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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, Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Food, Energy and Heat transfer Engineering etc. from Argentina, Botswana, the United States of America, the European Union, Republic of Korea 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (10 - 16 December 2016)

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AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	ESTONIA	14/12/2016	G/TBT/N/EST/11	Tobacco products <i>The Draft Legislative Provision contains the following changes in the Estonian Tobacco Act: non-nicotine electronic cigarettes should comply with the ingredient requirements of § 81 of the Estonian Tobacco Act:</i> <i>The nicotine-containing liquid shall not contain nicotine in excess of 20 mg/ml.</i> <i>The nicotine-containing liquid shall not contain the following substances:</i> 1) Vitamins or other additives that create the impression that a product has a health benefit or presents reduced health risks;	90 days from the day of notification

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				<p>2) Caffeine, taurine or other additives and stimulant compounds that are associated with energy and vitality;</p> <p>3) Additives having colouring properties for emissions;</p> <p>4) Substances that pose a risk to human health in heated or unheated form, except for nicotine.</p> <p>Only ingredients of high purity are used in the manufacture of the nicotine-containing liquid of electronic cigarettes. Substances other than the ingredients listed on the packaging are only present in the liquid in trace levels, if such traces are technically unavoidable during manufacture.</p> <p>The nicotine-containing or non-nicotine electronic cigarette liquid is not allowed to have other flavour or taste than tobacco. The domestic distance sales of tobacco and related products are prohibited, including domestic sales via internet, phone, catalogue and other similar ways. The cross-border distance sales are also prohibited for non-nicotine e-cigarettes. It is not allowed to display tobacco or related products in points of sale nor expose their trademarks. Sales promotion of tobacco related products is prohibited similarly to tobacco products as described in the Draft Legislative Provision point 19, including the prohibition to sell tobacco-related products in the same package with another product. The rotation date of the Combined Health Warnings shall be from 1 January 2018.</p>	
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/431	<p>Pesticides - Residues - Fluroxypyr</p> <p>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the conditions of approval of the active substance fluroxypyr are amended. Existing authorisations for plant protection products containing fluroxypyr will be amended or withdrawn from the market. The amendment is based on evaluation of confirmatory information submitted following the approval of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. This decision concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide.</p>	60 days from notification

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ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	UNITED STATES	12/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1245	Pet food <i>Proposes amendments to 4 TAC Chapter 63, Pet Food, by updating Section 63.9 Statement of Caloric Content and adding new Section 63.10 Descriptive Terms.</i>	1 January 2017
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	UNITED STATES	12/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1246	Animal feeding stuffs <i>The Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service/Office of the Texas State Chemist proposes amendments to TAC 4, Commercial Feed Rules by updating §61.22, concerning Labeling Commercial Feed.</i>	1 January 2017
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	BRAZIL	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/625/Add.2	Personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes - Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) issued the Resolution RDC N° 126, 30 November 2016, approving the Technical Regulation which establishes the technical regulation for cosmetic products, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/625 .</i>	—
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	BRAZIL	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/625/Add.3	Personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes - Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) issued the Resolution RDC N° 131, 5 December 2016, approving the Technical Regulation which establishes the technical regulation for cosmetic products, notified as G/TBT/N/BRA/625 .</i>	—
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	CANADA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/497/Add.1	Drugs - Addendum <i>The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/497 (dated 15 September 2016) were adopted on 30 November 2016 as the "Order Amending Schedule VI to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Fentanyl Precursors) and Regulations Amending the Precursor Control Regulations (Fentanyl Precursors)".</i>	—

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COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	FRANCE	12/12/2016	G/TBT/N/FRA/170/Corr.1	<p>Rinsed cosmetics - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>This regulatory provision is made pursuant to a provision legislative proposal to reduce the production of marine wastes composed of plastics and thus contributing to the achievement of the good ecological status of marine France is committed to its international and European obligations (Framework Directive Strategy for the Marine Environment "of 17 June 2008). Indeed, marine lit-</i></p> <p><i>Part of the 11 descriptors of the good ecological status of marine waters defined in the DCSMM.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, microplastics are a common indicator of the state of quality</i></p> <p><i>Of the marine environment under the OSPAR Convention (for the protection of the Atlantic Northeast). The solid plastic particles contained in the cleaning products and exfoliation constitute a primary source of pollution (microbeads may up to 10% of the volume of the cosmetic and it would be dumped 8 billion Microbeads per day in the seas and oceans (source: study published in The journal Environmental Science & Technology)), even though alternatives exist and that do not impact marine ecosystems.</i></p> <p><i>France therefore wishes to combat this pollution in order to achieve the objective of good state ecological impact of its marine waters by 2020.</i></p>	—
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WOOD TECHNOLOGY PROCESSES	EUROPEAN UNION	13/12/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/430	<p>Construction products</p> <p><i>This draft delegated act under the Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 lays down the conditions under which glued laminated timber products covered by EN 14080 and structural finger jointed solid timber products covered by EN 15497 can be classified with regard to their reaction to fire performance, without further testing being required .</i></p>	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT					
ELECTRIC HEATERS	ARGENTINA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/310	Electric Water Heaters <i>It establishes the entry into force of the Compulsory certification for performance or energy electrical products for domestic use (SICyM Resolution N ° 319/1999, suspended for resolution SDCyC No. 225/2000), in respect of the actuating water heaters electric, of accumulation, for domestic use, with the exception of equipment with pump hot.</i>	—
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	ARGENTINA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/311	Microwave ovens for domestic use <i>It establishes the entry into force of the Compulsory certification for performance or energy electrical products for domestic use (SICyM Resolution No. 319/1999, suspended for resolution SDCyC No. 225/2000), for microwave ovens for use domestic.</i>	—
CLEANING APPLIANCES	BOTSWANA	13/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/44	Vacuum cleaners and water-suction cleaning appliances <i>This International Standard deals with the safety of electric vacuum cleaners and water-suction cleaning appliances for household and similar purposes, including vacuum cleaners for animal grooming, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V. It also applies to centrally-sited vacuum cleaners and automatic battery-powered cleaners. This standard also applies to motorized cleaning heads and current-carrying hoses associated with a particular vacuum cleaner. Appliances not intended for normal household use, but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops and other premises for normal housekeeping purposes, are within the scope of this standard. NOTE 101 - Examples of such appliances are appliances intended to be used for normal housekeeping purposes in hotels, offices, schools, hospitals and similar premises.</i>	The deadline for comments is 60 days after notification

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				<p><i>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or</i> • <i>lack of experience and knowledge</i> <p><i>Prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Children playing with the appliance</i> <p><i>NOTE 102 Attention is drawn to the fact that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;</i> • <i>In many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the natural water supply authorities and similar authorities.</i> <p><i>NOTE 103 This standard does not apply to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;</i> • <i>Appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);</i> • <i>Wet and dry vacuum cleaners, including power brush, for commercial use (IEC 60335-2-69) .</i> 	
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	BOTSWANA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/45	<p>Washing machines</p> <p><i>This International Standard deals with the safety of electric washing machines for household and similar use, that are intended for washing clothes and textiles, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.</i></p> <p><i>This standard also deals with the safety of electric washing machines for household and similar use employing an electrolyte instead of detergent. Additional requirement for these appliances are given in Annex CC.</i></p>	60 days after notification

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				<p><i>NOTE 101 Guidance is given in Annex DD for requirements that may be used to ensure an acceptable level of protection against electrical and thermal hazards for washing machines fitted with a power driven wringer.</i></p> <p><i>Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 102 Examples of such appliances are washing machines for commercial use in blocks of flats or in launderettes.</i></p> <p><i>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by washing machines that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction: children playing with the appliance.</i> <p><i>Appliances and 480 V for other appliances</i></p> <p><i>This standard also deals with the safety of electric washing machines for household and similar use employing an electrolyte instead of detergent. Additional requirement for these appliances are given in Annex CC.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 101 Guidance is given in Annex DD for requirements that may be used to ensure an acceptable level of protection against electrical and thermal hazards for washing machines fitted with a power driven wringer.</i></p> <p><i>Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 102 Examples of such appliances are washing machines for commercial use in blocks of flats or in launderettes.</i></p> <p><i>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by washing machines that are encountered by all persons in and around the home.</i></p>	

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				<p>However, in general, it does not take into account persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction: children playing with the appliance.</p> <p>NOTE 103 Attention is drawn to the fact that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for washing machines intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary; • in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities. <p>NOTE 104 This standard does not apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • washing machines intended exclusively for industrial purposes (ISO 10472-2); • appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas) . 	
LAUNDRY • LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	BOTSWANA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/46	<p>Electric iron</p> <p><i>This International Standard deals with the safety of electric dry irons and steam irons, including those with a separate water reservoir or boiler having a capacity not exceeding 5 L, for household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V.</i></p> <p><i>Appliances not intended for normal use, but which nevertheless may be source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.</i></p> <p><i>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances, which are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction; • children playing with the appliance. 	The deadline for comments is 60 days after notification

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				<p><i>NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;</i> • <i>in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities;</i> • <i>additional requirements for pressure vessels may be specified by the national authorities responsible for safety of pressure vessels.</i> <p><i>NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ironers (IEC 60335-2-44);</i> • <i>appliances designed exclusively for industrial purposes;</i> • <i>appliances intended to be used in location where special conditions prevail, such as presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas) .</i> 	
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	BOTSWANA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/49	<p>Microwave ovens</p> <p><i>This International Standard deals with the safety of microwave ovens for household and similar use, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V. This Standard also deals with combination microwave ovens, for which Annex AA is applicable. This Standard also deals with microwave ovens intended to be used on board ships, for which Annex BB is applicable.</i></p> <p><i>Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by layman in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard. However, if the standard is intended to be used professionally to process food for commercial purposes, the appliance is not considered to be for household and similar use only.</i></p> <p><i>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction:</i></p>	60 days after notification

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children playing with the appliance. <p>NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities. <p>NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commercial microwave ovens (IEC 60335-2-90) • industrial microwave heating equipment (IEC 60519-6) • appliances for medical purposes (IEC 60601) • appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive and explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas) . 	
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	13/12/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/697	<p>Electrical appliances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enactment of a safety standard (KC10029) for electrical mosquito swatters using primary or secondary cell batteries which shall be subject to Supplier's Confirmation of Conformity (as of 1 April 2017) according to the Article 3 of Enforcement rule for Electrical Appliances Safety Control Act (EASCA) • A simple and exclusive safety standard for electric mosquito swatters only using primary or secondary cell batteries is enacted. This is because some aspects of the existing safety standard (KC60335-2-59) for electric insects killer, regarding the exposure of live parts, etc., may be too rigorous if applied to electric mosquito swatters using primary or secondary cell batteries. Furthermore, the existing standard includes many irrelevant items, such as electric strength, moisture resistance etc. • If an electric mosquito swatter is equipped with dual-control device (e.g. pushing two switches at a time for operating), its metal part is not regarded as a live part. • Tennis-shaped swatters are not regarded as a toy figures. • Marking of a dangerous voltage etc. 	31 January 2017

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DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	PHILIPPINES	13/12/2016	G/TBT/N/PHL/196	Household and similar electrical appliances <i>Under this draft Department Order, all manufacturers, assemblers, and importers of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances shall comply with the requirements of the Philippine National Standards. Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public (i.e. for use in commercial establishments) are within the scope of this Order. This Order does not cover appliances that are exclusively for industrial purposes.</i> <i>The draft requires all manufacturers, assemblers, and importers of products stated under clause 5.1 of this Order to secure a Philippine Standard (PS) Certification Mark License or an Import Commodity Clearance (ICC), respectively, prior to its distribution and sale.</i>	06 February 2017
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LUMINAIRES	CHILE	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/322/Add.1	Portable general purpose luminaires - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that, in relation to the Protocol establishing the certification for rechargeable flashlights of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), notified on 3 September 2015, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 322, it is reported that this has been issued and through Exempt Resolution No. 16.313 of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC) and its entry into force will be July 3, 2017.</i>	—
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	12/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1244	Small diameter directional lamps and light emitting diodes (LED) <i>Adopts energy efficiency standards for small diameter directional lamps and light emitting diodes (LED)</i>	—

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ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
GAS FUEL BURNERS	BOTSWANA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/47	<p>Electrical wires and cables</p> <p><i>This part of BOS 589 covers the requirements for construction, materials, dimensions and electric properties of unarmoured single-core and multicore extruded dielectric insulated cables with rated operating voltages (U0 /U) and 600/1 000 V, up to and including a conductor cross-sectional area of 16 mm² for use in fixed installations.</i></p> <p><i>This part of BOS 589 also covers the following specific types of cables:</i></p> <p><i>a) insulated wire (600/1000 V);</i></p> <p><i>b) multicore flat and circular sheathed cables (300/500 V);</i></p> <p><i>c) single-core unsheathed panel/cubicle cables (300/500 V; and</i></p> <p><i>d) multicore round cables with aluminium/PVC laminate and an earth continuity conductor (300/500 V) .</i></p>	60 days after notification
HEAT PUMPS	BOTSWANA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/48	<p>Fans</p> <p><i>This part of IEC 60335 deals with the safety of electric heat pumps, including sanitary hot water heat pumps, air conditioners and dehumidifiers incorporating motor-compressors and hydronic room fan coils, their maximum rated voltages being not more than 250 V for single phase appliances and 600 V for all other appliances. Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended for use in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard. This standard also applies to electric heat pumps, air conditioners and dehumidifiers containing flammable refrigerant. Flammable refrigerants are defined in 3.121. The appliances referenced above may consist of one or more factory made assemblies. If provided in more than one assembly, the separate assemblies are to be used together, and the requirements are based on the use of matched assemblies.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 101 A definition of "motor compressor" is given in IEC 60335-2-34, which includes the statement that the term motor-compressor is used to designate either a hermetic motor-compressor or semi-hermetic motor-compressor.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<p><i>NOTE 102 Requirements for refrigeration safety are covered by ISO 5149, and requirements for containers intended for storage of the heated water included in sanitary hot water heat pumps are, in addition covered by IEC 60335-2-21.</i></p> <p><i>This standard does not take into account chemicals other than group A1, A2, or A3 as defined by ANSI/ASHRAE [ISO] classification.</i></p> <p><i>This standard specifies particular requirements for the use of flammable refrigerants. Unless specifications are covered by this standard, including the annexes, requirements for refrigerating safety are covered by ISO 5149. The sections and clauses in ISO 5149 of particular concern to this standard are as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Section 3: "Design and construction equipment" applies to all appliances and systems.</i> <i>• Section 4: "Requirements for utilization" applies to appliances and systems which are for "similar electric appliances", i.e. commercial and light industrial.</i> <i>• Section 5: "Operating procedures" applies to appliances and systems which are for "similar electric appliances", i.e. commercial and light industrial.</i> <p><i>Supplementary heaters, or a provision for their separate installation, are within the scope of this standard, but only heaters which are designed as a part of the appliance package, the controls being incorporated in the appliance</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 103 Attention is drawn to the fact that for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft additional requirements may be necessary; for appliances subjected to pressure, additional requirements may be necessary; in many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities responsible for the protection of labour and national authorities responsible for storage, transportation, building constructions and installations.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 104 This standard does not apply to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• humidifiers intended for use with heating and cooling equipment (IEC 60335-2-88);</i> <i>• appliances designed exclusively for industrial processing;</i> 	

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BURNERS. BOILERS	UNITED STATES	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1084/Add.2	<p>Commercial packaged boilers - Addendum</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is withdrawing its final rule to amend its test procedure for commercial packaged boilers which published in the Federal Register on Thursday, 10 November 2016. The final rule published on 10 November 2016 contained errors. Therefore, DOE is withdrawing the final rule in its entirety and will republish the final rule amending its test procedure for commercial packaged boilers.</p> <p>Effective 7 December 2016, the final rule published 10 November 2016 (81 FR 79224), effective 12 December 2016, is withdrawn.</p>	—
BURNERS. BOILERS	UNITED STATES	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1084/Add.3	<p>Commercial packaged boilers - Addendum</p> <p>On 17 March 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) to amend the test procedure for commercial packaged boilers. That proposed rulemaking serves as the basis for the final rule. DOE incorporates by reference certain sections of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/Air- Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) Standard 1500, "2015 Standard for Performance Rating of Commercial Space Heating Boilers." In addition, this final rule incorporates amendments that clarify the coverage for field-constructed commercial packaged boilers and the applicability of DOE's test procedure and standards for this category of commercial packaged boilers, provide an optional field test for commercial packaged boilers with rated input greater than 5,000,000 Btu/h, provide a conversion method to calculate thermal efficiency based on combustion efficiency testing for steam commercial packaged boilers with rated input greater than 5,000,000 Btu/h, modify the inlet water temperatures during tests of hot water commercial packaged boilers, establish limits on the ambient temperature during testing, and standardize terminology and provisions for</p>	—

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				<p>DOE originally published this final rule in the Federal Register on 10 November 2016, however that document contained errors and is being withdrawn on 7 December 2016. This is a republication of the final rule that replaces the version published on 10 November 2016 in its entirety.</p> <p>The effective date of this rule is 9 January 2017. The final rule changes will be mandatory for representations related to energy efficiency or energy use starting 4 December 2017. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register on 9 January 2017.</p>	
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	BOTSWANA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/50	<p>Water heaters</p> <p><i>This International Standard deals with the safety of electric instantaneous water heaters for household and similar purposes and intended for heating water below boiling temperature, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliance and 480 V for other appliances.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 101 Instantaneous water heaters incorporating bare heating elements are within the scope of the standard.</i></p> <p><i>Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended for use in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.</i></p> <p><i>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children playing with the appliance. <p><i>NOTE 102 Attention is drawn to the fact that</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary; 	60 days after notification

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities; in many countries regulations exist for the installation of equipment connected to the water mains. <p>NOTE 103 This standard does not apply to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> appliances for heating liquids (IEC 60335-2-15); storage water heaters (IEC 60335-2-21); appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes; appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas); commercial dispensing appliances and vending machines (IEC 60335-2-75) . 	
FIRE-FIGHTING	ISRAEL	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/ISR/938	<p>Hose reel</p> <p>The requirements of paragraph 4.2 of the existing standard, SI 2206 part 1, dealing with hose reel, shall be declared mandatory. This declaration is in line with the mandatory standardization objective to protect human safety.</p> <p>Paragraph 4.2 deals with the hose and requires the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The hose should be semi-rigid; It should comply with the requirements of the European Standard EN 694: 2001 + A1: 2007, except for the local marking requirements detailed in paragraph 4.2.1; The hose inner nominal diameter should be 19 or 25 mm (paragraph 4.2.2); The hose length should range between 1.0m and 30.0m. this length should be measured between the reel connector and the hose connector (paragraph 4.2.3); The hose inserting the water into the reel should comply with the requirements of paragraphs 4.2.1 and 4.2.2. It should length between 0.1 and 1.0 m and should connect the water tap to the reel (paragraph 4.2.4) . 	60 days from notification

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HYGIENE • OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY. INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE	UNITED STATES	12/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1241/Add.1	Occupational safety - Addendum <i>On 4 October 2016, OSHA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) titled "Standards Improvement Project-Phase IV." The period for submitting comments is being extended 30 days to allow parties affected by the rule more time to review the proposed rule and collect information and data necessary for comments.</i>	04 January 2017
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	12/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1243	Passenger equipment safety standards <i>FRA is proposing to amend its regulations for passenger equipment safety standards, which currently provide for passenger rail service in a shared right-of-way under two separate tiers of safety standards: Tier I (speeds up to 125 miles per hour (mph)) and Tier II (speeds up to 150 mph) . Consistent with the regulations' approach supporting interoperable passenger rail service by sharing the right- of-way, this proposed rulemaking would add a new tier of safety standards (Tier III) to facilitate the safe implementation of interoperable high-speed passenger rail service at speeds up to 220 mph. However, Tier III standards would require operations at speeds above 125 mph to be in an exclusive right-of-way without grade crossings. The proposal also would establish crashworthiness and occupant protection performance requirements in the alternative to those currently specified for Tier I passenger trainsets. Adopting the proposed alternative crashworthiness and occupant protection requirements would remove regulatory barriers, allowing a more open U.S. rail market, incorporating recent technological designs. In addition, the proposal would increase from 150 mph to 160 mph the maximum speed FRA's existing regulations allow for passenger equipment that complies with FRA's Tier II standards.</i>	6 February 2017

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	EL SALVADOR	13/12/2016	G/TBT/N/SLV/189	Air Conditioners <i>Establishment of the Minimum Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rate (SEER) for Monobloc central air conditioners or separate components, applicable test methods to verify compliance with this rate, as well as the content of the label.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	EL SALVADOR	13/12/2016	G/TBT/N/SLV/190	Air Conditioners <i>Establishment of the minimum energy efficiency (EER) rate for air conditioners With or without heating, with air-cooled condenser and with cooling up to 10 600 W; Applicable test methods to verify the compliance with this rate; Content of the label.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	EL SALVADOR	13/12/2016	G/TBT/N/SLV/191	Air Conditioners <i>Establishment of the minimum energy efficiency Air-conditioners, free-flowing and not equipped with air ducts (called Minisplit and multisplit), single cycle (cold only) or reversible (heat pump), Provided with air-cooled capacitors; Test methods for verifying compliance with Requirements; Content of the label.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD					
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	CANADA	12/12/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/506	Food intended for human consumption <i>The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has launched a public consultation on key proposals related to Food Label Modernization via an online discussion paper and questionnaire. This questionnaire will be open until 28 February 2017. This consultation has been notified under the SPS Agreement (G/SPS/N/CAN/1084).</i>	Online consultation closes on 28 February 2017

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	EUROPEAN UNION	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/432	<p>Spirit drinks</p> <p><i>This proposal for a Regulation lays down detailed rules as regards the definition, presentation, labelling of spirit drinks and the registration of geographical indications. It repeals Regulation (EC) No 110/2008. Please note that even if intellectual property right issues, in particular related to geographical indications, are part of the notified measure, only the provisions related to technical standards, definitions and labelling would be relevant for the purpose of the TBT Agreement.</i></p>	90 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/12/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/695	<p>Health functional food products</p> <p><i>The proposed amendments seek to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Revise definition of materials for functional ingredients to define compounds, extracts, refined products, etc.</i> • <i>Introduce an accelerated evaluation system for a functional ingredient composed of one-component, and tested by the MFDS authorized method</i> • <i>Withdraw accreditation certificate of functional ingredients when accreditation is revoked</i> • <i>Revoke functional ingredient grading</i> 	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/12/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/696	<p>Health functional food products</p> <p><i>The main proposed amendment of the "Standards and Specifications of Health Functional Foods" as the following;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adds a definition of "film" to the sub article 5 "Definition and types of products"</i> • <i>Revises the definition of functional raw ingredient in common standard and specification: from "processed raw ingredients from animal, plant and microorganism" to "processed raw ingredients from animal, plant, microorganism, and water, etc."</i> • <i>Expands the scope of applicants who are qualified to use functional ingredients .</i> <p><i>- Revise the qualification to use functional ingredients recognized under the Regulation on Approval of Functional Ingredients for Health Functional Food from "business operators with certification" to "people with certification"</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds edible insects to the list of food ingredients which can be used as raw materials of Protein • Adds test methods for film-type functional ingredients and Propolis extracts (Á-coumaricacid). 	
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	PARAGUAY	13/12/2016	G/TBT/N/PRY/89	<p>Labeling, the presence of food allergens and sulphites in packaged foods</p> <p><i>The notified technical regulation establishes the requirements for the Labeling, the presence of food allergens and sulphites in foods Packaged.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification.
ARTICLES • MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	UNITED STATES	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1116/Add.3	<p>Canned and bottled foods and beverages - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 30 November 2016, the Office of Administrative Law approved the Certificate of Compliance for the regular rulemaking to replace the emergency regulations currently in effect in Title 27, California Code of Regulations section 25603.3 (f) and (g) . This regulatory action maintains the language from the emergency regulation filed in April 2016, with some changes and additions.</i></p>	—
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/698	<p>Medical devices</p> <p><i>Harmonize standard specification of medical device with ISO (International Organization for Standardization) international standard - Standard specification of blood glucose monitoring system for self-testing is harmonized with ISO 15197 published in 2013</i></p>	60 days from notification
MEDICAMENTS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/KOR/699	<p>Herbal medicine & merbal medicine preparations</p> <p><i>This proposed revision sets to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The number, etc of the attached table No. in this notification was modified. E.g.:MRLs for pesticide in food were revised. (The clause about MRLs for pesticide was revised in this notification. (the number, etc of the attached table No. was modified.))</i> • <i>Improvements were made to identification test for Clematidis Radix and SterculiaeLychnophorae Semen</i> • <i>Establish new content criteria for SepiaeEndoconcha</i> • <i>Establish new criteria and assay method for Pulvis Gypsum Fibrosum (Seokgopowder)</i> 	60 days from notification

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METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT					
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	PERÚ	14/12/2016	G/TBT/N/PER/90	Trucks and tank wagons with level indication <i>This Draft Peruvian Metrological Standard specifies the metrological and technical requirements for static volume measurement systems of liquids subject to legal metrology controls. It also provides for the approval of parts of the measurement systems. It applies to tanks for the transport by road or rail of liquid products Petroleum products subject to atmospheric pressure and which, in addition to their means of transport, are used as transportable measuring tanks.</i>	March 12, 2017
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA	SOUTH AFRICA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/ZAF/214	Agricultural products <i>The proposed new regulations set out the registration procedure for South African and foreign Geographical Indications (GIs) on agricultural products (excluding wines and spirits), and the protection of such registered names.</i>	60 days from notification
PAINT AND COLOUR INDUSTRIES					
VARNISHES • PAINTS AND VARNISHES	ARGENTINA	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/ARG/166/Add.10	Latex Paints - Addendum <i>It is reported that Resolution No. 332 - E / 2016 of the SECRETARY OF COMMERCE (SC) Modifies the Regime of Obligatory Certification of Inks or Printed Graphic Products Incorporating products to the already established exceptions. Article 9 of Resolution ex SCI N ° 453/2010 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 166 / Add.5) is hereby replaced by the following: "Article 9 .- Are excluded from the provisions of Article 1 of this resolution the Graphic products of exclusive artistic use, pigments and daily or periodical publications (Newspapers, periodicals, current magazines with weekly or biweekly editions), and books, Fascicles and similar forms, in accordance with Article 4 of Law No. 25,446, as well as goods that enter the country in the form of samples, in the terms of the Article 560 and subsequent, temporary imports, Article 250 and subsequent, and Goods in transit, Article 296 and subsequent, all of Law No. 22,415 (Code Customs).</i>	—

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PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
FUELS	MÉXICO	16/12/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/300/Add.4	<p>Petroleum - Addendum</p> <p><i>Agreement of the Energy Regulatory Commission that approves the Call for Foreign Testing or Testing Laboratories Obtain Registration to Evaluate the Compliance with Mexican Official Standard Nom-016-Cre-2016, Quality Specifications of Petroleum, published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on August 29, 2016 on August 12, 2016, the Energy Regulatory Commission published the responses to the comments received on the Draft Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-016-CRE-2016, Oil quality specifications, published as final rule on August 29 2016</i></p>	—
FUELS	UNITED STATES	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1134/Add.1	<p>Renewable fuel standard program - Addendum</p> <p><i>Under section 211 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to set renewable fuel percentage standards every year. This action establishes the annual percentage standards for cellulosic biofuel, biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel that apply to all motor vehicle gasoline and diesel produced or imported in the year 2017. Relying on statutory authority that is available when projected cellulosic biofuel production volumes are less than the applicable volume specified in the statute, the EPA is setting volume requirements for cellulosic biofuel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel that are below the statutory applicable volumes, but which are nevertheless significantly higher than past requirements. The final rule also establishes the four percentage standards applicable to obligated parties, namely producers and importers of gasoline and diesel, based on the corresponding volume requirements. The final standards are expected to continue driving the market to overcome constraints in renewable fuel distribution infrastructure, which in turn is expected to lead to substantial growth over time in the production and use of renewable fuels. In this action, we are also establishing the applicable volume of biomass-based diesel for 2018. This final rule is effective on 10 February 2017.</i></p>	

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TESTING					
TEST CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1131/Add.1	<p>Uninterruptible power supplies - Addendum</p> <p><i>The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is revising its battery charger test procedure established under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended. These revisions will add a discrete test procedure for uninterruptible power supplies (UPSs) to the current battery charger test procedure.</i></p> <p><i>The effective date of this rule is 11 January 2017. The final rule changes will be mandatory for representations starting 12 June 2017. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register on 11 January 2017.</i></p>	—
WOOD TECHNOLOGY					
WOOD TECHNOLOGY PROCESSES	UNITED STATES	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/827/Add.5	<p>Composite wood products - Addendum</p> <p><i>Environment Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a final rule to implement the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act, which added Title VI to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The purpose of TSCA Title VI is to reduce formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products, which will reduce exposures to formaldehyde and result in benefits from avoided adverse health effects. This final rule includes formaldehyde emission standards applicable to hardwood plywood, medium-density fiberboard, and particleboard, and finished goods containing these products, that are sold, supplied, offered for sale, or manufactured (including imported) in the United States. This final rule includes provisions relating to, among other things, laminated products, products made with no-added formaldehyde resins or ultra low-emitting formaldehyde resins, testing requirements, product labeling, chain of custody documentation and other recordkeeping requirements, enforcement, import certification, and product inventory sell-through provisions, including a product stockpiling prohibition.</i></p>	

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				<i>This final rule also establishes a third-party certification program for hardwood plywood, medium-density fiberboard, and particleboard and includes procedures for the accreditation of third-party certifiers and general requirements for accreditation bodies and third-party certifiers. This final rule is effective 10 February 2017. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 10 February 2017.</i>	—
WOOD TECHNOLOGY PROCESSES	UNITED STATES	15/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/828/Add.3	<p>Formaldehyde - Addendum</p> <p><i>EPA is issuing a final rule to implement the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act, which added Title VI to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) . The purpose of TSCA Title VI is to reduce formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products, which will reduce exposures to formaldehyde and result in benefits from avoided adverse health effects. This final rule includes formaldehyde emission standards applicable to hardwood plywood, medium-density fiberboard, and particleboard, and finished goods containing these products, that are sold, supplied, offered for sale, or manufactured (including imported) in the United States. This final rule includes provisions relating to, among other things, laminated products, products made with no-added formaldehyde resins or ultra low-emitting formaldehyde resins, testing requirements, product labeling, chain of custody documentation and other recordkeeping requirements, enforcement, import certification, and product inventory sell-through provisions, including a product stockpiling prohibition. This final rule also establishes a third-party certification program for hardwood plywood, medium-density fiberboard, and particleboard and includes procedures for the accreditation of third-party certifiers and general requirements for accreditation bodies and third-party certifiers. This final rule is effective 10 February 2017. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 10 February 2017.</i></p>	—