



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 automotive, food, healthcare technology, petroleum, electrical/electronic products, mechanical/building and construction materials, etc. from Chile, Mexico, Viet Nam, United States of America and other 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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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (24 - 30 September 2016)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AUTOMOTIVE					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHINA	30/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/CHN/391/Rev.1</u>	Light-duty vehicles - Revision <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Energy consumption label for light-duty vehicles - Part 1: For gasoline and diesel vehicles</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
	CHINA	29/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/CHN/1181</u>	Light-duty vehicles <i>National Standard of the P.R.C., Energy consumption label for light-duty vehicles Part 2: For off-vehicle-chargeable hybrid electric vehicles and pure electric vehicles</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat

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SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/1197</u>	Off-highway recreational vehicles (OHRVs) <i>California State Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; Evaporative Emission Standards and Test Procedures for Off-Highway. Recreational Vehicles (OHRVs); Request for Authorization; Opportunity for Public Hearing and Comment</i>	1 November 2016
	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/1198</u>	On-highway heavy-duty vehicles <i>California State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Standards; Amendments to On-Highway Heavy-Duty Vehicle In-Use Compliance Program, Amendments to 2007 and Subsequent Model Year On-Highway Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles, and Amendments to Truck Requirements; Request for Waiver of Preemption; Opportunity for Public Hearing and Public Comment</i>	1 November 2016
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS					
AIR-CONDITIONERS	UKRAINE	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/UKR/109</u>	Air conditioners <i>The Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation for the energy labelling of air conditioners"</i>	60 days from notification
CLEANING APPLIANCES	UKRAINE	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/UKR/108</u>	Vacuum cleaners <i>The Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation to energy labelling of vacuum cleaners"</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/974/Add.4</u>	Residential furnaces - Addendum <i>Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces; Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNOPR) and announcement of public meeting</i>	22 November 2016

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	VIET NAM	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/VNM/5/Add.1</u>	Electrical and electronic equipment - Addendum <i>The draft technical regulation amending QCVN 4:2009/BKHCN National technical regulation on safety for electrical and electronic appliances; Amendments</i>	1 December 2016
	VIET NAM	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/VNM/9/Add.1</u>	Electrical and electronic equipment - Addendum <i>The draft technical regulation amending QCVN 9:2012/BKHCN National technical regulation on electromagnetic compatibility for household electrical and electronic equipment; Amendments</i>	30 November 2016
ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	27/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/TPKM/247</u>	Plugs and socket-outlets for fixed wiring and adapters; Cord sets <i>Public Notice under the Commodity Inspection Act</i>	60 days from notification
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/MEX/324</u>	Artificial light sources <i>PROY-NOM-058-SCFI-2015, "Drivers para fuentes bright artificial lighting purposes in general safety specifications and test methods"</i>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL					
FLUID STORAGE DEVICES	ECUADOR	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/5/Add.5</u>	Tanks and welded steel cylinders for liquefied petroleum gas - Addendum <i>Modification 1 Technical Regulation RTE INEN 008 (3R) "tanks and cylinders welded steel liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and its technical sets", was published in the Official Gazette No. 846 of 22 September 2016.</i>	—
PUMPS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/1194</u>	Dedicated-purpose pool pumps <i>Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Dedicated-Purpose Pool Pumps</i>	21 November 2016

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FOOD					
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	SOUTH AFRICA	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/ZAF/204/Rev.1</u>	Maize meal and wheat flour - Revision <i>Regulations Governing Tolerances for Fungus-Produced Toxins in Foodstuffs: Amendment</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	SOUTH AFRICA	27/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/ZAF/151/Rev.1</u>	Salt and pure sodium chloride - Revision <i>Regulations relating to the reduction of sodium in certain foodstuffs and related matters: Amendment (Government Notice R. 889 of 6 September 2016)</i>	11 November 2016
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	27/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/TPKM/229/Add.1</u>	Food for human consumption - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu proposed the Amendments to the Enforcement Rules of the Act Governing Food Sanitation; the draft regulation has been modified to respond to the comments on the previous version.</i>	60 days from notification
	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/TPKM/246</u>	Imported food and related products <i>Draft Amendment to the food businesses which import food and genetically modified food raw materials shall keep the relevant records, documents and electronic files or databases of the imported products</i>	60 days from notification
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	SOUTH AFRICA	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/ZAF/210/Corr.1</u>	Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates -Corrigendum <i>Please be informed that the information contained in G/TBT/N/ZAF/210 is identical to that contained in G/TBT/N/ZAF/204/Rev.1 . Therefore, the notification G/TBT/N/ZAF/210 is null and void.</i>	—
SUGAR	ECUADOR	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/328</u>	Labelled sugar <i>Draft Technical Regulation PRTE INEN 160 "Labelled sugar"</i>	90 days from September 20, 2016

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SUGAR. SUGAR PRODUCTS. STARCH	MEXICO	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/MEX/322</u>	Propolis <i>PROY-NOM-003-SAG / GAN-2016, Propolis, production and specifications for processing</i>	—
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
NATURAL GAS	MEXICO	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/MEX/320</u>	Terminals compressed natural gas <i>PROY-NOM-010-ASEA-2016 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). Minimum security requirements for cargo terminals and terminal modules download transportable storage stations and supply of motor vehicles</i>	—
	MEXICO	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/MEX/321</u>	Natural gas, ethane, biogas and gas associated with coal <i>PROY-NOM-007-ASEA-2016 Transportation of natural gas, ethanol, biogas and gas associated with coal through pipelines</i>	—
	MEXICO	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/MEX/323</u>	Hydrocarbons <i>PROY-NOM-018-ASEA-2016, establishing specifications for environmental protection during construction, major maintenance and abandonment of systems of transportation and distribution of oil, petroleum products and petrochemicals in liquid and gaseous state by pipeline, which will carry rights existing track located in agricultural, livestock and wastelands areas</i>	—
	MEXICO	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/MEX/325</u>	Natural gas <i>PROY-NOM-003-ASEA-2016, distribution of natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas pipeline</i>	—
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/1199</u>	Strabismus detection device <i>Medical Devices; Ophthalmic Devices; Classification of Strabismus Detection Device</i>	—

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	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/1200</u>	Magnetic surgical instrument systems <i>Medical Devices; General and Plastic Surgery Devices; Classification of the Magnetic Surgical Instrument System</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/214/Add.3</u>	Human and animal drugs - Addendum <i>Requirements for Foreign and Domestic Establishment Registration and Listing for Human Drugs, Including Drugs That Are Regulated Under a Biologics License Application, and Animal Drugs; Final rule</i>	—
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	VIET NAM	27/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/VNM/83/Add.2</u>	Labelling of goods - Addendum <i>Please be advised that the Draft Decree amending and supplementing a number of articles of Decree No.89/2006/ND-CP of 30 August 2006 of the Government on labelling of goods, is planned to be replaced by a new proposed Decree.</i>	—
	VIET NAM	27/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/VNM/88</u>	Labelling of goods <i>Draft Decree replacing Decree No. 89/2006/ND-CP of 30 August 2006 of the Government on labelling of goods</i>	—
MECHANICAL/ BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION					
CONCRETE	CHILE	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/CHL/349/Add.1</u>	Concrete - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile informs that in relation to the Standard NCH 171-2008 Concrete - Extraction of samples of fresh concrete, the Ministry of Public Works (MOP), notified on 1 April 2016 under G / TBT / N / CHL / 349, reported that it has been issued on August 22, 2016, by Exempt Decree No. 585 of the Ministry of Public Works (MOP), which will enter into force</i>	—

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	CHILE	28/09/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/374	Concrete <i>NCH 170: 2016 Concrete - General requirements</i>	60 days from the date of notification
LIFTS	CHILE	28/09/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/350/Add.1	Electrical and hydraulic elevators and hoists - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile informs that in relation to the standards:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>NCH 2840/1: 2014 Elevators - Inspection Procedures - Part 1: Lifts and electric forklifts</i> · <i>NCH 2840/2: 2014 Elevators - Inspection Procedures - Part 2: Elevators, hydraulic lifts</i> <i>the Ministry of Public Works (MOP), notified on 6 April 2016 under G / TBT / N / CHL / 350, reports that it has been issued on August 22, 2016, by Exempt Decree No. 585 of the Ministry of Public Works (MOP), which will enter into force on 28 February 2017.</i>	—
	CHILE	28/09/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/351/Add.1	Electric and hydraulic lifts – Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile informs that in relation to the standards:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>NCH 440/1: 2014 Safety requirements for the construction and installation of lifts - Part 1: Electric lifts</i> · <i>NCH 440/2: 2015 Safety requirements for the construction and installation of lifts - Part 2: Hydraulic lifts</i> <i>the Ministry of Public Works (MOP), notified on 6 April 2016 under G / TBT / N / CHL / 351, reported that it was issued on August 22, 2016, by Exempt Decree No. 585 of the Ministry of Public Works (MOP), which will enter into</i>	

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MECHANICAL STRUCTURES FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	27/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/ARE/342</u>	Mechanical structures for electronic equipment <i>UAE Technical Regulation "Labelling - Energy Efficiency Label for Electrical Appliances Part 9: Vacuum Cleaners"</i>	60 days from notification
STEELS FOR REINFORCEMENT OF CONCRETE	CHILE	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/CHL/348/Add.1</u>	Welded mesh for use in concrete - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile informs that in relation to the Standard NCH 218-2009 Steel - welded wire meshes for reinforced concrete - Specifications, Ministry of Public Works (MOP), notified on April 1, 2016 under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 348, reported that it has been issued on August 22, 2016, by Exempt Decree No. 585 of the Ministry of Public Works (MOP), which will enter into force on 28 February 2017.</i>	—
	CHILE	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/CHL/373</u>	Steel reinforced concrete works <i>Approves Labeling Rules for Steel reinforced concrete works</i>	60 days from the date of notification
WOOD, SAWLOGS AND SAWN TIMBER	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/1195</u>	Treated lumber <i>National Organic Program: Notice of Draft Guidance on Treated Lumber</i>	31 October 2016
OTHERS					
COSMETICS	ECUADOR	28/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/ECU/111/Add.3</u>	Cosmetic products - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and publicizes Addendum 3 corresponding to the modification 1 Technical Regulation RTE INEN 093 (1R) "Cosmetic products was published in Official Gazette No. 847 of September 23, 2016.</i>	—
RAILWAY ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	26/09/2016	<u>G/TBT/N/USA/1196</u>	Rail tank cars <i>Hazardous Materials: FAST Act Requirements for Flammable Liquids and Rail Tank Cars</i>	—

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RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	MEXICO	26/09/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/326	Radiocommunication systems <i>Draft Mexican Official Standard NOM-208-SCFI-2016 products. Radio systems employ the technique spread-spectrum radio equipment frequency hopping and digital modulation operating in the bands 902-928 MHz, 2400-2483.5 MHz and 5725-5850 MHz-</i>	60 calendar days after publication in the Official Journal of the Federation (13/09/16)
TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS	ALBANIA	30/09/2016	G/TBT/N/ALB/82	Tobacco and cigarettes <i>Draft Law "On some additions and amendments to the law No. 8691, date 16.11.2000 'For the production and marketing of tobacco and cigarettes' amended"</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat