

# WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN

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This publication seeks to provide cohesive information in a weekly basis on the foreign notifications of the WTO members under the TBT agreement on their proposed technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures.

Philippine exporters and relevant stakeholders are invited to review the proposed regulations. Comments that will be received by the BPS will be transmitted to the governments concerned for their consideration.

### IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

Notifications on Construction Materials and Building, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment and Sports, Electrical Engineering, Environment, Health protection and Safety, Food and Beverages etc. from the Arab league, Indonesia, Kenya, the European Union, 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

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## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (1 - 7 April 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/471</a>	Pesticides - Flupyrsulfuron-methyl  <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance flupyrsulfuron-methyl is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Existing authorised plant protection products containing flupyrsulfuron-methyl will be withdrawn from the market. The non-approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC. 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. However, following non-approval, separate action may be taken on MRLs and if so a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.</i>	60 days from notification

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TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1266/Add.1</a>	Finished smokeless tobacco products - Addendum  <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) is extending the comment period for the proposed rule that appeared in the Federal Register of 23 January 2017. In the proposed rule, FDA requested comments on its proposal to establish a limit of N-nitrosornicotine (NNN) in finished smokeless tobacco products. The Agency is taking this action in response to requests for an extension to allow interested persons additional time to submit comments. The Agency is also providing notice of a typographical error in a formula in the Laboratory Information Bulletin (LIB) titled, "Determination of N-nitrosornicotine (NNN) in Smokeless Tobacco and Tobacco Filler by HPLC-MS/MS" (LIB No. 4620, January 2017) . In accordance with the memorandum of 20 January 2017, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review", the Agency is also taking this opportunity to provide notice that, as with all regulatory actions subject to such memorandum, this proposed rule is being reviewed consistent with the memorandum.</i>	10 July 2017
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
BASES	UGANDA	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/628</a>	Sodium bicarbonate  <i>This draft Uganda standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for the grades of sodium bicarbonate defined herein.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
CHIMNEYS, SHAFTS, DUCTS	FINLAND	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/FIN/54</a>	Construction products  <i>This decree concerns the design and construction of new small chimneys to be constructed for a building or for other structures, as well as repair and alteration work on or affecting these chimneys.</i>	60 days from notification
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/259/Add.1</a>	Drinking water supplier - Addendum  <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Legal Inspection Requirements of Drinking Water Suppliers", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/259 on 9 January 2017, was promulgated on 24 March 2017 and will come into effect on 1 January 2018.</i>	—
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	07/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1110/Add.2</a>	Industrial building safety - Addendum  <i>The public comment period has been extended through 26 May 2017.</i>	26 May 2017
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS</b>					
COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	INDONESIA	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IDN/115</a>	Refrigerator devices  <i>The Draft Decree requires that the Industrial business which produce, import and trade of air conditioners must apply SNI IEC 60335-2-40 -2009, SNI ISO/IEC 17067:2013, and SNI ISO 15502:2008 and shall have Saving Energy Certificate (SHE) from Certification Bodies accredited by National Accreditation Body of Indonesia (KAN) .</i>	60 days from notification

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EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1026/Add.1</a>	Infant bath tubs - Addendum  <i>The Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act, section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), requires the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) to promulgate consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. These standards are to be "substantially the same as" applicable voluntary standards, or more stringent than the voluntary standard if the Commission concludes that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product. The Commission is issuing a safety standard for infant bath tubs in response to the direction of section 104(b) of the CPSIA. In addition, the Commission is amending its regulations regarding third party conformity assessment bodies to include the mandatory standard for infant bath tubs in the list of notices of requirements (NORs) issued by the Commission.</i>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT	UNITED STATES	07/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1091/Add.1</a>	Amusement devices - Addendum  <i>Adopts existing provisions, updated requirements with best practices and known safety concerns, and ensures responsiveness and accountability.</i>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT	UNITED STATES	07/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1111/Add.2</a>	Amusement devices - Addendum  <i>The public comment period has been extended through 26 May 2017.</i>	—
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UNITED STATES	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1252/Add.1</a>	Wood burning appliances - Addendum  <i>Adopts revisions to Regulation Number 4 that re-establish a new wood stove definition and clarify that testing, certification and labelling requirements apply to new wood stoves on a state-wide basis and to used wood stoves only along the Front Range, as required by statute.</i>	—
<b>ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>					
MOTORS	INDONESIA	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IDN/114</a>	Electric motor  <i>The Regulation requires that the Industrial business which produce, import and trade of electric motor devices must apply SNI IEC 60335-2-40-2009, SNI ISO/IEC 17067:2013, and SNI IEC 60034-2-1:2013, and shall have Saving Energy Certificate (SHE) from Certification Bodies accredited by National Accreditation Body of Indonesia (KAN) or another Accreditation Bodies under APLAC/ILAC MRA.</i>	60 days from notification
SOCKET-OUTLETS • PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS, COUPLERS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/975</a>	Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar general use  <i>This standard is concerned with plugs and socket outlets for household and similar purposes (250 V / 13 A) .</i>	60 days from notification
GALVANIC CELLS AND BATTERIES	UNITED STATES	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1280</a>	Non-rechargeable lithium batteries  <i>This action proposes special conditions for a supplemental type certificate for installing an inflatable restraint system with non-rechargeable lithium batteries on seats in certain transport category airplanes.</i>	17 April 2017

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				<i>These airplanes, as modified by AmSafe, will have a novel or unusual design feature when compared to the state of technology envisioned in the airworthiness standards for transport category airplanes. This design feature is a non-rechargeable lithium battery. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These proposed special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.</i>	
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY</b>					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/552/Rev.1/Add.4/Corr.1</a>	Air conditioners, heat pumps - Corrigendum  <i>On 21 March 2017, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published in the Federal Register a document that temporarily further postponed the effective date of its test procedures for central air conditioners and heat pumps. This document corrects a typographical error in that document.</i>	—
FIRE • PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	UNITED STATES	07/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1109/Add.2</a>	Fire prevention code - Addendum  The public comment period has been extended through 26 May 2017.	26 May 2017
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	UNITED STATES	07/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1187/Add.1</a>	Hazardous materials. Transport - Addendum  <i>PHMSA is issuing a final rule to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to maintain consistency with international regulations and standards by incorporating various amendments, including changes to proper shipping names, hazard classes, packing groups, special provisions, packaging authorizations, air transport quantity limitations, and vessel stowage requirements. These revisions are necessary to harmonize the HMR with recent changes made to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, the International Civil Aviation Organization's Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, and the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods--Model Regulations. Additionally, PHMSA is adopting several amendments to the HMR that result from coordination with Canada under the U.S.-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council.</i>	—
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	BAHRAIN	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/473</a>	Canned pacific salmon  <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with the characteristics and requirements that should be met in canned pacific salmon. Items (3, 4, 5, 8 and 9) Definitions, Forms of packaging, Requirements, Packaging, Storage &amp; Transportation and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification

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FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	KUWAIT	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/355</a>	Canned pacific salmon  <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with the characteristics and requirements that should be met in canned pacific salmon. Items (3, 4, 5, 8 and 9) Definitions, Forms of packaging, Requirements, Packaging, Storage &amp; Transportation and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	KENYA	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/567</a>	Rum  This Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for rum.	10 May 2017
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	OMAN	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/298</a>	Canned pacific salmon  <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with the characteristics and requirements that should be met in canned pacific salmon. Items (3, 4, 5, 8 and 9) Definitions, Forms of packaging, Requirements, Packaging, Storage &amp; Transportation and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	QATAR	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/471</a>	Canned pacific salmon  <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with the characteristics and requirements that should be met in canned pacific salmon. Items (3, 4, 5, 8 and 9) Definitions, Forms of packaging, Requirements, Packaging, Storage &amp; Transportation and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/976</a>	Canned pacific salmon  <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with the characteristics and requirements that should be met in canned pacific salmon. Items (3, 4, 5, 8 and 9) Definitions, Forms of packaging, Requirements, Packaging, Storage &amp; Transportation and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THAILAND	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/1/Rev.1/Add.2/Corr.1</a>	Food products in general - Corrigendum  <i>It deems appropriate to amend the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 367, Clause 4(6) from "Information for allergen shall be labelled by either "contain....." or "may contain....." in red bold alphabets in white background frame." to "Information for allergen shall be labelled by either "contain....." or "may contain....." in the frame which colour of the letters shall contrast with background's colour in the frame and colour of the frame shall contrast with label's colour."</i>	—
FOOD ADDITIVES	TURKEY	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TUR/87</a>	Food additives permitted for use in foods  <i>The purpose of this Regulation is to specify the additives in/on foods. The list of food additives permitted for use in foods and the conditions for usage of them involved in Annex-II and food additives which may be used in food additives, in food enzymes and in food flavourings under the conditions of use specified in Annex- III of Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Food Additives have been updated.</i>	20 May 2017

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FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/359</a>	Canned pacific salmon  <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with the characteristics and requirements that should be met in canned pacific salmon. Items (3, 4, 5, 8 and 9) Definitions, Forms of packaging, Requirements, Packaging, Storage &amp; Transportation and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	UNITED STATES	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1235/Add.1</a>	Shelled walnuts - Addendum  <i>Notice is hereby given that Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is reopening the comment period on the proposed rule that invited comments on the revision of the U.S. Standards for Grades of Shelled Walnuts and U.S. Standards for Grades of Walnuts in the Shell published in the Federal Register on 25 November 2016. The comment period for this proposed rule closed on 24 January 2017. The changes are intended to modernize the standards, and meet consumer demands by providing greater marketing flexibility.</i>	24 April 2017
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	YEMEN	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/75</a>	Canned pacific salmon  <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with the characteristics and requirements that should be met in canned pacific salmon. Items (3, 4, 5, 8 and 9) Definitions, Forms of packaging, Requirements, Packaging, Storage &amp; Transportation and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1281</a>	Continuous glucose monitor secondary display  <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is classifying the continuous glucose monitor secondary display into class II (special controls) . The special controls that will apply to the device are identified in this order and will be part of the codified language for the continuous glucose monitor secondary display's classification. The Agency is classifying the device into class II (special controls) in order to provide a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness of the device.</i>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1282</a>	Vibratory counter-stimulation device  <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is classifying the vibratory counter-stimulation device into class II (special controls) . The special controls that will apply to the device are identified in this order and will be part of the codified language for the vibratory counter-stimulation device's classification. The Agency is classifying the device into class II (special controls) in order to provide a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness of the device.</i>	—

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<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	MEXICO	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/10/Add.2</a>	Data message storage - Addendum  <i>On March 30, 2017, the Ministry of the Economy published in the Official Journal of the Federation (Diario Oficial de la Federación) the Mexican Official Standard NOM-151-SCFI-2016 - Prescriptions Governing the storage of data messages and the scanning of documents (cancels the NOM-151-SCFI-2002).</i>	—
<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
FUELS	MEXICO	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/300/Add.6</a>	Petroleum products - Addendum  <i>Decision of the Energy Regulatory Commission extending the deadline for the first Period for compliance with the sampling and determination obligation Specifications for the petroleum products of NOM-016-CRE-2016 (Specifications for Quality of petroleum products), for licensees of gasoline and petrol Diesel fuel. On August 29, 2016, the Energy Regulatory Commission published in the Official Journal of The Federation (Diario Oficial de la Federación) Decision A / 035/2016 promulgating the Official Mexican Standard NOM-016-CRE-2016 (Petroleum Product Specifications), Entered into force on 28 October 2016.</i>	—
FUELS	MEXICO	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/316/Add.3</a>	Petrochemicals - Addendum  <i>On March 31, 2017, the Energy Regulatory Commission published in the Journal The Official Journal of the Federation (Diario Oficial de la Federación - <a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx/">http://www.dof.gob.mx/</a>) The Energy Regulatory Commission approving the invitation to tender Intended to enable test or test laboratories located abroad to obtain Registration to evaluate compliance with the Mexican Official Standard NOM-014-CRE-2016 - Quality specifications for petrochemicals.</i>	—
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/32/Add.13</a>	Motor vehicles - Addendum  <i>By means of this Addendum No. 13, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Amendment No. 2 to the fourth revision (4R) of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 034: "Minimum safety requirements for motor vehicle parts", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/32/Add.11 of 28 October 2016, has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 098 of 9 March 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 975 of 31 March 2017.</i>	—
MOPEDS • MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	OMAN	04/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/297</a>	Self-balancing scooters  <i>A draft ministerial decision on identification of the technical requirements for self-balancing scooters.</i>	60 days from notification

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ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1283</a>	Autonomous vehicles <i>Amends rules to include the testing of vehicles that do not require the presence of a driver inside the vehicle and ensure the testing of such vehicles is conducted on California public roads in a safe manner.</i>	24 April 2017
<b>SERVICES, COMPANY ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY, ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPORT AND SOCIOLOGY</b>					
TRANSPORT BY RAIL	KENYA	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/566</a>	Transport by rail <i>It specifies the requirements for the safe transport of dangerous goods by rail in terms of: a) operational requirements; b) design requirements; and c) emergency preparedness</i>	6 May 2017
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
TELECOMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	INDONESIA	06/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IDN/116</a>	Cellular telephone, computer handheld and tablet <i>This regulation sets certification procedures for cellular telephone, computer handheld and table conducted by laboratory testing or document evaluation (Self Declaration of Conformity) . The Self Declaration of Conformity is based on the test report from Laboratories recognized by: 1. Cellular Telephone Industries Association (CTIA) or Global Certification Forum (GCF); 2. Testing laboratories assigned or recognized by The Directorate General of Postal and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Resources and Equipment; or 3. Testing laboratories supervised by Directorate General of Postal and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Resources and Equipment. Directorate General of Postal and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Resources and Equipment and relevant institutions conduct Post Market Surveillance to control and monitoring the system.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY</b>					
TEXTILE FABRICS	KENYA	05/04/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/568</a>	Non-woven disposable wet wipes <i>This Standard specifies minimum requirements for disposable Non-woven disposable wet wipes. This standard does not apply to alcohol swabs.</i>	10 May 2017