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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 Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipments, Electrical Engineering, Food and Beverages, Health Care etc. from Botswana, Canada, The European Union, Japan, The 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 (17 - 23 December 2016)

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AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/434	Pesticides - Orthosulfamuron <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the active substance orthosulfamuron is non-approved. The non-approval is based on the evaluation of the new active substance orthosulfamuron, made in the context of the work provided for in Articles 5 and 6 of Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market, to be read in conjunction with Regulation (EU) No 188/2011, laying down detailed rules for the assessment of new active substances and the transitional provisions foreseen in Article 80 (1)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, repealing Directive 91/414/EEC.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide substances.</i>	
FISHING AND FISH BREEDING	MEXICO	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/338	Marine Turtle Exclusion Devices <i>The federal government has established a series of regulations and has put in place technical processes in order to protect and conserve the populations of the various species of marine turtles and to promote their conservation and that of their ness by ensuring that they suffer as little as possible from the effects of fisheries.</i>	—
CHEMICALS					
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	CANADA	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/507	Ozone-depleting substances (ODSs) and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) <i>GHG emissions, including HFCs and CO₂, are contributing to a global warming trend that is associated with climate change. HFCs have global warming potentials hundreds to thousands of times greater than that of CO₂. Without immediate action, annual HFC emissions in Canada are projected to increase from 6 Mt of CO₂e emissions per year in 2013 to 22 Mt per year in 2030, underlining the important contribution of HFCs to global warming. HFC emissions are projected to increase at a faster rate than economic growth due to increased utilization as they replace HCFCs that have been phased out under the Montreal Protocol.</i> <i>The proposed Regulations Amending the Ozone-depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations (proposed Regulations) aim to reduce the supply of HFCs that enter into Canada and the demand for HFCs in manufactured products, thereby averting future HFC releases to the environment. This would reduce Canadian GHG emissions, help limit global warming, and contribute to Canada's international obligations to combat climate change. The proposed Regulations also aim to put Canada in a position to ratify the amendment to the Montreal Protocol.</i>	8 February 2017

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				<i>The proposed Regulations Amending the Ozone-depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations would establish controls on HFCs by combining a phase-down of the consumption of HFCs with prohibitions on the import and manufacture of certain products that contain HFCs above a specified limit, including air conditioning and refrigeration equipment, foam products, and aerosols.</i>	
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	EUROPEAN UNION	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/435	<p>Dangerous substances</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Regulation proposes to include within the scope of entries 28 to 30 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 the substances listed below, with the effect of restricting their placing on the market or use for supply to the general public as substances on their own, as constituents of other substances or in mixtures and to impose the requirement to mark packaging with the label "restricted to professional users". This is consequent on the recent classification of these substances as CMR category 1A or 1B under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, as amended by Commission Regulations (EU) No 605/2014, 2015/1221 and 2016/1179.</i></p> <p><i>The substances are:</i> tetrahydro-2-furyl-methanol, gallium arsenide, tributyltin compounds, [1,2-benzenedicarboxylic acid, dihexyl ester, branched and linear], 1,2-dichloropropane, bisphenol A, [phenol, dodecyl-, branched], [phenol, 2-dodecyl-, branched], [phenol, 3-dodecyl-, branched], [phenol, 4-dodecyl-, branched], [phenol, (tetrapropenyl) derivatives], chlorophacinone (ISO), warfarin (ISO), coumatetralyl (ISO), difenacoum (ISO), brodifacoum (ISO), flocoumafen (ISO), disodium octaborate anhydrous, [e-glass microfibers of representative composition], lead powder and lead massive, bromadiolone (ISO), difethialone, [perfluorononan-1-oic acid, and its sodium and ammonium salts], dicyclohexyl phthalate, 3,7-dimethylocta-2,6-dienitrile, triflumizole (ISO) .</p>	60 days from notification

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INORGANIC CHEMICALS	THAILAND	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/THA/493	<p>Hazardous substance</p> <p><i>To rectify and add some hazardous substances attached to the Notification of Ministry of Industry on List of Hazardous Substances 2013 dated 28 August 2013 as follows:</i></p> <p>1. Revised hazardous substance of the responsible agencies: <i>Food and Drug Administration</i> - Revised 3 items: in List 4.1, No.3 (1,1,2-trichloroethane) and No.157 (Methanol), and List 4.3, No.5 (Household and public health products used as correction fluid or to dissolve correction fluid or dry cleaning) - to exempt the product in form of correction tape or correction pen. <i>Department of Industrial Works</i> - Revised 1 item: in List 5.4, No.6 (Hydrofluorocarbons) - to change from type 3 to type 1 (no need to register and get a permit).</p> <p>2. Add items of hazardous substances into the existing lists which are: <i>Food and Drug Administration</i> - Add formaldehyde or methanal in List 4.1 No.225 as hazardous substance type 4 (prohibit if use as an active ingredient in household and public health product used as disinfectants and cleaning products for floor, wall, sanitary ware, and others materials) . <i>Department of Industrial Works</i> - Add 8 items in List 5.1, as No.489-496 which are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cresol (1319-77-3) 2. HFC-245eb (431-31-2) 3. HFC-338mcc (662-35-1) 4. HFC-338mee (377-36-6) 5. HFC-356ffa (407-59-0) 6. HFO-1234yf (754-12-1) 7. HFO-1234ze (1645-83-6, 29118-24-9) 8. HFC-1336mzz-Z (692-49-9) <p><i>Remark: Cresol will be classified as hazardous substance type 2, meanwhile the remaining will be type 3.</i></p>	30 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1247	<p>Trichloroethylene</p> <p><i>Trichloroethylene (TCE) is a volatile organic compound widely used in industrial and commercial processes and has some limited uses in consumer and commercial products. EPA identified significant health risks associated with TCE use in aerosol degreasing and for spot cleaning in dry cleaning facilities.</i></p>	14 February 2017

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				<i>EPA has preliminarily determined that these risks are unreasonable risks. To address these unreasonable risks, EPA is proposing under section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to prohibit the manufacture, processing, and distribution in commerce of TCE for use in aerosol degreasing and for use in spot cleaning in dry cleaning facilities; to prohibit commercial use of TCE for aerosol degreasing and for spot cleaning in dry cleaning facilities; to require manufacturers, processors, and distributors, except for retailers of TCE for any use, to provide downstream notification of these prohibitions throughout the supply chain; and to require limited recordkeeping.</i>	
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENTS					
SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES	BOTSWANA	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/53	<p>Small Kitchen Appliances</p> <p><i>This International Standard deals with the safety of electric deep fat fryers having a recommended maximum quantity of oil not exceeding 5 L, frying pans, woks and other appliances in which oil is used for cooking, and intended for household use and similar use, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V.</i></p> <p><i>Appliances intended for normal household and similar use and that may also be used by laymen in shops, in light industry and on farms are within scope of this standard. However, if the appliance is intended to be used professionally to process food for commercial consumption, the appliance is not considered to be for household and similar use only.</i></p> <p><i>Persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safety without supervision or instruction; Children playing with the appliance.</i></p> <p><i>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; 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></p>	60 days after notification

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				NOTE 102 This standard does not apply to deep fat fryers for commercial use (IEC 60335-2-37); commercial multi-purpose cooking pans (IEC 60335-2-39); appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour and gas) .	
TOYS	CANADA	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/509	<p>Toys</p> <p>The Toys Regulations under the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (CCPSA) have been amended to clarify existing requirements, update test methods and delete redundancies or obsolete requirements. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • section 27 (prohibition of certain toxic substances in the plastic material in toys for children less than three years of age), Schedule 2 (performance criteria and test methods related to the acute toxicity of substances and stuffing materials in toys) and Schedule 3 (performance criteria and test methods related to irritation, corrosion or sensitization of substances and stuffing materials in toys) have been modified; • section 43 and Schedule 9 (performance criteria and test methods for batteries used in toys) have been deleted; • new definitions have been added to section 1; and • sections 7, 26, 29 and 36 (French version only) have been reworded. 	Not applicable. These Regulations are exempted from pre-publication in the Canada Gazette, Part I.
SHOP FITTINGS	CHILE	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/284/Add.1	<p>Commercial refrigeration furniture - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Baseline Protocol for analysis and / or commercial refrigerators used in the sale and display of superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), notified on August 27, 2014, under the G / TBT / N / CHL / 284, it is reported that this has been issued and by Resolution Exempt N ° 16.376 of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC) and its entry into force shall be December 31, 2017.</i></p>	—

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COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	JAPAN	20/12/2016	G/TBT/N/JPN/541	Microwave ovens <i>The proposed entire revision of the Quality Labelling Rules for Electrical Appliances includes the changes described in the attached file.</i>	60 days from date of circulation
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	JAPAN	20/12/2016	G/TBT/N/JPN/542	Miscellaneous manufactured goods <i>The proposed entire revision of the Quality Labelling Rules for Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods includes the changes described in the attached file.</i>	60 days from date of circulation
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	SINGAPORE	20/12/2016	G/TBT/N/SGP/31	Refrigerators <i>Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) for refrigerators were introduced in 2011. Only refrigerators that meet the prescribed MEPS are permitted to be sold in Singapore. MEPS helps to prevent consumers from becoming locked into high energy consumption and costs over the lifespan of the appliance.</i> <i>The Energy Conservation (Energy Labelling and Minimum Performance Standards) Regulations 2013 will be amended to raise the MEPS for refrigerators. The revised standards are tabulated below.</i> <i>Type of Refrigerators</i> <i>Adjusted Volume ,</i> <i>Vadj tot (L)</i> <i>Current MEPS</i> <i>Revised MEPS from</i> <i>1 November 2017</i> <i>Refrigerators with freezer</i> <i>≤ 300</i> $AEC1 \leq (465 + 1.378 \times Vadj\ tot) \times 0.585$ $AEC \leq (465 + 1.378 \times Vadj\ tot) \times 0.553$ <i>> 300 and ≤ 900</i> $AEC \leq (465 + 1.378 \times Vadj\ tot) \times 0.585$ $AEC \leq (465 + 1.378 \times Vadj\ tot) \times 0.506$ <i>Refrigerators with freezer and through-the-door ice dispenser</i> <i>≤ 900</i> $AEC \leq (585 + 1.378 \times Vadj\ tot) \times 0.560$ $AEC \leq (585 + 1.378 \times Vadj\ tot) \times 0.485$ <i>Refrigerators without freezer</i> <i>≤ 900</i> $AEC \leq (368 + 0.892 \times Vadj\ tot) \times 0.640$ $AEC \leq (368 + 0.892 \times Vadj\ tot) \times 0.551$ <i>1 Annual Energy Consumption in kWh.</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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				<i>The energy performance of refrigerators must be tested and reported in accordance with the test standards prescribed in the Energy Conservation (Energy Labelling and Minimum Performance Standards for Registrable Goods) Regulations 2013. The applicable test standards as of November 2016 are IEC 62552:2007 or ISO 15502:2005.</i>	
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/787/Add.4	<p>Conventional cooking products - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 22 August 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking to amend the test procedure for conventional cooking products. That proposed rulemaking serves as the basis for this final rule. Specifically, this final rule amends DOE's test procedure for conventional electric cooking tops to incorporate by reference the relevant sections from European standard EN 60350-2:2013 "Household electric cooking appliances Part 2: Hobs-- Methods for measuring performance" (EN 60350-2:2013) . This final rule also includes methods for testing non-circular electric surface units, electric surface units with flexible concentric cooking zones, and full -surface induction cooking tops based on EN 60350-2:2013. In addition, DOE extends the test methods in EN 60350-2:2013 to measure the energy consumption of gas cooking tops by correlating test equipment diameter to burner input rate, including input rates that exceed 14,000 British thermal units per hour. This final rule also includes methods to calculate annual energy consumption and integrated annual energy consumption for conventional cooking tops based on the water-heating test method and provides updates to the sampling plan requirements. The final rule includes minor technical clarifications to the gas heating value correction and other grammatical changes to the regulatory text in the cooking products test procedure that do not alter the substance of the existing test methods. This final rule also repeals the regulatory provisions establishing the test procedure for conventional ovens under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.</i></p>	--

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				<i>DOE has determined that the conventional oven test procedure does not accurately represent consumer use as it favours conventional ovens with low thermal mass and does not capture cooking performance-related benefits due to increased thermal mass of the oven cavity.</i>	
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/945/Add.2	Residential dishwashers - Addendum <i>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA or the Act), as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including residential dishwashers. EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to periodically determine whether more stringent, amended standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would save a significant amount of energy. In this final rule, DOE has determined that more stringent residential dishwasher standards would not be economically justified, and, thus, does not amend its energy conservation standards for residential dishwashers. DOE also eliminates an obsolete dishwasher test procedure that is no longer used to demonstrate compliance with the existing energy conservation standards.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
CABLES	BOTSWANA	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/51	Cables <i>This part of BOS 589 covers requirements for packaging and marking, for single-core and multicore extruded solid dielectric insulated cables of rated operating voltage (U0/ U) in the range 300/500 V to 1 900/3 300 V, for use in fixed installations, as covered by BOS 589-2 and SANS 1507-3 to SANS 1507-6. Specific requirements are given for a number of types of cables in common use. The types are as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. single-core and multicore cables, armoured and unarmoured;</i> <i>b. multicore flat cables with and without an earth continuity conductor;</i> <i>c. multicore round cables with aluminium/PVC laminate and an earth continuity conductor;</i> 	60 days from notification

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				<p>d. cables with concentric conductors; e. cables with split concentric neutral and earth conductors; f. panel/cubicle cables, excluding flexible cables and cords; and g. insulated earth conductors. This specification also covers cables that reduce the overall risk associated with fires.</p>	
CABLES	BOTSWANA	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/52	<p>Wiring cable</p> <p>This part of FDS 589 covers the requirements for construction, materials, dimensions and electric properties of unarmoured single-core and multicore extruded solid dielectric insulated cables with rated operating voltages (U0 /U) of 300/500 V and 600/1 000 V, up to and including a conductor cross-sectional area of 16 mm² for use in fixed installations. This part of FDS 589 also covers the following specific types of cables: a. insulated wire (600/1 000 V); b. multicore flat and circular sheathed cables (300/500 V); c. single-core unsheathed panel/cubicle cables (300/500 V); and d. multicore round cables with aluminium/PVC laminate and an earth continuity conductor (300/500 V) .</p>	60 days from notification
CABLES	ISRAEL	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/ISR/939	<p>Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables</p> <p>The following paragraphs of the existing Mandatory Standard, SI 60227 part 1, dealing with polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltage up to and including 450/750V, shall be declared voluntary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 3.1.b. dealing with the requirement to mark the manufacturing year; • Paragraph 3.201 dealing with the requirement to mark the manufacturing year. <p>These requirements were not in line with the requirements of Israel Standards Law for mandatory standards.</p>	60 days from notification

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CABLES	ISRAEL	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/ISR/940	<p>Rubber insulated cables</p> <p><i>The following paragraphs of the existing Mandatory Standard, SI 60245 part 1, dealing with rubber insulated cables of rated voltage up to and including 450/750V, shall be declared voluntary:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 3.1.b. dealing with the requirement to mark the manufacturing year; • Paragraph 3.201 dealing with the requirement to mark the manufacturing year. <p><i>These requirements were not in line with the requirements of Israel Standards Law for mandatory standards.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PRIMARY CELLS AND BATTERIES	MEXICO	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/337	<p>Primary batteries and batteries</p> <p><i>The current batteries have evolved from the beginning. During a certain Mercury was incorporated during manufacture in order to avoid gasification and the output of their case materials (sinking) and even the explosion of the batteries. Since the early 1990s, technology has made it possible to the incorporation of mercury and cadmium in batteries and the formal industry technological change. At present, 100% of the batteries are imported, which means that there is no national manufacture, so that it is impossible to control or guarantee the type of technology used by the various brands of batteries consumed throughout the national territory. There is a technology for button type batteries called mercury oxide. The main component used is mercury (32% of total weight). This technology has been supplemented by new technologies for button-type batteries, but it is possible to that it is still used in some parts of the world. The technology for so-called lead acid batteries is commonly only accumulators of automobiles, but its use has extended to other areas such as lighting with rechargeable lamps, entertainment and large toys such as electric toys. At the end of their useful lives, these batteries are considered a hazardous waste and are subject to the hazardous residues. The establishment of a control measure for the manufacture of batteries or in the country is to ensure that batteries placed in Mexico a content of mercury and cadmium which does not represent a health hazard to the people and the environment.</i></p>	60 days from the date of 12 December 2016

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ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES	MALAYSIA	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/MYS/71	<p>Internet protocol version 6 (IPv6) compliant equipment</p> <p><i>This Technical Code defines the technical requirements for equipment to be IPv6 compliant and will be used for the compliance approval (type approval) process. The specifications cover hardware and software with respect to the functions of the Host/Node, Network Element (NE) and Network Security Element (NSE).</i></p> <p><i>Mandated equipment include terminals, network elements, network security elements, systems, networked surveillance systems (IP Based), network peripherals, service provider systems, future network systems, operating systems (OS), middleware and application/services as per detailed out in Annex A of the document.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	UNITED STATES	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/225/Add.2	<p>Electric motors and generators - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) voted to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) in the Federal Register on 2 November 2016, concerning portable generators. The NPR invited the public to submit written comments during a comment period that would close 75 days after the date of publication of the NPR in the Federal Register. In response to a request for an extension, the Commission is extending the comment period.</i></p>	24 April 2017
ELECTRONICS					
ELECTRONIC DISPLAY DEVICES	EUROPEAN UNION	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/EU/433	<p>Electronic displays</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Regulation applies to electronic displays to be placed on the EU market and in particular to televisions and computer monitors.</i></p> <p><i>The draft regulation lays down minimum energy performance requirements and in particular the requirements on maximum power demand in on, standby, network standby and off modes and automatic power down function.</i></p> <p><i>The draft regulation also lays down requirements on resource efficiency-related aspects, including design to enhance extraction of key components, marking of plastic parts and a mercury presence logo.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<i>In accordance with the Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC, electronic displays not meeting these requirements will not be allowed to be placed on the EU market. The draft Regulation is based on the findings of a technical, environmental and economic study which has been carried out with stakeholders.</i>	
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY					
DOMESTIC SAFETY	BOTSWANA	20/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/54	<p>Cooking ranges, working tables, ovens and similar appliances</p> <p><i>This International Standard deals with the safety of electric portable appliances for household and similar purposes that have a cooking function such as baking, roasting and grilling, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 101 Examples of appliances that are within the scope of this standard are</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - barbecues for indoor use; - breadmakers; - candy floss appliances; - contact grills (griddles); - cooker; - food dehydrators; - hotplates; - induction wok hotplates; - pop-corn makers; - portable ovens; - raclette grills; - radiant grills; - roasters; - rotary grills; - rotisseries - toasters - waffle irons <p><i>Examples are illustrated in Figure 101</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. 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:</i></p>	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC SAFETY	BOTSWANA	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BWA/55	<p>Stationary cooking</p> <p><i>This International Standard deals with the safety of stationary electric ranges, hobs, ovens, and similar appliances for household use, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances connected between one phase and neutral, and 480 V for other appliances. This International Standard also includes some requirements for ovens that are intended to be used on board ships.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 101 Examples of appliances that are within the scope of this standard are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>griddles;</i> - <i>grills;</i> - <i>induction hobs;</i> - <i>induction wok elements</i> - <i>pyrolytic self-cleaning ovens;</i> - <i>steam ovens</i> 	60 days after notification

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VALVES	MEXICO	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/MEX/336	<p>Taps used on transportable receptacles for liquefied petroleum gas</p> <p><i>Establishment of minimum technical specifications and test methods applicable to taps used on transportable receptacles for petroleum gas liquefied products marketed in the Mexican Republic</i></p>	60 days from the date of December 13, 2016

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FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/BRA/701	Frozen fish <i>Draft technical regulation establishing the identity and quality requirements that must meet frozen fish obtained from raw material fresh, thawed or frozen species of fish or Aquaculture, submitted to freezing in its final preparation.</i>	15 February 2017
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHILE	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/384	Food for human consumption <i>Modification of Article 115 of the Health Regulations of the to include Atwater factors for nutritional labelling regulation.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/ECU/329	Food for special diet <i>This Draft Technical Regulation establishes the object and area of application; Definitions and abbreviations; Health notification; Re-enrolment and Modification of health notification; Certificate of good manufacturing practice; Criteria for the formulation of food for special regimes; Packaging and labels; Other authorizations; Marketing and advertising; Permit of operation of the food establishments for special regimes; general disposition; transitory dispositions; Reformatory provision and final provision of the Ecuadorian Sanitary Technique "OBTAINING HEALTH NOTIFICATION AND CONTROL OF FOODS FOR SPECIAL REGIMENS OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION, IMPORT AND COMMERCE".</i>	March 16, 2017
BEVERAGES	SPAIN	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/ESP/34	Malt beer <i>The quality standard for beer and Malt beverages prepared and marketed in Spain, without prejudice to the established in the mutual recognition clause. The project updates Royal Decree 53/1995 of January 20, by which approves the Technical-sanitary Regulation for the processing and circulation of beer and malt liquor and the Order of 15 October 1985, approving official methods of beer analysis. The main aspects referred to relate to the definition of raw materials, products and manufacturing methods, the basic processing processes, as well as the The analytical methods used in official controls.</i>	60 days after the date of notification

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				<i>It also includes an article on the food information provided to the consumer of this type of products.</i>	
POULTRY AND EGGS	EL SALVADOR	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/SLV/142/Add.2	<p>Poultry products, poultry, chicken and chicken - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Government of El Salvador reports that NSO 67.64.01: 10 Poultry Products. Poultry Meat. Chicken and Chicken Recipes Complete Cooking Lists, Cuts and Their Menudos. Specifications under document G / TBT / N / SLV / 142 / Add.1 of 21 September 2010, has suffered modifications in order to facilitate trade. The amendments to the Technical Regulations are:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Change of codification and title: RTS 67.02.01: 16 Poultry Products. Poultry meat species Gallus gallus Benefited Lists for Whole Cooking, Cuts and their Menudos. Specifications. (First update).</i> <i>2. The term of 18 months from the entry into force of this RTS is extended to comply with 6.6. Storage and thawing in plant. Such modifications do not have a significant effect on trade with other Members of theWTO, therefore, this notification is made for reasons of transparency.</i> 	—
POULTRY AND EGGS	EL SALVADOR	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/SLV/192	<p>Poultry Products</p> <p><i>Establishes requirements and inspection procedures for products of poultry origin in establishments processing by-products intended for domestic consumption or for export.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification.
HEALTH CARE					
MEDICAMENTS	COLOMBIA	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/COL/189/Add.4	<p>Pharmaceuticals - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Colombia communicates with regard to Resolution No. 3619 of September 17, 2013 of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection "For which the Manual of Good Practices of Laboratory of Quality Control of Pharmaceutical Products, establishes the Guide of Evaluation and other provisions "and Resolutions No. 719 of March 11, 2014 and No. 4058 of September 18, 2014 of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, notified on 2 October 2013, 24 March 2014 and 9 October 2014 by the World Organization of trade</i></p>	—

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				<i>Through documents identified as G / TBT / N / COL / 189 / Add.1, G / TBT / N / COL / 189 / Add.2 and G / TBT / N / COL / 189 / Add.3, that a period of eighteen (18) months to obtain the certification of Good Laboratory Practices of Control of Quality of Pharmaceutical Products, through Resolution No. 4620 of October 3, 2016 of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, which entered into force on October 3, 2016.</i>	
PHARMACEUTICS IN GENERAL	EL SALVADOR	21/12/2016	G/TBT/N/SLV/193	Pharmaceutical products <i>Establishes the requirements to demonstrate bioequivalence and interchange ability of multi-source drugs in order to ensure their safety, quality and efficiency.</i>	60 days from the date of notification.
PHARMACEUTICS	UNITED STATES	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/214/Add.3/Corr.1	Human and animal drugs - Corrigendum <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is correcting a final rule entitled "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" that appeared in the Federal Register of 31 August 2016 (81 FR 60169) . That final rule amended current regulations concerning who must register establishments and list human drugs, human drugs that are also biological products, and animal drugs. The final rule was published with an incorrect statement in the preamble about the rule's effect on establishments at which investigational drugs are manufactured. This document corrects that error. Effective 13 December 2016.</i>	—

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PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
NATURAL GAS	UNITED STATES	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1223/Add.1	<p>Renewable fuels - Addendum</p> <p><i>This Notice provides an opportunity to comment on new information that pertains to the proposed provisions for ethanol flex fuel contained in the Renewables Enhancement and Growth Support (REGS) rule which was published in the Federal Register on 16 November 2016. The new information is contained in the report titled "Property Analysis of Ethanol-Natural Gasoline-BOB Blends to Make Flex Fuel" that has been placed in the public docket for this action. In the proposed REGS rule, the EPA proposed volatility standards for ethanol flex fuel (EFF) to prevent excessive evaporative emissions that could adversely affect the emissions control systems of flexible fuel vehicles (FFVs) and human health. The EPA proposed a fuel volatility compliance tool for use by regulated entities to demonstrate compliance with the proposed volatility standards for EFF. The new information being made available by this notice indicates that the proposed compliance tool may need to be modified to adequately estimate the volatility of EFF when natural gasoline is used as a blendstock.</i></p>	17 January 2017
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	CHILE	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/CHL/385	<p>Light motor vehicles</p> <p><i>Modifies and complements the Supreme Decree No. 26/2000 of the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications, which Safety regulations applicable to light motor vehicles, Anti-lock braking system (ABS) and electronic stability program (ESP).</i></p> <p><i>A certain timetable is available so that according to this, the vehicles that are incorporate the country with ABS and ESP systems. In addition, Resolution No. 48/2000 of the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications, which sets the standards with which they must comply with the anti-lock braking systems (ABS) and the Electronic stability program (ESP).</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification

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ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/566/Add.1	<p>Accessibility guidelines for transportation vehicles - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board or Board) is issuing a final rule that revises its existing accessibility guidelines for non-rail vehicles--namely, buses, over-the-road buses, and vans--acquired or remanufactured by entities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The revised guidelines ensure that such vehicles are readily accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is required to revise its accessibility standards for transportation vehicles acquired or remanufactured by entities covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to be consistent with the final rule.</i></p>	—
ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/777/Add.1	<p>Hybrid and electric vehicles - Addendum</p> <p><i>To reduce the risk of pedestrian crashes, especially for the blind and visually-impaired, and to satisfy the mandate in the Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act (PSEA) of 2010 this final rule establishes a new Federal motor vehicle safety standard (FMVSS) setting minimum sound requirements for hybrid and electric vehicles. This new standard requires hybrid and electric passenger cars, light trucks and vans (LTVs), and low speed vehicles (LSVs) to produce sounds meeting the requirements of this standard. This final rule applies to electric vehicles (EVs) and to those hybrid vehicles (HVs) that are capable of propulsion in any forward or reverse gear without the vehicle's internal combustion engine (ICE) operating. This standard will help to ensure that blind, visually impaired, and other pedestrians are able to detect and recognize nearby hybrid and electric vehicles, as required by the PSEA.</i></p>	30 January 2017

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RUBBER AND PLASTICS ENGINEERING					
PLASTICS	JAPAN	20/12/2016	G/TBT/N/JPN/540	Plastic goods <i>The proposed entire revision of the Quality Labelling Rules for Plastic Goods includes the changes described in the attached file.</i>	60 days from date of circulation
SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES					
SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES IN GENERAL	OMAN	19/12/2016	G/TBT/N/OMN/282	Shipbuilding and marine structures in general <i>This Draft standard provides requirement of fishing boats made of fibreglass with length less than 14 meters.</i>	30 days from the date of circulation
TELECOMMUNICATIONS					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/CAN/508	Radiocommunications <i>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development that the following document has been published on its Web site:</i> <i>http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/home?OpenDocument</i> • <i>Radio Standards Specifications RSS-199, issue 3, Broadband Radio Service (BRS) Equipment Operating in the Band 2500 -2690 MHz which sets out the requirements for equipment certification of BRS equipment in the frequency band 2500 2690 MHz.</i>	8 June 2017
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	UNITED STATES	22/12/2016	G/TBT/N/USA/1248	Maritime radio equipment <i>In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) addresses a number of important issues regarding updating rules and requirements for technologies used to locate and rescue distressed ships and individuals in distress at sea or on land to provide better and more accurate data to rescue personnel. The Commission also addresses issues regarding radar equipment, the use of portable marine Very High Frequency (VHF) transmitters by persons on shore; permitting VHF digital small message service (VDSMS); and allowing assignment or transfer of control of ship station licenses.</i>	—

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				<i>The Commission is amending its rules to permit the maritime community to make use of the most advanced and reliable communications technologies available for the alerting of search and rescue authorities when a vessel or individual is in distress, and to further the Commission's goal of ensuring that the spectrum allocated for emergency communications is used effectively and efficiently.</i>	
TEXTILE AND LEATHER					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	JAPAN	20/12/2016	G/TBT/N/JPN/539	Textile goods <i>The proposed entire revision of the Quality Labelling Rules for Textile Goods includes the changes described in the attached file.</i>	60 days from date of circulation