

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, electrical, agricultural, textile and petroleum products from European Union, Republic of Korea, Thailand, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (13 - 19 August 2016)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
MECHANICAL/BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION					
STEEL PRODUCTS	ZAMBIA	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/50	Pressed steel door frames <i>Pressed steel door frames - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION	ZAMBIA	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/55	The installation of underground storage tanks, pumps dispensers and pipe works <i>The installation of underground storage tanks, pumps dispensers and pipe works at service and customer installation</i>	60 days from notification

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GAS AND STEAM TURBINES	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/160	Gas turbine sets with fluid-film bearings <i>Ministerial Decree No. 243/2016 mandating the Egyptian Standards ES No. 4603-4 for Mechanical vibration – Evaluation of machine vibration by measurements on non-rotating parts - Part 4: Gas turbine sets with fluid-film bearings</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/161	Land-based steam turbines and generators <i>Ministerial Decree No. 243 for the year 2016 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 4603-2 for Mechanical vibration - Evaluation of machine vibration by measurements on rotating parts - Part 2: Land-based steam turbines and generators in excess of 50 MW with normal operating speeds of 1 500 r/min, 1 800 r/min, 3 000 r/min and 3 600 r/min</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
CHEMICALS					
FERTILIZERS	ZAMBIA	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/49	Fertilizers <i>Blended (physical mixture) fertilizers - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	ZAMBIA	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/51	Portable fire extinguishers <i>Portable fire extinguishers - Portable, non-refillable fire extinguishers (general purpose type) - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
	ZAMBIA	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/52	Rechargeable fire extinguisher of the carbon dioxide type <i>Portable fire extinguishers - Carbon dioxide type fire Extinguishers - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	MEXICO	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/150/Add.1	Mexican Official Standard NOM-019-SEMARNAT-2006 establishing technical guidelines in respect of methods to combat and control bark insects <i>On 23 July 2008 the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources has published in the Official Journal of the Federation Mexican Official Standard NOM 019- SEMARNAT- 2006 establishing the technical guidelines of control methods against the barkers insects and control of these insects</i>	—

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	UGANDA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/UGA/565	Insecticide treated mosquito nets <i>DUS DEAS 455:2016, Long lasting insecticide treated mosquito nets - Specification</i>	4 November 2016
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING EQUIPMENT	ZAMBIA	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/53	Storage and distribution of petroleum products <i>The petroleum industry - Code of practice: Storage and distribution of petroleum products in above -</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/158	Self-ballasted LED lamps <i>Ministerial Decree No. 243/2016 (mandating the Egyptian Standard 7987/2016, "Self-ballasted LED lamps for general lighting services with supply voltages not exceeding 50 V a.c. r.m.s. or 120 V ripple free d.c. - Safety specifications"</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/159	LED modules for general lighting <i>Ministerial Decree No. 243/2016 (2 pages, in Arabic) mandating the Egyptian Standard 7643/2016, "LED modules for general lighting - safety specifications"</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	16/08/2016	G/TBT/N/TPKM/206/Rev.1	Fluorescent, hot cathode - Revision <i>Requirements on Minimum Energy Performance Standard, Energy Efficiency Indication and Inspection for Fluorescent Lamps (Draft)</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/156	Television <i>Ministerial Decree No. 243/2016 mandating the Egyptian Standard ES 7993/2016 "Energy Efficiency for Television"</i>	60 days from the date of the notification
	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/157	Household and similar electrical appliances <i>Ministerial Decree No. 241/2016 mandating Egyptian Standards on Household and Similar Electrical Appliances</i>	60 days from the date of the notification

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	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1148/Add.1	Portable air conditioners - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Portable Air Conditioners</i>	—
AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/926/Add.3/Corr.1	Air conditioning and heating equipment - Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Small, Large, and Very Large Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air-Conditioning and Heating Equipment and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces; Correction</i>	—
AIR FURNACES	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/963/Add.2/Corr.1	Commercial warm air furnaces - Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment: Energy Conservation Standards for Small, Large, and Very Large Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air-Conditioning and Heating Equipment and Commercial Warm Air Furnaces; Correction</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES	THAILAND	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/THA/480	Plugs, socket-outlets, couplers <i>Thai Industrial Standard for Plugs and Socket-Outlets for Household and Similar Purposes: Plugs and Socket-Outlets with Rated Voltage not Exceeding 250 V (TIS 166-2549)</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1181/Corr.1	Uninterruptible power supplies - Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Uninterruptible Power Supplies; Notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR); correction</i>	—
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	ZAMBIA	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/54	Electrical installations in the distribution and marketing sector <i>The Petroleum Industry - Code of Practice: Electrical installations in the distribution and marketing sector</i>	60 days from notification

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FOOD					
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1106/Add.1	Ultra-filtered milk products - Addendum <i>Temporary Standard for Ultra-Filtered Milk Products; Rule Adoption</i>	—
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	ZAMBIA	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/56	White sugar <i>White sugar - Specification</i>	60 days from notification
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/93/Add.1	Non-alcoholic beverages - Addendum <i>Egyptian Standard ES 1765/2016 "Non-Alcoholic Barley Drink" - This addendum concerns the notification of adoption, publication, and entry into force of regulation</i>	—
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	GUATEMALA	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/GTM/92	Organic agricultural products <i>Central American Technical Regulation RTCA 67.06.74 : 16 Organic Agricultural Products . Requirements for the Production, Processing , Marketing , Export, Import and Labelling</i>	60 days from notification published
FOOD PRODUCTS	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/1/Add.1	Food products - Addendum <i>Egyptian standard ES 1725/2016 "Salted fish" - This addendum concerns the notification of adoption, publication, and entry into force of regulation</i>	—
	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/2/Add.1	Food products - Addendum <i>Egyptian standard ES No. 49-2/2016 "Olive Oils and Olive Pomace Oils" - This addendum concerns the notification of adoption, publication, and entry into force of regulation</i>	—

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	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/74/Add.2	Canned tuna and bonite - Addendum <i>Egyptian standard ES 804/2016 "Canned Tuna and Bonito" - This addendum concerns the notification of adoption, publication, and entry into force of regulation</i>	—
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAMENTS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	16/08/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/666	Herbal medicine & herbal medicine preparations <i>Proposed amendments to "The Korean Pharmacopoeia"</i>	60 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1182	Neurological devices <i>Medical Devices; Neurological Devices; Classification of the Thermal System for Insomnia</i>	—
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1183	Gastroenterology-urology devices <i>Medical Devices; Gastroenterology-Urology Devices; Classification of the Metallic Biliary Stent System for Benign Strictures</i>	—
TEXTILES					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	UGANDA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/UGA/566	Used textile products <i>DUS DEAS 356:2016, Textiles - Requirements for inspection and acceptance of used textile products</i>	4 November 2016
	UGANDA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/UGA/569	Disposable sanitary towels <i>DUS DEAS 96-1:2016, Sanitary towels - Specification - Part 1: Disposable</i>	4 November 2016
TEXTILE FIBRES	UGANDA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/UGA/567	Cotton khanga <i>DUS DEAS 224:2016, Cotton khanga - Specification</i>	4 November 2016
	UGANDA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/UGA/568	Knitted polyester/cellulosic <i>DUS DEAS 222:2016, Knitted polyester/cellulosic blended fabric - Specification</i>	4 November 2016

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OTHERS					
ALL PRODUCT CATEGORIES EXCEPT FOOD, DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/329 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/450 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/332 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/270 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/446 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/952 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/52	All product categories except food, drugs and pharmaceutical products <i>GSO Draft System on Product Safety and Market Surveillance</i>	60 days from date of notification
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	19/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1007/Add.2	Aircraft emissions - Addendum <i>Finding That Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Aircraft Cause or Contribute to Air Pollution That May Reasonably Be Anticipated To Endanger Public Health and Welfare; Final Rule</i>	—
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	16/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1096/Add.1	Inhalant delivery systems - Addendum <i>Inhalant Delivery System Packaging and Labeling Rulemaking 2015; Partial Rule Adoption</i>	—
TOYS	EUROPEAN UNION	18/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/243/Add.1	Lead in toys - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that the draft Commission Directive amending, for the purpose of adapting to technical progress, Annex II to Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Safety of Toys has been amended</i>	—
WASTES	EGYPT	15/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EGY/162	Residues <i>Ministerial Decree no. 244/2016 regarding the maximum residue limits of pesticides in food and feed</i>	60 days from the date of the notification