



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.

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Notifications on Agriculture, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment and Sports, Environment, Health Protection and Safety, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology etc. from the European Union, Georgia, Japan, Mexico, Rwanda 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 (02 - 08 September 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	04/09/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/502	Biocidal products - 2-methyl-1,2-benzisothiazol-3(2H)-one <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves 2-methyl-1,2-benzisothiazol-3(2H)-one as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 6</i>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	04/09/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/503	Biocidal products - Imiprothrin <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves imiprothrin as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 18</i>	60 days from notification

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PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	MÉXICO	04/09/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/197/Add.2	Pesticides - Addendum <i>Draft Modification of Numerals 2.1, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9 to 2.11, 2.13, 4.1.3, 4.1.8, 5.5, 5.9, 5.12, 6.2.8, 6.3.7, 7.3.8, 8, 8.1.1, 8.1.2, 8.1.8, 8.1.14, 8.2.2, 8.2.8, 8.3.2, 8.3.4, 8.3.7, 8.3.8, 9, 9.1.1, as well as 3 to 4, 6.2.1.3, 6.2.1.4 and 6.4, of the normative annex 1; 1, of the Annex normative 2; annex 4 and addition of the numerals 3.1.25 to 3.1.27, of the Mexican Official Standard NOM-232-SSA1-2009, pesticides: setting requirements for packaging, packaging and labeling products for agricultural, forestry, livestock, gardening, urban, industrial and published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on April 13, 2010.</i>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS					
TOYS	EUROPEAN UNION	06/09/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/504	Children's toys <i>To revise the current migration limit for chromium VI in scraped-off toy materials, in order to take the latest scientific evidence into account and increase children's safety.</i>	60 days from notification
TOYS	UKRAINE	05/09/2017	G/TBT/N/UKR/120	Toys <i>The Draft of the Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to the safety of toys, their placing on the market on the territory of Ukraine and defines the obligations of economic operators (manufacturers, authorized representatives, importers, distributors); the essential safety requirements for toys; the provisions on the presumption of conformity, state market surveillance; requirements for drawing up a declaration of conformity, product marking, conformity assessment bodies.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY					
SPECIAL WASTES	GEORGIA	05/09/2017	G/TBT/N/GEO/101	Medical waste <i>Regulation determines requirements for safe separation, collection, storage, disposal or processing of medical waste. Using of colours and symbols according to "Table 1" of regulation will be mandatory for all types of medical service suppliers from 1 January 2020.</i>	—
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	MÉXICO	06/09/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/370	Packaging and packages carrying radioactive material <i>During the transport of radioactive material, the most easy and safe to identify at a glance the possible risk of radiation exposure ionizing radiation, which represents the contents of a package of radioactive material, is use of labels assigned to the package or packages to be transported, which provide symbolic and written information of the radioactive contents. Additionally and by requirements identification marks are required to remain recognizable incidents during transport, including exposure weather and abrasion, as these labels are of great help to specialists in response to emergencies during transportation. Applies to any package, overfill, tank and cargo container, which is used for transport of radioactive material within the national territory, including storage in transit of these.</i>	60 calendar days from the 4th of September

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FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHILE	04/09/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/413/Add.1	Food for human consumption - Addendum <i>The Government of Chile hereby advises that the comment period for the proposal to update Articles 493, 494, 495, 498, 499, 501, 502, 503, 504 and 505 in Section XXVIII ("Foods for special dietary uses") of the Food Health Regulations (Supreme Decree No. 977/96 of the Ministry of Health), notified on 11 July 2017, has been extended to 26 September 2017.</i>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	PERÚ	04/09/2017	G/TBT/N/PER/97	Processed foods <i>This document sets out the technical specifications for record advertising warnings on processed foods and communication according to the Regulation of Law No. 30021, Law on the Promotion of Healthy Food for Children and Adolescents approved with Supreme Decree No. 017-2017-SA.</i>	November 30, 2017
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	06/09/2017	G/TBT/N/RWA/76	Comminuted fruit-based soft drinks <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for comminuted fruit-based soft drinks intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	06/09/2017	G/TBT/N/RWA/77	Soft drinks with fruit juice <i>This Draft Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for soft drinks with fruit juice intended for human consumption. This part of this Draft Rwanda Standard does not cover fruit based or non-fruit based health drinks and comminuted fruit based soft drinks.</i>	60 days from notification
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	RWANDA	06/09/2017	G/TBT/N/RWA/78	Carbonated and non-carbonated beverages <i>This Rwanda Standard specifies the requirements and methods of test and sampling for carbonated and noncarbonated beverages.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	SINGAPORE	04/09/2017	G/TBT/N/SGP/39	Ready-to-eat food <i>The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) has completed a review of the Food Regulations and proposes the following amendments: a) To delete the existing regulation 35 of the Food Regulations and substitute with the following new regulation 35 which provides a definition for ready-to-eat food: 35 - (1) Ready-to-eat food shall comply with the microbiological standard specified in Parts I, II and III of the Eleventh Schedule. (2) In these Regulations, "ready-to-eat food" means food intended by the producer or the manufacturer for direct human consumption without the need for cooking or other forms of processing effective to eliminate or reduce to an acceptable level the micro-organisms of concern. b) To delete the existing Eleventh Schedule of the Food Regulations and substitute with a new Eleventh Schedule which specifies the revised microbiological standard for ready-to-eat food.</i>	60 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	05/09/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/566	<p>Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system</p> <p><i>Protection of human health or safety; In order to prevent the abuse of substances with probable effects on the central nervous system and to clarify the regulation under the Act, the MHLW designates such substances as "Shitei Yakubutsu". Manufacture, import and sale, simple ownership and the use of "Shitei Yakubutsu" are banned except for the "proper uses" designated under the Act.</i></p>	Not applicable
MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT					
CRANES	JAPAN	04/09/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/565	<p>Mobile cranes</p> <p><i>Amendments of the Construction Code for Mobile cranes (Notification No.135 of the Ministry of Labour, 1995), which aims to the items (1) to (5) below.</i></p> <p><i>Amendments of the Construction Code for Gondras (Notification No.26 of the Ministry of Labour, 1994) and the Construction Code for Cranes (Notification No.134 of the Ministry of Labour, 1995) , which aim to the items (3) to (5) below.</i></p> <p><i>Amendments of the Construction Code for Elevators (Notification No.91 of the Ministry of , Labour, 1993) , which aims to the items (4) and (5) below.</i></p> <p><i>Amendments to the Construction Code for Over-load cutout devices for cranes or mobile cranes (Notification No.57 of the Ministry of Labour, 1972), which aims to the item (5) below.</i></p> <p><i>Items of the amendments</i></p> <p><i>(1) Permit design of limit state method in mobile cranes in addition to allowable stress method; and revise the standard of forward stability of mobile cranes to harmonize it to international standards.</i></p> <p><i>(2) Oblige to equip with over-load cutout devices to mobile cranes of less than live load 3t, even if the mobile cranes equip with load meters.</i></p> <p><i>(3) Permit any method of perforation by which no cracks or burrs occur other than drilling.</i></p> <p><i>(4) Exempt machines which have special structure or fabricated in accordance with international standards etc. from the Construction Codes when the Director-General of Labour Standards Bureau ensures equal safety as the Code.</i></p> <p><i>(5) Harmonize to the latest revision of relevant Japan Industrial Standards.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
FUELS	GEORGIA	05/09/2017	G/TBT/N/GEO/102	<p>Liquid fuel</p> <p><i>Regulation determines requirements of the import, production, consumption and supply of liquid fuel</i></p>	—

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SERVICES, COMPANY ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY, ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPORT, SOCIOLOGY					
ROAD TRANSPORT	GEORGIA	05/09/2017	G/TBT/N/GEO/103	Road transport <i>Regulation determines requirements for vehicles.</i>	—
WOOD TECHNOLOGY					
WOOD, SAWLOGS AND SAWN TIMBER	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	05/09/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/726	Timber products <i>Major Content:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>When importing timber or timber products, importers shall file an import declaration with the Minister of the Korea Forest Service</i> • <i>The Minister of the Korea Forest Service shall require an inspection agency to inspect the relevant documents before the completion of customs clearance</i> • <i>Where an inspection agency inspects documents, it shall verify whether any document falls under the requirements pursuant to Article 19-3-2</i> • <i>The Minister of the Korea Forest Service may issue an order to suspend the sale, return or destroy such timber or timber product that fails to verify timber legality</i> 	60 days from notification