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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 notified 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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A total of 40 notifications on Agriculture, Construction Materials and Building, Food and Beverages, Paint and Color Industries, Petroleum and Related Technologies etc., from Brazil, the European Union, Kenya, Thailand, Uganda 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 (01 - 07 December 2018)

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AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	04/12/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/625	Chlorothalonil <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance chlorothalonil is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Existing authorised plant protection products containing chlorothalonil will be withdrawn from the market.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.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>However, following non-approval, separate action may be taken on MRLs. Any subsequent action on MRLs will be subject to notification under the SPS procedure.</i>	
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	JAPAN	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/JPN/605/Add.1	<p>Agricultural chemicals - Addendum</p> <p><i>As was announced in G/TBT/N/JPN/605 dated 1 August 2018, the revision of the Agricultural Chemicals Control Act (Act No 53 of 2018) and the related laws and regulations will enter into force on 1 December 2018.</i></p> <p><i>The schedule for the revisions is as follows.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Periodic re-evaluation: 2021 (The first announce for active ingredients to be re-evaluated will be conducted in 2019)</i> • <i>Annual report for information on the safe use of registered pesticides: October 2019</i> 	—
FERTILIZERS	JAPAN	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/JPN/614	<p>Magnesium Ammonium Phosphate (Struvite)</p> <p><i>The Government of Japan establishes the new standards for "Magnesium Ammonium Phosphate (Struvite)".</i></p>	60 days from notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	TURKEY	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TUR/137	<p>Tobacco products and manufactured tobacco substitutes</p> <p><i>The Law No. 7151 "Amendments to Certain Health Related Laws and Decrees Having the Force of Law", among others, also amends Law No. 4207 "Law on the Prevention and Control of the Harmful Effects of Tobacco Products" in line with the plain packaging requirements.</i></p> <p><i>In this context, Article 24 stipulates that the requirement in relation to the minimum percentage of the surface to be covered with pictorial warnings and text warnings regarding the harmful effects of tobacco products to be placed on each of the two largest surfaces of the packages, was increased from sixty-five percent to eighty-five percent.</i></p>	The comments received from member countries will be taken into consideration in the process of the preparation of the by-law to be enacted within one month from the entry into force of Law No. 7151 "Amendments to Certain Health Related Laws and Decrees Having the Force of Law"
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	BRAZIL	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/850	<p>Labelling of hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes</p> <p><i>This present Resolution establishes the requirements for presentation of the Labeling Art Project in regularization process of hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes, and for the coexistence of more than one art of labelling for the same product.</i></p> <p><i>The Labeling Art Project provided in item 12 of Annex III of the Resolution RDC 7, 10 February 2015, is the document that must be presented in the regularization process of personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes, which must contain, the label art or the product labelling as displayed for consumption in their packaging.</i></p>	Not Applicable

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				<p>The coexistence of more than one art of labeling for the same product is allowed if specific elements remain unchanged.</p> <p>The changes in elements must be submitted to Anvisa upon presentation of a new Labeling Art Project.</p> <p>This resolution revokes RDC 131, 5 December 2016 published in the Brazilian Official Gazette number 232, of 6 December 2016, Section 1, p.32, under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/625/Add.3</p>	
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CEMENT, GYPSUM, LIME, MORTAR	KENYA	07/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/768	<p>Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout</p> <p>This Standard describes a method for determining the conventional dry material content of an admixture.</p>	30 December 2018
CEMENT, GYPSUM, LIME, MORTAR	KENYA	07/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/769	<p>Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout</p> <p>This document describes a test method for the determination of the effect of admixtures on the capillary absorption of mortar.</p>	30 December 2018
CEMENT, GYPSUM, LIME, MORTAR	KENYA	07/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/770	<p>Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout</p> <p>This Standard specifies the constituent materials, the composition and the mixing procedure to produce a reference masonry mortar with a prescribed consistence for testing mortar admixtures as defined in KS 2770. It also describes the determination of the water reduction of the test mix compared to the control mix.</p>	30 December 2018
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	SINGAPORE	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/SGP/47	<p>Mixing taps and valves</p> <p>From 1 April 2020 onwards, the prevailing test standard for thermostatic mixers under the mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (WELS) will be replaced with Section 13.2 of the BS EN 1111 (2017) . Suppliers registering new models of thermostatic mixers under the mandatory WELS are currently required to submit test results in accordance with section 10 of BS EN 1287 (1999) . To allow suppliers and test laboratories to prepare for the new test standard, there will be a transition period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, during which suppliers can submit test reports based on either section 10 of BS EN 1287 (1999) or section 13.2 of BS EN 1111 (2017) to register their new thermostatic mixer models. All existing thermostatic mixer models which are registered under WELS before 1 April 2020 can still continue to be supplied without having to re-submit test results.</p>	60 days from notification

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	KENYA	07/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/771	Non-ducted air conditioners <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the standard conditions on which the ratings of single-package and split-system non-ducted air conditioners employing air cooled condensers are based, and the test methods to be applied for determination of the various ratings. This standard is limited to systems utilizing a single refrigeration circuit and having one evaporator and one condenser.</i>	15 December 2018
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	INDONESIA	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/IDN/86/Add.3	Instant coffee - Addendum <i>Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 87/M-IND/PER/10/2015 as amended by Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 55/M-IND/PER/6/2015 amended by Regulation of Minister of Industry No.03/M-IND/PER/1/2016 concerning Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Instant Coffee. This regulation has been entered into force since 19 January 2016. This amendment covers:</i> 1. Additional provision related to Technical Consideration requirement by online system 2. Provision related to sampling for import Instant Coffee by certification system 1b	—
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/754	Dry whole grains of the green gram of Vigna radiata <i>This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for the dry whole grains of the green gram of Vigna radiata intended for human consumption.</i>	16 December 2018
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/755	Finger millet grains <i>This East African Standard specifies the requirements sampling and test methods for finger millet grains of varieties (cultivars) grown from Eleusine coracana (L.) Gaertner intended for human consumption.</i>	16 December 2018
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/756	Sorghum grains, Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench in grains <i>This East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for sorghum grains of varieties (cultivars) grown from Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench intended for human consumption.</i>	16 December 2018
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/757	Wheat flour <i>This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for</i>	16 December 2018

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				wheat flour prepared from common wheat, <i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. or club wheat, <i>Triticum compactum</i> Host, or mixtures thereof intended for human consumption. It does not apply to wheat flour obtained from <i>Triticum durum</i> and fortified wheat flour.	
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/758	Milled maize (corn) products <i>This East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for whole maize meal, granulated maize meal, sifted maize meal, maize grits and maize flour from the grains of common maize (<i>Zea mays</i> L.) intended for human consumption. Maize grits intended for brewing, manufacturing of starch, any other industrial use are not covered.</i>	23 December 2018
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/759	Composite flour <i>This draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for composite flour intended for human consumption. This standard does not apply where there are specific standards for blends or composites exist.</i>	16 December 2018
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/760	Edible full fat soya flour <i>This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for edible full fat soya flour obtained from soya bean (<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merr) intended for human consumption.</i>	16 December 2018
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/762	Bacon <i>This standard specifies the quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test for bacon.</i>	23 December 2018
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/763	Fresh coarsely ground meat products <i>This standard prescribes the quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test of fresh coarsely ground meat products. These include, but not limited to, meat balls, patties, meat burgers, meat rolls and ground kebabs that are intended for further processing before consumption.</i>	23 December 2018
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/764	Fermented sausages (salami) <i>This standard prescribes the quality and safety requirements, sampling and method of test for fermented sausages.</i>	23 December 2018
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/765	Ham <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test for ham.</i>	23 December 2018

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				<i>The standard applies to the product that is cured and may be smoked, spiced and/or flavoured.</i>	
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	07/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/766	Fresh arrowroots (Taro) <i>This Kenya Code of practice provides recommended Good Agricultural Practices for the production, storage, packaging and transportation of fresh arrowroots (taro) Colocasia esculenta (L.) Schott of the Araceae family, intended for human consumption.</i>	29 December 2018
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KENYA	07/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/767	Fresh arrowroots (Taro) <i>This Kenya standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for edible varieties of arrowroots (also referred to as cocoyam or taro), Colocasia esculenta (L.) Schott of the Araceae family intended for human consumption.</i>	29 December 2018
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/1001	Cakes <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for cake for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/1002	Vegetable juices <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for vegetable juices. It does not apply to vegetable juices for which specific Standards exist.</i>	60 days from notification
FRUITS, VEG-ETABLES	SOUTH AFRICA	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/ZAF/233	Potatoes <i>The proposed regulations cover the quality standards, containers, packing and marking requirements, sampling procedures, methods of inspection, offences and penalties, other legislation and repeal of regulation.</i>	31 January 2019
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	04/12/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/851	Medical equipment <i>This Normative Instruction provides the update of Annex I of Normative Instruction 4/2015 (Instrução Normativa 4, de 24 de Setembro de 2015) approving the list of technical standards to be adopted in the conformity assessment, and the updating of Annex II of IN 4/2015 (List of dates regarding the entrance into force of the standards to be adopted in the compulsory third party certification), within the scope of the Brazilian System of Conformity Assessment (SBAC). <i>This Normative Instruction enter into force on the date of its publication.</i></i>	Not applicable

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PAINT AND COLOR INDUSTRIES					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/750	Varnishes for interior surfaces <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirement and methods of sampling and test for varnishes used on interior surfaces such as wood, concrete, stones, metals</i>	13 December 2018
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/751	Hot applied thermoplastic road marking paint <i>This Draft East Africa Standard prescribes the performance requirement for thermoplastic material which have been melted and applied on road surfaces by spray, screed or extruded.</i>	13 December 2018
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/752	Solvent-borne and waterborne paints for marking on bituminous or concrete surfaces <i>This Draft East African specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for solvent-borne and waterborne paints for marking on bituminous or concrete surfaces. It makes provision for white, yellow, black and any other colours as specified.</i>	13 December 2018
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	KENYA	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/753	Solvent-based paint remover <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements for solvent-based paint removers. The paint removers are intended for general use on painted, varnished or lacquered on metal and other appropriate surfaces.</i>	13 December 2018
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	KENYA	06/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/761	Painting of buildings <i>This Kenya Standard gives recommendations for good practice in initial painting and maintenance painting of buildings internally and externally, e.g. dwellings, offices, light industrial buildings, schools, hospitals, hotels and public buildings generally, in which decoration is a significant and often the major factor. The code takes into account the need to protect many building materials against the weather or other forms of attack normally encountered.</i>	23 December 2018
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
LIQUID FUELS	ECUADOR	05/12/2018	G/TBT/N/ECU/66/Add.6	Combustibles <i>The Republic of Ecuador announces and announces Addendum 6 corresponding to Modification 4 of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 028 (1R) "Fuels", notified by document identified with the symbol G / TBT / N / ECU / 66 / Add.2 of June 12, 2014. This Modification 4 has been issued through Resolution No. 18 343 of October 31, 2018, issued by the Undersecretary of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industries and Productivity, and published in Official Register No. 378 of November 29, 2018.</i>	—

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LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	INDONESIA	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/IDN/119/Add.1	<p>Lubricating oils - Addendum</p> <p><i>Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Lubricating Oils notified under G/TBT/N/IDN/119 dated 21 March 2018</i></p> <p><i>Addendum of mandatory implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Lubricating Oils, consisted in:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SNI 7069.1:2012 Classification and specification - Lubricants - Part 1: Lubricating oils for 4 (four) steps gasoline engines of motorized vehicles (this standard is available in Indonesian); 2. SNI 7069.2:2012 Classification and specification - Lubricants - Part 2: Lubricating oils for 4 (four) steps gasoline engines of motor cycle; 3. SNI 7069.3:2016 Classification and specification - Lubricants - Part 3: Lubricating oils of 2 (two) steps gasoline engines with air coolers; 4. SNI 7069.4:2017 Classification and specification - Lubricants - Part 4: Lubricating oils of 2 (two) steps gasoline engines with water coolers; 5. SNI 7069.5:2012 Classification and specification - Lubricants - Part 5: Lubricating oils of high rotation diesel engines; 6. SNI 7069.6:2017 Classification and specification - Lubricants - Part 6: Lubricating oils of manual transmission and differential gears; 7. SNI 7069.7:2017 Classification and specification - Lubricants - Part 7: Lubricating oils of automatic transmission <p><i>The draft of this regulation has been stipulated through "Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 25 Year 2018" and will be coming into force on 12 (twelve) months after promulgation.</i></p>	—
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
CYCLES	INDONESIA	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/IDN/36/Add.2	<p>Bicycles - Addendum</p> <p><i>Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Bicycle notified under G/TBT/N/IDN/36 dated 24 March 2010</i></p> <p><i>Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 114/M-IND/PER/10/2010 has been replaced by Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 30 Year 2018 concerning Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Bicycle.</i></p> <p><i>This regulation has been entered into force since 11 October 2018.</i></p>	—

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CYCLES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	07/12/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/342	Bicycles for young children <i>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection is proposing to adopt the most recent version of standard, CNS 15503 "General requirements for safety of children's products," published on 18 October 2018, as the inspection standard for bicycles for young children. In this revised version, among all the changes, DMP and DEP are deleted from the scope of restricted phthalates, which reduces the number of restricted phthalates from 8 to 6 (DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP, and DNOP) and the sum of the total mixture of them cannot be over 0.1% (wt/wt) .</i>	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	THAILAND	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/481/Add.1	Road vehicle tyres - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Pneumatic Tyres for Motor Vehicles and Their Trailers (TIS 2718-2558 (2016)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/481 , was adopted on 22 November 2018 and will enter into force after 60 days of publication in the Official Gazette (21 January 2019) .</i>	—
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	THAILAND	03/12/2018	G/TBT/N/THA/482/Add.1	Road vehicle tyres - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Pneumatic Tyres for Commercial Vehicles and Their Trailers (TIS 2719-2558 (2016)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/482 , was adopted on 22 November 2018 and will enter into force after 60 days of publication in the Official Gazette (21 January 2019) .</i>	—
WOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FIBRE AND PARTICLE BOARDS	KENYA	07/12/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/772	Fibre and particle boards <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements for some properties, which are common for all types of uncoated particleboards or flat pressed, calendar-pressed unfaced particleboards as defined in EN 309 according to EN 312: Parts 2 to 7.</i>	15 December 2018