

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 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.

IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

A total of 41 notifications on Construction Materials and Building, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology etc. from Canada, the European Union, Mexico, Tanzania, 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (03 - 09 February 2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	SPAIN	06/02/2018	G/TBT/N/ESP/37	Live animals <i>Establish the import requirements for those animals living conditions for which there are no harmonized conditions at the level of the European Union, and whose final destination is Spain, including invasive species.</i>	60 days from the notification
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ON-BOARD EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS	UNITED STATES	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1256/Corr.3	Enhanced flight vision systems - Corrigendum <i>The FAA is correcting a final rule published on 13 December 2016. In that rule, the FAA amended its regulations to allow operators to use an enhanced flight vision system (EFVS) in lieu of natural vision to continue descending from 100 feet above the touchdown zone elevation (TDZE) to the runway and to land on certain straight-in instrument approach procedures (IAPs) under instrument flight rules</i>	—

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				<i>As part of the final rule, the FAA revised appendix F to part 121 to provide greater clarity on the checking requirements for EFVS. In amending appendix F to part 121, the FAA used amendatory instructions that inadvertently misplaced new paragraph III(c) (5) . This document amends appendix F to part 121 to correct that error.</i>	
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UNITED KINGDOM	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/GBR/30	Rinse off personal care products containing microbeads <i>The draft regulations prohibit the use of microbeads as an ingredient in the manufacture of rinse-off personal care products and the sale of any such products containing microbeads.</i>	90 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	HONG KONG, CHINA	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/HKG/50	Water closets <i>Hong Kong, China will introduce a voluntary water efficiency labelling scheme on water closets. Manufacturers, importers or other related parties in the water closet business can apply for registration of their water closets under the scheme. Water closets complying with the performance requirements will be registered under the scheme and will be rated to different water efficiency grades according to their water consumption level. Registered water closets will be allowed to affix water efficiency labels of specified format to them showing their water efficiency grades and water consumption level.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	LITHUANIA	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/LTU/6/Rev.1/Corr.1	Construction Products - Corrigendum <i>The notification G/TBT/N/LTU/6/Rev.1 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.</i>	—
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	LITHUANIA	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/LTU/31	Construction products <i>This document represents an update draft for the technical regulation notified under G/TBT/N/LTU/6. It does not supersede the existing list of the construction products subject to regulation, but supplements it by newly adopted European harmonized standards. The proposed regulation provides technical specifications, mandatory essential characteristics and systems of assessment and verification of constancy of performance for a series of construction products, such as aggregates, binders, concrete and mortar, masonry units, thermal insulation products, concrete and reinforced concrete, windows and doors, timber structures and products, glass, roof coverings and products, floors,</i>	60 days from notification

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				walls and ceilings coverings, waterproofing products, sealants, paints, geo-textiles, cables, fire-construction, heating, water supply and ventilation devices, reinforcing steel, embedded details, steel structures, road construction products, chimneys, waste water treatment facilities, fire fighting systems, fire detection and fire alarm systems equipment, stationary fire extinction systems and their components, etc. The new draft legislation also sets technical specifications, mandatory essential characteristic, and systems of assessment and verification of constancy of performance of construction products for which there are no harmonized technical specifications.	
INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS	UNITED STATES	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1336	Energy efficiency <i>Amends rules to propose new requirements for installation of solar photovoltaics for newly constructed low-rise residential buildings, update current ventilation and Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) requirements, including references to ASHRAE 62.1 and 62.2, and extend Title 24 Part 6 to apply to healthcare facilities.</i>	05 March 2018
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	PHILIPPINES	06/02/2018	G/TBT/N/PHL/196/Rev.1	Household and similar electrical appliances - Revision <i>Under this Department Administrative Order, all manufacturers, and importers of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances shall comply with the requirements of the Philippine National Standards. Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public (i.e. for use in commercial establishments) are within the scope of this Order. This Order does not cover appliances that are exclusively for industrial purposes. The draft requires all manufacturers, assemblers, and importers of products stated under clause 5.1 of this Order to secure a Philippine Standard (PS) Certification Mark License or an Import Commodity Clearance (ICC), respectively, prior to its distribution and sale.</i>	Not applicable
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/301/Add.1	Lighters - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penhu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to the legal inspection requirements of lighters", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/301 on 30 November 2017, was promulgated on 8 February 2018 and will come into effect on 1 July 2018.</i>	—

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EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1186/Rev.1	Children's toys and child care articles containing specified phthalates - Revision <i>On 30 August 2017, the Commission issued a final rule determining that certain plastics and additives would not contain the phthalates that the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) prohibits from use in children's toys and child care articles. Subsequently, the Commission issued a final rule that removes some phthalates from the statutory prohibition and adds others. This direct final rule revises the determinations rule to cover the phthalates that the phthalates final rule prohibits from use in children's toys and child care articles.</i>	26 February 2018
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1315/Add.1	Toys and child care articles containing specified phthalates - Addendum <i>This final rule updates the notice of requirements (NOR) for the accreditation of third party laboratories to assess conformity with the prohibitions of children's toys and child care articles containing specified phthalates. The NOR provides the criteria and process for Commission acceptance of accreditation under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) . This rule makes the NOR consistent with the regulated phthalates in children's toys and child care articles in the phthalates final rule published in the Federal Register on 27 October 2017.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	PHILIPPINES	06/02/2018	G/TBT/N/PHL/202	Self-ballasted LED lamps <i>Under this Department Administrative Order, all manufacturers, distributors, importers, and retailers of Self-ballasted LED Lamps shall comply with the requirements of the Philippine National Standards. The scope of implementation shall cover Self-ballasted LED-Lamps for General Lighting Services by Voltage > 50 V - Safety Requirements covered by PNS IEC 62560:2012, intended for domestic and similar general lighting purposes, having:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a rated wattage up to 30 W - a rated voltage > 50 V up to 250 V - E14 and E27 caps 	Not applicable
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
WASTES	EUROPEAN UNION	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/541	Electrical and electronic equipment <i>The draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishes a common format for registration and reporting of producers of electrical and electronic equipment and a common frequency of reporting to the</i>	60 days from notification

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PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	MOZAMBIQUE	06/02/2018	G/TBT/N/MOZ/13	Dangerous goods <i>The purpose of this Regulation is to establish the standards and procedures for the transport of dangerous goods by road, and shall apply to dangerous road transport operators and their drivers.</i> <i>Except as provided in the preceding number, the hazardous goods road transport of the class of explosives and radioactive materials carried out by the Defense and Security Forces and the National Atomic Energy Agency, respectively.</i>	60 days from notification
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1337	Air emission sources <i>This action proposes corrections and updates to regulations for source testing of emissions. The proposed rule includes corrections to testing provisions that contain inaccuracies, updates to outdated procedures, and approved alternative procedures that provide testers enhanced flexibility. The revisions will improve the quality of data but will not impose new substantive requirements on source owners or operators.</i>	27 March 2018
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/539	Food <i>This draft Commission Regulation concerns the refusal of authorisation of three health claims made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk in accordance with Article 17(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/540	Food <i>This draft Commission Regulation concerns the refusal of authorisation of seven health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health in accordance with Article 18(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods.</i>	60 days from notification
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MEXICO	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/235/Add.4	Chile habanero - Addendum <i>Response to the Comments of the Draft Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-189-SCFI-2016, "Chile Habanero from the Yucatan Peninsula (Capsicum Chinense Jacq.) Specifications and methods of proof "(will cancel the Official Mexican Standard NOM-189-SCFI-2012, Chile Habanero de la Yucatan Peninsula (Capsicum Chinense Jacq.) -</i>	—

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				<i>Specifications and test methods, published on November 30, 2012), published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on the 22nd of November 2016</i>	
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	MEXICO	06/02/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/390	Yoghurt <i>The notified draft Mexican Official Standard applies to yoghurt marketed within the territory of the United Mexican States. It establishes the designations, physiochemical and microbiological specifications, and commercial information for yoghurt.</i>	02 March 2018
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	MEXICO	06/02/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/391	Milk powder or dried milk <i>Applies to the different types of "milk powder or dried milk" marketed as a raw material within the territory of the United Mexican States.</i>	02 April 2018
POULTRY AND EGGS	TANZANIA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/128	Chicken meat <i>This Tanzania standard prescribes the requirements, sampling and test methods for raw and/or spiced chicken "Gallus domesticus" meat carcasses or cuts intended for human consumption. It covers raw and/or spiced fresh chicken/meat carcasses or cuts products at slaughter, meat processing facility and delivery to market.</i>	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	TANZANIA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/129	Corned beef <i>This Tanzania standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for corned beef.</i>	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	TANZANIA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/130	Dressed poultry <i>This Tanzania standard prescribes requirements, methods of sampling and test for dressed poultry. It covers poultry such as chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, guinea fowl or any other domesticated bird.</i>	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	TANZANIA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/131	Dried meat <i>This Tanzania standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for dried deboned meat meant for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	TANZANIA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/132	Hatching eggs <i>This Tanzania standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for hatching eggs from chicken</i>	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	TANZANIA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/133	Pork carcasses and cuts <i>This Tanzania Standard prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for Pork carcasses and cuts</i>	60 days from notification

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POULTRY AND EGGS	TANZANIA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/134	Sausages <i>This Tanzania standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for red meat sausages from cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and other animals intended for human consumption</i>	60 days from notification
POULTRY AND EGGS	TANZANIA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TZA/135	Table eggs <i>This Tanzania standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for chicken table eggs.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	UGANDA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/808	Baking powder <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for baking powder.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	UGANDA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/809	Food additives - Saccharin <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for food grade saccharin.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	UGANDA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/UGA/810	Food additives - Aspartame <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for food grade aspartame.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	07/02/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/471/Add.2/Corr.1	Human and veterinary antimicrobials - Corrigendum <i>The notification G/TBT/N/CAN/471/Add.2 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.</i>	–
ANAESTHETIC, RESPIRATORY AND REANIMATION EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/392	Anesthesiology practice <i>This Standard is mandatory for all health professionals and facilities for medical care, members of the National Health System where anesthesiology is practiced.</i>	01 March 2018
LABORATORY MEDICINE	MEXICO	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/393	Products related to the operation of clinical laboratories <i>It is mandatory for clinical laboratories, as well as for the professionals and technicians of the health area of the National System of Health that intervene in the organization and operation of said establishments.</i>	01 April 2018
PAINT AND COLOR INDUSTRIES					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN,	06/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/303/Add.1	Ready mixed paint (synthetic r[...]t and emulsion paint - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify</i>	–

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	PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU			<i>that "Amendment to the inspection requirements for Ready mixed paint (Synthetic resin type), Enamel, Solvent-base masonry paint and Emulsion paint", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/303 on 30 November 2017, will be promulgated on 6 February 2017 and will come into effect on 1 July 2018.</i>	
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
FUELS	MEXICO	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/365/Add.1	Anti-pollution equipment - Addendum <i>Response to the Comments of the Draft Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-004-ASEA-2017, Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems for the Control of Emissions in Stations of Service for Expendio to the Public of Gasolines- Test Methods to Determine Efficiency, Maintenance and Parameters for the Operation.</i>	—
FUELS	MEXICO	09/02/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/367/Add.1	Liquefied petroleum gas - Addendum <i>Notice by which it is extended for a period of six months counted from the February 10, 2018, the validity of the official Mexican emergency regulation NOM-EM-004-ASEA-2017, specifications and requirements regarding industrial safety, operational safety and protection to the environment for design, construction, pre-start, operation, maintenance, closing and dismantling of service stations with specific purpose for the sale to the public of liquefied petroleum gas, through the partial or total filling of pressure portable containers, published in the official gazette of the federation on August 8, 2017.</i>	—
FUELS	UNITED STATES	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1335	Motor fuel <i>Establishes the standards relating to motor fuel. This rule adopts the 2017 version of the NIST Handbook 130 which establishes the uniform engine fuels and automotive lubricant regulations. This rule eliminates unnecessary permitting requirements that have previously been required. It specifies specific areas where the state is not going to adopt the national standard and instead have state specific standards. This rule proposes a standard color code be adopted by gasoline stations. It clarifies that the state will adopt the ASTM specification D4814-17 for automotive spark-ignition engine fuel.</i>	14 February 2018

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	08/02/2018	G/TBT/N/BRA/789	<p>Telecommunications products</p> <p><i>It approves the Conformity Assessment Regulation and homologation of telecommunications products.</i></p> <p><i>It will revoke the regulation for certification and approval of telecommunications products approved by Resolution 242, 30 November 2000 and the Standard for certification of telecommunication products approved by Resolution 323, 7 November 2002.</i></p>	Comments will be accepted until ninety days after the publication at 28 November 2017
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/542	<p>Radiocommunications</p> <p><i>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development that the following document has been updated on its Web site http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/home?OpenDocument:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Radio Standards Specifications RSS-133, Issue 6, (amendment) 2 GHz Personal Communications Services sets out the requirements for the certification of transmitters and receivers used in radiocommunication systems to provide Personal Communications Services (PCS) in the bands 1850-1915 MHz and 1930-1995 MHz.</i> 	28 March 2018
TESTING					
TEST CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	05/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1338	<p>Handgun and firearm safety device testing</p> <p><i>Amends rules regarding laboratory certification of handgun testing and certified firearm safety device laboratories, firearm safety device standards and testing, and standards for gun safes.</i></p>	23 February 2018