



# 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 on food, edible fats and oils, chemicals, electrical products, construction materials and petroleum products from United Arab Emirates, Brazil, Czech Republic, Uganda, and United States of 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 (06 - 12 August 2016)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	BRAZIL	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/687</a>	Procedures for import and export of goods and products destined to scientific or technologic research and to research involving humans <i>Ordinance N° 236, 29 July 2016</i>	6 September 2016
WATER QUALITY	COSTA RICA	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CRI/161</a>	Bottled water  <i>RTCR 471: 2014 Food and drinks processed . Bottled Waters . Specifications</i>	October 8, 2016

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AGRICULTURE/ ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	CZECH REPUBLIC	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/184/Add.1</a>	Animal feeding stuffs - Addendum  <i>Draft Decree Implementing Certain Provisions of the Feed Act was adopted on 9 November 2015, and published in the Official Journal</i>	—
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	EGYPT	12/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/57/Add.1</a>	Kitchen equipment - Addendum  <i>Ministerial Decree No. 241/2016 (4 pages, in Arabic) giving producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 5492/2016 "Domestic and kitchen storage units and worktops. Safety requirements and test methods".</i>  <i>Date of adoption: 19 March 2016</i>  <i>Date of entry into force: The day following the date of publication in the official gazette (21 April 2016)</i>	—
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	EGYPT	12/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/131/Add.1</a>	Fire extinguishers - Addendum  <i>Ministerial Decree No. 242/2016 (1 pages, in Arabic) that gives producers and importers a six months transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 735/2015 "Portable carbon dioxide fire extinguishers"</i>  <i>Date of adoption: 26 March 2016</i>  <i>Date of entry into force: 21 April 2016</i>	—
HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT	EGYPT	12/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/153</a>	Hospital equipment  <i>Ministerial Decree No. 243/2016 (2 pages, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7411/2016 "Surgical Drapes, Gowns and Clean Air Suits, Used as Medical Devices for Patients, Clinical Staff and Equipment- General Requirements for Manufacturers, Processors and Products, Test Methods, Performance Requirements and Performance Levels"</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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TOYS	KAZAKH-STAN	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KAZ/7/Add.1</a>	<p>Toys - Addendum</p> <p><i>Comment period for the proposed amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Safety of Toys" (TR CU 008/2011) has been extended</i></p>	8 September 2016
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/688</a>	<p>Specific medicines</p> <p><i>Ordinance N°. 9, 1 August 2016</i></p>	—
	GUATEMALA	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GTM/91</a>	<p>Pharmaceuticals and related products</p> <p><i>Regulations for the Control of Pharmaceutical and Related Products</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	BRAZIL	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/686</a>	<p>Industrial chemicals</p> <p><i>Draft Bill about Public Consultation Notice N° 1, 28 June 2016</i></p>	28 September 2016
	EGYPT	12/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/155</a>	<p>Organic detergent disinfectants for vegetables and fresh fruits</p> <p><i>Ministerial Decree No. 243/2016 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 8011/2016 "Organic detergent disinfectant for vegetables and fresh fruits"</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS	UGANDA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/556</a>	<p>Groundnuts for oil extraction</p> <p><i>DUS DEAS 889:2016, Groundnuts for oil extraction - Specification</i></p>	1 November 2016
	UGANDA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/557</a>	<p>Palm stearin</p> <p><i>DUS DEAS 796:2016, Palm stearin - Specification</i></p>	1 November 2016
	UGANDA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/559</a>	<p>Blended edible oils</p> <p><i>DUS DEAS 889: 2016, Blended edible oils - Specification</i></p>	1 November 2016

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	UGANDA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/560</a>	Palm olein  <i>DUS DEAS 795:2016, Palm olein - Specification</i>	1 November 2016
	UGANDA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/561</a>	Fat spreads and blended spreads  <i>DUS FDEAS 14:2016, Fat spreads and blended spreads - Specification</i>	1 November 2016
	UGANDA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/563</a>	Edible fats and oils  <i>DUS FDEAS 321:2016, Edible fats and oils (General) - Specification</i>	1 November 2016
FOOD	UGANDA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/558</a>	Raw and roasted groundnuts for table use  <i>DUS DEAS 888:2016, Raw and roasted groundnuts for table use - Specification</i>	1 November 2016
	UGANDA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/564</a>	Maize (corn)  <i>The Local Governments (Nakaseke District) (Maize) Ordinance, 2015</i>	1 November 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1079/Add.1</a>	Foods produced with genetic engineering - Addendum  <i>As of 2 August 2016, the measures covered by this notification will no longer be enforced by the relevant competent authority, the Office of the Attorney General of Vermont</i>	—
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	08/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1177</a>	Fruits and vegetables  <i>U.S. Standards for Grades of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Fruits and Vegetables for Processing, Nuts, and Specialty Crops</i>	—

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AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	08/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1178</a>	Portland cement manufacturing emissions <i>National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry</i>	24 August 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1178/Add.1</a>	Portland cement manufacturing emissions - Addendum <i>National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry; Direct final rule</i>	24 August 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	08/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1179</a>	Fiberglass boat manufacturing emissions <i>Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions from Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing Materials</i>	31 August 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1179/Add.1</a>	Fiberglass boat manufacturing emissions - Addendum <i>Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions from Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing Materials; Direct final rule</i>	31 August 2016
ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS	EGYPT	12/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/154</a>	Ovens used for charcoal production <i>Ministerial Decree No. 243/2016 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 8012/2016 "Technical and environmental specification for ovens used for charcoal production"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1133/Add.1</a>	Commercial water heating equipment - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Water Heating Equipment; Reopening of Comment Period</i>	30 August 2016

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	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1181</a>	Uninterruptible power supplies  Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Uninterruptible Power Supplies	4 October 2016
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	AFGHANI-STAN	09/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/AFG/1</a>	Portland cement  Afghanistan Technical Regulation 1 - Construction Materials	—
	CZECH REPUBLIC	12/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/191/Add.1</a>	Construction product - Addendum  Draft government regulation amending Government Regulation No 163/2002, laying down technical requirements for selected construction products, as amended by Government Regulation No 312/2005 was adopted on 13 July 2016, and published in the Official Journal	—
	EGYPT	12/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EGY/56/Add.1</a>	Oak sawn timber - Addendum  Ministerial Decree No. 241/2016 giving producers and importers a six-month transitional period to abide by the Egyptian Standard ES 4297/2016 "Sawn timber - Appearance grading of hardwoods - Part 1: Oak and beech"  Date of adoption: 19 March 2016  Date of entry into force: The day following the date of publication in the official gazette (21 April 2016)	—
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES	AFGHANI-STAN	09/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/AFG/2</a>	Gasoline for vehicle  · Mandatory Standard for Gasoline (POL/TEMP/001-1388) · Mandatory Standard for Diesel (POL/TEMP/002-1388) · Mandatory Standard for Kerosene (POL/TEMP/003-1388)	—

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	THE SEPA- RATE CUS- TOMS TER- RITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/243/Add.1</a>	Fuel powered motorcycles - Ad- dendum  <i>Text of the Draft Amendments to the Fuel Economy Test Method for Motorcycles can be downloaded</i>	—
	UGANDA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/562</a>	Crude and semi refined palm oil  <i>DUS DEAS 887: 2016, Crude and semi refined palm oil - Specifica- tion</i>	1 November 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1136/Add.1</a>	Fuel - Addendum  <i>Guide Concerning Fuel Economy Advertising for New Automob- iles; Extension of deadline for submission of public comments</i>	7 September 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1143/Add.2</a>	Hydrogen chloride emission moni- toring - Addendum  <i>Technical Amendments to Perfor- mance Specification 18 and Proce- dure 6; Partial withdrawal of di- rect final rule</i>	—
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT- PHYSICAL PHENOMENA	CZECH REPUBLIC	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/185/Add.1</a>	Automatic weighing instruments - Addendum  <i>Draft - General measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "automatic weighing instruments - catchweighing in- struments" was adopted on 15 February 2016, and published in the Official Journal</i>	—
	CZECH REPUBLIC	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/186/Add.1</a>	Optical radiometers - Addendum  <i>Draft general measure establishing metrological and technical re- quirements for specified measure- ment instruments, including test- ing methods for the type approval and verification of legal measuring instruments: "optical radiometers for the spectral range of 400 nm to 2 800 nm and measurement of emitted radiation in the range <math>10^3</math> W/m<sup>2</sup> to <math>10^2</math> W/m<sup>2</sup>" was adopted on 15 February 2016, and pub- lished in the Official Journal</i>	—

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	CZECH REPUBLIC	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/187/Add.1</a>	Automatic weighing instruments - Addendum  <i>Draft - A measure of a general nature laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "automatic weighing instruments - discontinuous totalisers" was adopted on 15 February 2016, and published in the Official Journal</i>	—
	CZECH REPUBLIC	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/188/Add.1</a>	Automatic weighing instruments - Addendum  <i>Draft - General measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "automatic weighing instruments - instruments for weighing railway vehicles in motion", was adopted on 15 February 2016, and published in the Official Journal</i>	—
	CZECH REPUBLIC	12/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/189/Add.1</a>	Automatic weighing instruments - Addendum  <i>Draft - General measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "Automatic weighing instruments - continuous totalisers" was adopted on 15 February 2016, and published in the Official Journal</i>	—
	CZECH REPUBLIC	12/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/190/Add.1</a>	Automatic weighing instruments - Addendum  <i>Draft - General measure laying down metrological and technical requirements for legal measuring instruments, including tests for the verification of legal measuring instruments: "Automatic weighing instruments - automatic gravimetric filling instruments" was adopted on 15 February 2016, and published in the Official Journal</i>	—



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ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/326</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/447</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/329</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/267</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/443</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/949</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/49</a>	Tyres of multi-purpose vehicles, trucks, buses and trailers  <i>"Multi-Purpose Vehicles, Trucks, Buses and Trailers - Tyres Part 1: Nomenclature, Designation, Marking, Dimensions, Load Capacities and Inflation Pressures"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/327</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/448</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/330</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/268</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/444</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/950</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/50</a>	Tyres of multi-purpose vehicles, trucks, buses and trailers  <i>"Multi-Purpose Vehicles, Trucks, Buses And Trailers - Tyres Part 2: Methods of Test"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	11/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/328</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/449</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/331</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/269</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/445</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/951</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/51</a>	Tyres of multi-purpose vehicles, trucks, buses and trailers  <i>"Multi-Purpose Vehicles, Trucks, Buses And Trailers - Tyres Part 3: General Requirements"</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	10/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1180</a>	Buses  <i>Bus Testing: Establishment of Performance Standards, a Bus Model Scoring System, a Pass/Fail Standard and Other Program Updates</i>	—