



# 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, chemicals, electrical and electronic products, and mechanical, building and construction materials from Middle East countries, Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Japan, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, 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)

We are glad to be of service to you!

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (27 August - 02 September 2016)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
FOOD					
FLOUR	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	02/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/332</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/452</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/334</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/272</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/448</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/954</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/54</a>	Barley flour <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Barley Flour"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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CHEESE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	02/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/333</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/453</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/335</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/273</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/449</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/955</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/55</a>	<b>Cheddar cheese</b>  <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Cheddar Cheese"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	02/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/335</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/455</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/337</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/275</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/451</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/957</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/57</a>	<b>Cream analogue</b>  <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Cream Analogue"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	02/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/337</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/457</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/339</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/277</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/453</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/959</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/59</a>	<b>Materials and articles in contact with foodstuffs</b>  <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Technical Regulation for "Recycled Plastic Materials and Articles Intended to Come Into Contact with Food"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	31/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/689</a>	<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>  <i>Draft Ordinance N° 90, 23 August 2016</i>	25 October 2016
	INDONESIA	31/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IDN/110</a>	<b>Food</b>  <i>Regulation of the Chairman of NADFC RI No.14 of 2016 on The Safety and Quality Standard of Alcoholic Beverages</i>	60 days from notification

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	02/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/334</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/454</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/336</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/274</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/450</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/956</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/56</a>	Jams, jellies and marmalade  <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Jams, Jellies and Marmalade"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	02/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/336</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/456</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/338</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/276</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/452</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/958</a> ; <a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/58</a>	Soy sauce  <i>The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf Draft Technical Regulation for "Soy Sauce"</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
	HONDURAS	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/HND/88</a>	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
	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/244</a>	Aloe products  <i>Draft of the use restrictions and labelling requirement of aloe</i>	60 days from notification
	URUGUAY	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/URY/12</a>	Pasta  <i>Pasta</i>	20 days of notification
	COSTA RICA	30/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CRI/162</a>	Organic agricultural products  <i>Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.06.74:16: Organic agricultural products. Production, processing, marketing, certification and labelling requirements</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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	NICARAGUA	29/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NIC/147</a>	Organic agricultural products <i>Nicaraguan Mandatory Technical Standard (NTON) No. 11 049 - 16/ Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.06.74:16: Organic agricultural products. Production, processing, marketing, certification and labelling requirements</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	PANAMA	29/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/87</a>	Organic agricultural products <i>Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.06.74:16: Organic agricultural products. Production, processing, marketing, certification and labelling requirements</i>	60 days from the date of notification
	ARGENTINA	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/298/Add.1</a>	Organic products - Addendum <i>SENASA Resolution No. 374/2016 of the National Health Service and Food Quality and approving the production system , marketing, inspection and certification of organic products notified in draft form in document G / TBT / N / ARG / 298, was issued.</i>	—
	PERU	02/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PER/36/Rev.1/Add.1</a>	Labeling trans fats in processed food - Addendum <i>Republic of Peru hereby notifies that the draft " Regulation establishing the process of gradual reduction to the elimination of trans fats in food and non-alcoholic beverages industrially processed "; the final technical or final regulation was published in the official gazette El Peruano of July 27, 2016 , by Supreme Decree No. 033-2016 -SA , the same as enter into force on 23 January 2017 .</i>	—

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	GUATEMALA	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GTM/65/Corr.2</a>	<p>Certified seed of basic grains and soybeans - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>The notification G / SPS / N / GTM / 65 , published on August 12, 2016 , states in paragraph 5 , Title of the notified document " Central American Technical Regulation RTCA 67.06.74 : . 16 Products Organic Agricultural Production Requirements Process , Marketing , Export, Import and Labelling</i></p>	—
<b>ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS</b>					
AIR-CONDITIONERS AND HEAT PUMPS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	31/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1185</a>	<p>Central air-conditioners, heat pumps</p> <p><i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps</i></p>	23 September 2016
ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	29/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TTO/116</a>	<p>Electric cables</p> <p><i>TTS 650:20XX, Electric cables - Low voltage energy cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V (Uo/U) - Cables for general applications - Single core non-sheathed cables with thermoplastic PVC insulation</i></p>	60 days from notification
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	29/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TTO/115</a>	<p><i>Self-ballasted LED lamps</i></p> <p><i>TTS 651:20XX, Self-ballasted LED lamps for general lighting services with supply voltages &gt; 50 V - Performance requirements</i></p>	60 days from notification
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	31/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1018/Add.1</a>	<p>Medium base compact fluorescent lamps - Addendum</p> <p><i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Compact Fluorescent Lamps; Final rule</i></p>	—
	ECUADOR	29/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/226/Add.2</a>	<p>Lighting chains - Addendum</p> <p><i>Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that the first revision (1R) of Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 196 "Lighting chains" of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (INEN), published in Official Journal No. 819 of 16 August 2016</i></p>	—

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<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	JAPAN	02/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/533</a>	O-toluidine <i>Amendment to Enforcement Order of Industrial Safety and Health Law and related ordinances</i>	15 October 2016
FUELS	MEXICO	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/300/Add.3</a>	Petroleum products - Addendum <i>Agreement establishing the Energy Regulatory Commission has issued the Official Mexican Standard NOM - 016- CRE - 2016 Specifications Quality Oil- to be published as a final rule on 29 August 2016</i>	—
	ZAMBIA	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZMB/59</a>	Liquefied petroleum gas installations <i>The handling, storage and distribution of liquefied petroleum gas in domestic, commercial and industrial installations - code of practice. Part 1 - Liquefied petroleum gas installations involving gas storage containers of individual water capacity not exceeding 500 litres and a combined water capacity not exceeding 3000 litres per installation</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	ARGENTINA	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/173/Add.6</a>	Cleaning products - Addendum <i>Regulation No. 8224/2016 of the National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology is incorporated into national law, as Annex ANMAT No. 7292/98 , Resolution GMC No. 18/10 " Technical Regulations MERCOSUR disinfectants Products ( Pesticides ) Sanitizing "</i>	—
<b>MECHANICAL/ BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS</b>					
RAILS AND RAILWAY COMPONENTS	MEXICO	02/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/318</a>	Drag rail equipment <i>PROY- NOM- 025- SCT2-2015 Safety regulations for railroad equipment to drag freight service</i>	Within 60 calendar days after publication in the Official Gazette

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ELEVATORS	ARGENTINA	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/305</a>	Elevators and components  <i>"Certification of compliance with the essential safety requirements of lifts and/or safety components. Modification"</i>	—
ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	ZAMBIA	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZMB/58</a>	Cutbacks bitumens  <i>Bitumens for Building and Civil Engineering - Cutbacks Bitumens - Specifications</i>	60 days from notification
CEMENT	NICARAGUA	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NIC/149</a>	Cement  <i>TON 12 013 -16 - construction materials. Cement</i>	60 days from notification published
VALVES	SRI LANKA	29/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/LKA/34</a>	Valves  <i>Imports (Standardization and Quality Control) Regulations 2016 - Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 1953/27 dated 11 February 2016</i>	—
SOLAR ENERGY ENGINEERING	MEXICO	29/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/317</a>	Solar water heaters  <i>PROY- NOM- 027- ENER / SCFI - 2016 . Thermal performance , gas saving and safety requirements of solar water heaters and solar water heaters backed by a water heater which uses gas as fuel L.P. or natural gas. Specifications , test methods and labeling</i>	60 calendar days after publication in the Official Journal of the Federation
HAND-HELD TOOLS	ECUADOR	29/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/162/Add.2</a>	Hand-held electric saws - Addendum  <i>Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that the first revision (1R) of Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 173 "Hand-held and transportable electric saws" of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (INEN), notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/162/Add.1 of 28 May 2014, published in Official Journal No. 815 of 9 August 2016</i>	—

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OTHERS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/245</a>	Bicycles for young children  <i>Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	31/08/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/669</a>	Cosmetics  <i>Proposed amendments to the "Enforcement Rule of the Cosmetic Act"</i>	40 days from notification
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	NICARAGUA	01/09/2016	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NIC/148</a>	Metrological control  <i>NTON 07 006-16 Legal Metrology . Registration for Metrological Control</i>	60 days from notification published