

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, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, electrical and electronic products from European Union, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam, United States of America, and Middle East countries 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 (20 - 26 August 2016)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
FOOD					
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	25/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/331 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/451 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/333 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/271 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/447 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/953 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/53	Quick frozen lobsters <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Quick Frozen Lobsters"</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EL SALVADOR	25/08/2016	G/TBT/N/SLV/183	Organic agricultural products <i>Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) 67.06.74:16: Organic agricultural products. Requirements governing production, processing, marketing, certification and labeling</i>	60 days from the date of notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	22/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/622/Add.3	Prepackaged food - Addendum <i>Calorie Labeling of Articles of Food in Vending Machines; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability</i>	30 September 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	22/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/622/Add.4	Prepackaged food - Addendum <i>Calorie Labeling of Articles of Food in Vending Machines: Guidance for Industry; Small Entity Compliance Guide; Availability</i>	—
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	VIET NAM	25/08/2016	G/TBT/N/VNM/19/Add.2	Alcohol - Addendum <i>Please be advised that the notification Decree No. 94/2012/ND-CP on alcohol production and trading notified by the notification G/TBT/N/VNM/19 of 1 August 2012 and G/TBT/N/VNM/19/Add.1 of 1 March 2013 is planned to be replaced by a new proposed Decree.</i>	—
	VIET NAM	26/08/2016	G/TBT/N/VNM/86	Alcohol <i>Draft Decree on Alcohol Trading</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	26/08/2016	G/TBT/N/JPN/532	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system <i>Designation of "Shitei Yaku-butsum" (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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PHARMACEUTICS	EL SALVADOR	25/08/2016	G/TBT/N/SLV/184	Pharmaceutical products <i>Salvadorian Technical Regulation (RTS) 11.02.02:16: Pharmaceutical products. Medicines for human use. Pharmacovigilance</i>	60 days from the date of notification
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	THAILAND	26/08/2016	G/TBT/N/THA/445/Add.1	Fluorescent lamps - Addendum <i>Thai Industrial Standard for Ballasts for Tubular Fluorescent Lamps: Energy Efficiency Requirements was adopted on 14 August 2016 and will enter into force after 365 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (16 August 2017)</i>	—
AIR CONDITIONERS, HEAT PUMPS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	22/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/552/Add.6/Corr.1	Air conditioners, heat pumps - Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps; Final rule; technical correction</i>	—
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	MALAYSIA	25/08/2016	G/TBT/N/MYS/69	Liquid-filled type electric heating bag, cushion, pillow, pouch or pad <i>Disclosure Prohibition of Entry , Manufacturing , Display of Advertising and Sales Electric Heating Equipment Pillow in Malaysia</i>	60 days from notification
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/996/Add.1/Corr.1	Residential dehumidifiers - Corrigendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Dehumidifiers; Final rule; technical correction</i>	—
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/996/Add.2	Residential dehumidifiers - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Dehumidifiers; Publication of determination</i>	—

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ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES	SOUTH AFRICA	25/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZAF/206	Medium voltage cables <i>Compulsory Specification for Safety of Medium-Voltage Electric Cables</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICALS					
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES	EUROPEAN UNION	22/08/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/400	Hazardous substances <i>Draft Commission Regulation (EU) amending, for the purposes of its adaptation to technical and scientific progress, Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures</i>	60 days from notification
OIL	MEXICO	25/08/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/300/Add.2	Oil - Addendum <i>Responses to comments received about the Proposed Official Mexican Standard NOM- 016- CRE - 2016 Specifications quality of oil</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1144/Add.1	Chemical bulk storage - Addendum <i>Chemical Bulk Storage (CBS); Emergency Rule Adoption</i>	—
EXPLOSIVES, PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1146/Add.1	Fireworks and related explosive materials - Addendum <i>Regulation of Fireworks and Related Explosive Materials; Emergency Rule Expired</i>	—
CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1184	Chemical substances <i>Significant New Use Rule on Certain Chemical Substances</i>	23 September 2016
LIQUID FUELS	ZAMBIA	26/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/57	Aviation turbine fuel (Jet A-1) <i>Aviation Turbine Fuel (Jet A-1) - Specification</i>	60 days from notification

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OTHERS					
ROAD VEHICLE ENGINEERING	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	25/08/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/330	Road vehicles in general <i>Updating the UAE Technical Regulation "Technical Requirements for Low Small Series Production Vehicles"</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	25/08/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/667	Cosmetics <i>Proposed amendments to the "Enforcement Rule of the Cosmetic Act"</i>	21 September 2016
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KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/787/Add.3	Conventional cooking products - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Cooking Products</i>	21 September 2016
ALARM AND WARNING SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1098/Add.1	Carbon monoxide alarms and detectors - Addendum <i>Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Detectors; Rule Adoption</i>	—
BUILDINGS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/08/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1140/Add.1	Buildings - Addendum <i>Energy Efficiency; Rule Adoption</i>	—