regulation which establishes the amendment of the Resolution RDC N° 17/1999 regarding the identity and quality standard of pickled heart of palm</i>	—
	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/680	Mercury thermometers and sphygmomanometers <i>Draft Technical Resolution N° 207, 17 June 2016</i>	25 August 2016
	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/681	Maximum limits of contaminants as inorganic arsenic, total cadmium, total lead and inorganic tin in children's food <i>Draft Technical Resolution N° 209, 20 June 2016</i>	26 August 2016

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CHINA	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/CHN/1175	Medical devices <i>The Catalogue of Class II Medical Devices Exempted from Clinical Trial List 2</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/CHN/1176	Medical devices <i>The Catalogue of Class B Medical Devices Exempted from Clinical Trial List 2</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
EUROPEAN UNION	28/06/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/385	Recreational craft, personal watercraft and propulsion engines <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation on procedures for watercraft identification under Directive 2013/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on recreational craft and personal watercraft</i>	60 days from notification
	01/07/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/386	Organic agricultural products and food <i>Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 as regards the electronic certificate of inspection for imported organic products and certain other elements, and Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 as regards the requirements for preserved or processed organic products and the transmission of information</i>	60 days from notification
HONDURAS	01/07/2016	G/TBT/N/HND/87/Add.1	Sugar fortification with vitamin A - Addendum <i>Referring to RTH 01.02.03 : 16 on food and beverages (sugar fortification with vitamin A) has notified April 6, 2016 , the Honduran government announced that the deadline for receiving comments is extended</i>	July 4, 2016
JAPAN	28/06/2016	G/TBT/N/JPN/528	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>	—

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA	28/06/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/653	Quasi-drugs <i>Proposed amendments to the "Regulation on Quasi-drug Approval, Notification and Review"</i>	60 days from notification
	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/654	Cosmetics <i>Proposed amendments to the "Regulation on the examination of functional cosmetics"</i>	60 days from notification
	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/655	Herbal medicine & herbal medicine preparations <i>Proposed amendments to "The Korean Herbal Pharmacopoeia"</i>	60 days from notification
	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/656	Testing laboratories (foods, livestock products, pharmaceutical drugs, traditional Korean medicine, medical devices, cosmetics) <i>Proposal to Amend Enforcement Regulation of the Act on Testing and Inspection of Food and Drugs</i>	60 days from notification
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/MDA/31	Non-automatic weighing devices <i>The draft of the Government Decision amending the Government Decision No. 267 from 8 August 2014 on the approval of the technical regulation for non-automatic weighing devices</i>	60 days from the date of receipt of this notification by the WTO
MEXICO	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/275/Add.5	Road transport vehicles - Addendum <i>Authorization of the use of trucks with two trailers, super single tires Michelin X-One instead of axles double wheels under the Official Mexican Standard NOM -012- SCT- 2-2014 on the weight and dimensions maximum allowed for motor transport vehicles on general communication routes under federal jurisdiction, or the standard that replaces it.</i>	—
SOUTH AFRICA	30/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ZAF/84/Rev.1/Add.1	Fresh pears - Addendum <i>This proposed regulation covers the quality and food standards for pears, the packing requirements, marking requirements, sampling procedures, methods of inspection and offences and penalties.</i>	—

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	30/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ZAF/143/Rev.1/Add.1	Table grapes, grapes, fresh or dried - Addendum <i>The regulations covers the quality and food standard for table grapes, the packing requirements, marking requirements, sampling procedures, methods of inspection and offences and penalties.</i>	—
	30/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ZAF/192/Add.1	Table olives - Addendum <i>The regulations set minimum standards for the grading of table olives as well as the control system to ensure compliance to the standard, but do not address any food safety issues.</i>	—
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/315 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/439 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/321 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/259 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/435 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/935 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/41	Edible casein and caseinates <i>GCC draft Technical Regulation for Edible Casein and Caseinates</i>	60 days from notification
	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/316 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/440 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/322 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/260 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/436 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/936 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/42	Food grade salt <i>GCC draft technical regulation for food grade salt</i>	60 days from notification
	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/317 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/441 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/323 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/261 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/437 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/937 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/43	Evaporated skimmed milk analogue <i>GCC Draft Technical Regulation for Evaporated Skimmed Milk Analogue</i>	60 days from notification
	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/318 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/442 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/324 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/262 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/438 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/938 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/44	Dried pineapples <i>GCC Draft Technical Regulation for Dried Pineapples</i>	60 days from notification
	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/319 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/443 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/325 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/263 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/439 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/939 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/45	Durian fruit <i>GCC Draft Technical Regulation for Durian Fruit</i>	60 days from notification

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	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/320 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/444 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/326 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/264 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/440 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/940 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/46	Leafy vegetables <i>GCC Draft Technical Regulation for Leafy Vegetables</i>	60 days from notification
	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/321 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/445 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/327 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/265 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/441 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/941 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/47	Lump sugar <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Lump Sugar"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	29/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/322 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/446 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/328 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/266 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/442 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/942 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/48	Peanut halawa <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Sugar and Its Products - Peanut Halawa"</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	30/06/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/323	Radio receiver <i>UAE Technical Regulation "UAE Terrestrial Radio Receiver Specifications for AM/FM/T-DAB+"</i>	60 days from notification
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1028/Add.1	Raisins - Addendum <i>United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins; Final rule</i>	—
	30/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1122/Corr.1	Compressors - Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Compressors; Correction</i>	—
	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1151/Add.1	Volatile organic compound emissions from fiberglass boat - Addendum <i>Air Plan Approval; ME; Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions From Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing and Surface Coating Facilities ; Direct final rule</i>	—
	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1152/Corr.1	Canned vegetables - Corrigendum <i>Please note the correction for G/TBT/N/USA/1152 - United States Standards for Grades of Canned Vegetables Item 3. Notified under Article should be "Other".</i>	—

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	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1157	Wine <i>Proposed Revisions to Wine Labeling and Recordkeeping Requirements</i>	22 August 2016
	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1158	Emissions <i>Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District and Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District</i>	18 July 2016
	30/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1158/Add.1	Emissions - Addendum <i>Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District and Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District; Direct final rule</i>	—
	27/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1159	Agricultural equipment <i>Lighting and Marking on Agricultural Equipment</i>	—
	30/06/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1160	Electric motors <i>Energy Conservation Program: Certification, Compliance, Labeling, and Enforcement for Electric Motors and Small Electric Motors</i>	25 July 2016
VIET NAM	28/06/2016	G/TBT/N/VNM/84	Information security <i>Draft Decree of the Government detailing conditions for granting business licenses for trading information security products and services</i>	30 July 2016