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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.

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Notifications on agriculture, chemical, electrical, environment/health protection/safety, food, textiles, etc. from Canada, Chile, Kenya, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America, Zambia 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 (19 November -25 November 2016)

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			AGRICULT	URE	
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CANADA	23/11/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/503	Preventing initiation of tobacco use by youth is recognized as one of the most effective means of reducing lifetime tobacco use and its associated health hazards. Measures are therefore being proposed to restrict the use of menthol in certain tobacco products to reduce their appeal among youth. The proposed Order would amend the Schedule to the Tobacco Act to prohibit the use of menthol additives in the manufacture of cigarettes, little cigars, blunt wraps and most cigars as well as their sale in Canada if manufactured with menthol. Menthol would also be prohibited from being promoted on the packages of these products.	18 January 2017

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ANIMAL FEEDING	KENYA	23/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/504	Animal feeding stuffs	30 December 2016
STUFFS				This standard prescribes requirements for compounded tilapia feeds used as a complete diet and serving as the only source of nutrients for tilapia fish.	
FERTILIZERS	ZAMBIA	22/11/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/77	Fertilizers	60 days from
				Specifies requirements and methods of test for sulphate of potash (S.O.P.) fertilizer, also called potassium sulphate (K2SO4)	notification
			CHEMICAL TECH	INOLOGY	
PRODUCTS OF	UNITED	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1049/Add.2	Refrigerants - Addendum	19 December 2016
THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	STATES OF AMERICA			The Clean Air Act prohibits the knowing release of ozone- depleting and substitute refrigerants during the course of maintaining, servicing, repairing, or disposing of appliances or industrial process refrigeration. The existing regulations require that persons maintaining, servicing, repairing, or disposing of air-conditioning and refrigeration equipment containing more than 50 pounds of refrigerant observe certain service practices that reduce emissions of ozone- depleting refrigerant. This rule updates those existing requirements as well as extends them, as appropriate, to non-ozone depleting substitute refrigerants, such as hydrofluorocarbons. Updates include strengthened leak repair requirements, recordkeeping requirements for the disposal of appliances containing more than five and less than 50 pounds of refrigerant, revisions to the technician certification program, and revisions for improved readability and compliance. As a result, this action reduces emissions of ozone-depleting substances and gases with high global warming potentials. This final rule is effective on 1 January 2017. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of on 1 January 2017. This rule contains information collection activities that have been submitted for approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Under the PRA, comments on the information collection provisions are best assured of consideration if the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Under the PRA, comments on the information collection provisions are best assured of consideration if the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) receives a copy of your comments on or before 19 December 2016.	

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PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1226	Chemical substances EPA is promulgating significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 57 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). The applicable review periods for the PMNs submitted for these 57 chemical substances all ended prior to 22 June 2016 (i.e., the date on which President Obama signed into law the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21stCentury Act which amends TSCA). Thirty-four of these chemical substances are subject to TSCA section 5(e) consent orders issued by EPA. This action requires persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these 57 chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this rule to notify EPAat least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Manufacture and processing for the significant new use is unable to commence until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and take such actions as are required with that determination.	19 December 2016
			DOMESTIC AND CO	OMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	
TEXTILES • HOME TEXTILES. LINEN	KENYA	23/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/502	Bedspreads This specification covers the evaluation of specific performance characteristics of importance in woven and knit duvets, quilts and accessory products. The provisions of this standard do not apply to items of bedding that are supplied for use in children's products, such as baby cots, however tog value and dimensions shall be stated duvet is also known as comforter.	30 December 2016
TEXTILES • HOME TEXTILES. LINEN	KENYA	23/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/503	Table cloths and table napkins Specifies requirements for table cloths and table napkins made from any textile fibre or mixtures of fibres, machine made or handmade used in household and institutional.	30 December 2016
TEXTILES • HOME TEXTILES. LINEN	ZAMBIA	22/11/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/75	Blankets Specifies requirements for synthetic fibre cellular blankets suitable for use in the public sector and particularly for areas that constitute a high life risk area. Requirements for adults', children's and infants' blankets are specified.	60 days from notification
TEXTILES • HOME TEXTILES. LINEN	ZAMBIA	22/11/2016	G/TBT/N/ZMB/76	Blankets Specifies the dimensions of bed blankets made of textile materials. It also specifies the method of checking these dimensions and of marking them on the blankets.	60 days from notification

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING							
GALVANIC CELLS AND BATTERIES	CHILE	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/381	Cellphone chargers (switched sources) This protocol establishes the certification procedure for mobile phone chargers using switched power supplies, in accordance with IEC 61558-2-16: 2013-08.	30 days from the date of notification		
ELECTRICAL • CONDUITS FOR ELECTRICAL PURPOSES	CHILE	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/382	Pipes, non-metallic, for underground electrical installations This protocol establishes the procedure for the certification of non-metallic pipes for underground electrical installations up to 250 mm nominal diameter, according to the scope and scope of IEC 61386-24: 2004-07	30 days from the date of notification		
ELECTRIC MOTORS AND GENERATORS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/225/Add.1	Electric motors and generators - Addendum The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has determined preliminarily that there may be an unreasonable risk of injury and death associated with portable generators. To address this risk, the Commission proposes a rule that limits CO emissions from operating portable generators. Specifically, the proposed rule would require that portable generators powered by handheld spark-ignition (SI) engines and Class I SI engines not exceed a weighted CO emission rate of 75 grams per hour (g/hr); generators powered by one-cylinder, Class II SI engines must not exceed a weighted CO emission rate of 150 g/h; and generators powered by Class II SI engines with two cylinders must not exceed a weighted emission rate of 300 g/h.	6 February 2017		
			ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH F	PROTECTION. SAFETY			
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/550/Add.2	Personal protective equipment (fall protection systems) - Addendum OSHA is revising and updating its general industry standards on walking-working surfaces to prevent and reduce workplace slips, trips, and falls, as well as other injuries and fatalities associated with walking-working surface hazards. The final rule includes revised and new provisions addressing, for example, fixed ladders; rope descent systems; fall protection systems and criteria, including personal fall protection systems; and training on fall hazards and fall protection systems. In addition, the final rule adds requirements on the design, performance, and use of personal fall protection systems. The final rule increases consistency between the general industry and construction standards, which will make compliance easier for employers who conduct operations in both industry sectors.	_		

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				Similarly, the final rule updates requirements to reflect advances in technology and to make them consistent with more recent OSHA standards and national consensus standards. OSHA has also reorganized the requirements and incorporated plain language in order to make the final rule easier to understand and follow. The final rule also uses performance-based language whenever possible to give employers greater compliance flexibility. This final rule becomes effective on 17 January 2017. Some requirements in the final rule have compliance dates after the effective date. For further information on those compliance dates, see Section XI of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section. In addition, this final rule contains information collections subject to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act, and the Department is submitting requests to OMB to obtain that approval. The information collections will not take effect until the date OMB approves the information collection request or the date the requirement would take effect as explained elsewhere in this document. The Department will publish a document in the Federal Register to announce OMB's disposition of the information collection requests.	
CONTINUOUS OPACITY MONITORING	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1224	Continuous opacity monitoring The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a state implementation plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland. The revision pertains to changes and amendments to Maryland regulations for continuous opacity monitoring (COM or COMs) and continuous emissions monitoring (CEM or CEMs) and to an amendment adding requirements for Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) as they pertain to COMs. EPA is approving these revisions to the COMs and CEMs requirements in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA).	None
ALARM AND WARNING SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1227	Emergency alert system This document proposes revisions to Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) rules to improve WEA, leveraging advancements in technology to improve WEA's multimedia, multilingual and geo-targeting capabilities, as well as lessons learned from alert originators' experience since WEA was initially deployed. This document also proposes steps to improve the availability of information about WEA, both to empower consumers to make informed choices about the emergency information that they will receive, as well as to promote transparency for emergency management agencies and other WEA stakeholders. By this action, the Commission affords interested parties an opportunity to participate more fully in WEA, and to enhance the utility of WEA as an alerting tool.	8 December 2016



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FRUITS. VEG- ETABLES	KENYA	23/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/506	Pickled fruits and vegetables The Standard specifies requirements and methods of test and sampling for pickled fruits and vegetables, offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. The products covered by this Standard include, but are not limited to onions, garlic, mango, radish, ginger, beetroot, royal plum, peppers, hearts of palm, cabbage, lettuce, lemons, baby corn (young corn), and green mustard (Brassica juncea ssp). It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This Standard does not cover pickled cucumbers, kimchi, table olives, sauerkraut, chutneys and relishes.	30 December 2016
FRUITS. VEG- ETABLES	KENYA	23/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/507	Quick frozen vegetables Specifies requirements and methods of test and sampling for certain quick frozen vegetables. The products covered by this standard include quick frozen; carrot, whole kernel corn, leeks, corn-on-the-cob and mixed vegetables. These products are intended for direct consumption without further processing except for size-grading or re-packing if required.	30 December 2016
FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/508	Fruit drinks and squashes The Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for fruit drinks, fruit squashes, blended fruit drinks and squashes, fruit cordial, fruit crush and fruit syrup intended for direct human consumption either as ready to drink or dillutables.	30 December 2016
TEA	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/509	Black tea The Standard specifies requirements and methods sampling and test of black tea of the species Camellia sinensis (Linneaus) O. Kuntze. This standard does not apply to flavoured teas and decaffeinated black teas.	30 December 2016
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/510	Flavoured milk The Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for flavoured milk.	30 December 2016
CHEESE	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/511	Provolone cheese The Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test Provolone cheese intended for direct consumption. This standard applies to Provolone cheese made from cow's milk.	30 December 2016

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CHEESE	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/512	Goat cheese Prescribes the requirements and methods of test	30 December 2016
				and sampling for goat cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing. The Standard applies to goat cheese made from pasteurized goat's milk	
CHEESE	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/513	Edam cheese	30 December 2016
				The Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for Edam cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing.	
CHEESE	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/514	Brie cheese	30 December 2016
				Prescribes the requirements and test methods for Brie cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing. The Standard applies to Brie cheese made from cow's milk.	
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/515	Raw whole goat milk	30 December 2016
GENERAL				The Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for raw whole goat's milk.	
CHEESE	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/516	Havarti cheese	30 December 2016
				Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for Havarti cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing. Standard applies to Havarti cheese made from cow's milk.	
FRUITS. VEG-	KENYA	23/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/517	Canned citrus fruits	30 December 2016
ETABLES				This Standard specifies requirements for canned citrus fruits, intended for direct human consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. The products covered by this Standard include canned pomelo, canned sweet orange and canned grapefruit. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing.	
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/518	Canned vegetables	30 December 2016
				Specifies requirements and methods of test and sampling for certain canned vegetables. The products covered in this standard includes canned; asparagus, carrots, green peas, green beans and wax beans, mature processed peas, palmito and, sweet corn. These products are Intended for direct consumption or, including for catering purposes or for repackaging if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This Standard does not cover vegetables that are lacto-, pickled or preserved in vinegar.	

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CHEESE	KENYA	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/521	Camembert cheese The Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for camembert cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing. It applies to Camembert cheese made from cow's milk.	30 December 2016
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KENYA	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/522	Cow ghee The standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for cow ghee, suitable for human consumption. This standard shall only apply to the ghee obtained from cow milk fat.	30 December 2016
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	KENYA	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/523	Instant coffee The Standard specifies the requirements and the methods of test and sampling for instant/soluble coffee. General term for the fruits and seeds of plants of the genus coffee, generally the cultivated species, as well as products from these fruits and seeds in different stages of processing and use which are intended for consumption.	31 December 2016
CHEESE	KENYA	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/524	Emmental cheese Specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for Emmental cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing. The Standard applies to Emmental cheese made from cow's milk.	30 December 2016
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	KENYA	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/525	Canned fruits Specifies requirements for certain canned fruits, intended for direct human consumption. The products covered in this standard include canned mango and canned pear. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This Standard does not cover canned applesauce, canned berry fruits, canned citrus fruits, and canned stone fruits which are covered by other Codex standards.	30 December 2016

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MILK AND PRO- CESSED MILK PRODUCTS	THAILAND	Notified 24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/THA/471/Rev.1	Infant and young child food - Revision This Draft Act controls the marketing of infant and young child food according to the rules and agreement written in the International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes and relevant resolutions adopted by Member states of World Health Organization during World Health Assembly. It is composed of 4 chapters 47 sections. Violation of Section 14 regarding the advertisement of Food for Infant and Young Children shall be liable to imprisonment, or fines, or both. Any person who fails to comply with other sections shall be liable to a fine. This Act shall come into force 180 days following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.	60 days from notification
BEVERAGES	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1225	Wine labelling The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) proposes to amend its wine labelling regulations by adding a number of new names to the list of grape variety names approved for use in designating American wines. TTB also proposes to remove one existing entry and replace it with a slightly different name, and to correct the spelling of another existing entry. The proposed amendments would allow wine bottlers to use these additional approved grape variety names on wine labels and in wine advertisements.	17 January 2017
	<u> </u>		OTHERS		
LIQUID FUELS	UNITED ARAB EMIR- ATES	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/ARE/345	Unleaded gasoline This draft of UAE technical regulation specifies requirements and test methods for marketed and delivered unleaded gasoline (ULG). It is applicable for use in spark ignited engine vehicles designed to run on ULG this fuel type contain three grades a c c o r d i n g t o o c t a n e numbers-viz, regular 91, special 95 and super 98.	60 days from notification

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DRUGS	BRAZIL	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/700	Drugs Draft Technical Resolution N° 273, 10 November 2016, regarding the outsourcing of manufacturing stages, analysis of quality control and storage of drugs The outsourcing petitions which were protocoled or accepted until the date of publication of this Resolution remain valid for 12 (twelve) months. This Draft Resolution revokes the Resolution RDC n. 25/2007 and the Resolution RDC n. 26/2013	19 December 2016
MOTOR VEHICLE	CANADA	23/11/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/504	This regulatory initiative would amend the Canadian safety regulation by incorporating by reference the provisions in the United States safety regulation that prescribe the enhanced rear visibility area (i.e. the driver must be afforded a view of the 20-foot by 10-foot zone directly behind the vehicle when the vehicle's transmission is placed into reverse). Further, this initiative gives the basic performance requirements for devices (e.g. back-up cameras) that provide vehicle drivers with this improved visibility. Specifically, if a camera is used, there will be requirements for the size of the display, camera response time (switch on and off) and durability (impact of corrosion, humidity and temperature) of the rear visibility system (lens, camera, and wiring). It is proposed that, as in the United States, this amendment would take effect on 1 May 2018, and would apply to new light duty vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of less than 4 536 kg (10 000 lb), including passenger cars, trucks, three-wheeled vehicles, multi-purpose passenger vehicles (e.g. Honda CRV, Toyota RAV4), small buses (e.g. Mercedes Sprinter passenger van), and low-speed vehicles.	12 January 2017
BUSES	CHILE	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/380	Public and private passenger transport buses Supreme Decree No. 158/2013 provides systems and safety devices that must comply with public and private passenger transport buses, including the so-called "Automatic fire detection and suppression system", which must meet The requirements and characteristics set out in the Swedish Fire Protection Association's "Guidelines for fixed automatic fire suppression systems on buses and coaches SBF I28: I May 2005."	60 days from the date of notification

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				Since the aforementioned legislation has a new version, and Regulation No. 107 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe was supplemented by Supplement 4 to the 6th series of amendments, in relation to the extinguishment systems of Among others, that class III buses (vehicles designed exclusively for the transport of seated passengers) must be equipped with a fire extinguishing system in the engine compartment; Amendment that came into force on June 18, 2016, it has been determined to amend Supreme Decree No. 158 of 2013, updating the current regulations for a time and incorporating Regulation No. 107 described above.	
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	CHILE	25/11/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/383	Water Heaters This protocol establishes the certification procedure for domestic instant hot water production devices using gaseous fuels according to the scope and scope of the European standard UNE EN 26: 2015.	30 days from the date of notification
TRANSPORT IN GENERAL	KENYA	22/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/500	Dangerous goods for transport by road and rail The standard covers the identification of dangerous goods that are capable of posing a significant risk to health and safety or to property and the environment. Dangerous goods are classified in nine classes and three packing groups in accordance with the United Nations' Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. Model Regulations. The nine classes relate to the type of hazard whereas the three packing groups relate to the degree of danger posed within the class. This standard applies to road and rail modes of transport.	2 January 2017
WOOD, SAWLOGS AND SAWN TIMBER	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/519	Timber The Standard specifies requirements for preservative treatment of timbers. The preservatives, safe methods of application and chemical balance average retention levels have all been specified with the object of achieving long service life.	2 January 2017
DANGEROUS GOODS	KENYA	24/11/2016	G/TBT/N/KEN/520	Warehousing of dangerous goods This part of standard specifies requirements for the safe storage and handling of corrosive substances of class 8, as defined in KS 2324 in excess of the exempt quantity and their associated subsidiary risks, in locations that are generally industrial, commercial and retail.	2 January 2017