

# 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 Agriculture, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment and Sports, Fluid Systems and Components for General Use, Food and Beverages, Telecommunications, Audio and Video Engineering etc. from Chile, the European Union, Paraguay, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, 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)

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (03 - 09 June 2017)

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<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CANADA	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/513/Add.1</a>	Tobacco products - Addendum <i>Bill S-5, An Act to amend the Tobacco Act and the Non-Smokers' Health Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts. The amended Bill S-5 now includes a ban on menthol, menthone, and cloves in all tobacco products (see section 68).</i>	—
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	ISRAEL	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/709/Add.1</a>	Cosmetics - Addendum <i>The draft regulations, notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/709, dated 23 October 2013, have been replaced by the Israel Ministry of Health. This new draft lowers trade barriers and simplifies</i>	—

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<b>CLOTHING INDUSTRY</b>					
CLOTHING INDUSTRY	ECUADOR	6/6/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/7/Add.8</a>	<p>Labelling and marking of textiles, articles of apparel, footwear and accessories thereof - Addendum</p> <p><i>By means of this Addendum No. 6, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Amendment No. 1 to the first revision (1R) of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 014 "Lubricating oils", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/8/Add.5 of 29 April 2014, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 152 of 10 April 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 006 of 2 June 2017.</i></p>	—
TEXTILES	PARAGUAY	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/94</a>	<p>Labeling of textile products</p> <p><i>Draft Resolution No. 03/17 of the GMC. Regulation MERCOSUR Technical on the Labeling of Textile Products (Repeal of Res. GMC No. 33/07). The MERCOSUR Technical Regulation provides consumers with the existence of an instrument that ensures a clear and correct identification of the composition of textile products, the size and of the yarns, as well as the characteristics of treatment, cleaning and conservation of the textile products throughout their useful life.</i></p>	07 August 2017
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS</b>					
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	ECUADOR	6/6/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/3/Add.5</a>	<p>Household refrigerating appliances - Addendum</p> <p><i>By means of this Addendum No. 5, the Republic of Ecuador notifies draft Amendment No. 3 to Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 009 "Household refrigerating appliances", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/3/Add.1 of 29 November 2005.</i></p>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	6/9/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/275</a>	<p>Strollers and carriages</p> <p><i>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection intends to make changes to the inspection standards for strollers and carriages by adopting the updated version of CNS 12940, which was published on 10 September 2013, to provide better protection for children. The new version of CNS 12940 includes requirements of maximum load up to 15kg, labelling of maximum user weight, and compliance of toys attached to the product with CNS 4797 in terms of the limits of total</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				amount of 8 phthalates (DMP, DEP, DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP and DNOP) as well as 8 heavy metals (Sb, As, Ba, Cd, Cr, Pb, Hg and Se) . The conformity assessment procedure of strollers and carriages remains unchanged, i.e. batch inspection or registration of product certification.	
DOMESTIC RE-FRIGERATING APPLIANCES	UNITED STATES	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/661/Add.7</a>	Non-compressor residential refrigeration products - Addendum  On 28 October 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published in the Federal Register a direct final rule to establish new energy conservation standards for miscellaneous refrigeration products. DOE has determined that the comments received in response to that direct final rule do not provide a reasonable basis for withdrawing it. Therefore, DOE is providing notice confirming the adoption of the energy conservation standards established in that direct final rule and announces the effective date of those standards.	—
<b>ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>					
MOTORS	PANAMA	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/94</a>	AC Motors  Object, Scope, References, Specifications, Method of Test, Marking, Sampling, Acceptance Criteria, Conformity Assessment, Surveillance, Sanctions and Bibliography.	
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY</b>					
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1294</a>	Volatile organic compounds emissions  Amends rules to establish new volatile organic compound standards for 11 new consumer products and to strengthen volatile organic compound standards for 15 existing consumer products.	27 June 2017
<b>FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE</b>					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	UNITED STATES	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1257/Add.2</a>	Air conditioners and heat pumps - Addendum  On 6 January 2017, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published in the Federal Register a direct final rule to establish new energy conservation standards for residential central air conditioners and heat pumps. DOE has determined that the comments received in response to that direct final rule do not provide a reasonable basis for withdrawing it. Therefore, DOE is providing notice confirming the adoption of the energy conservation standards established in that direct final rule and announces the effective dates of those standards.	—

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PUMPS	UNITED STATES	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1263/Add.2</a>	Dedicated-purpose pool pumps - Addendum  <i>On 18 January 2017, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published in the Federal Register a direct final rule to establish new energy conservation standards for dedicated purpose pool pumps. DOE has determined that the comments received in response to that direct final rule do not provide a reasonable basis for withdrawing it. Therefore, DOE is providing notice confirming the adoption of the energy conservation standards established in that direct final rule and announces the effective date of those standards.</i>	—
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	6/9/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/701/Add.2</a>	Frozen fish - Addendum  <i>This addendum aims to inform that the technical regulation issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA, as Ordinance number 21, 31 May 2017 (Instrução Normativa N° 21, 31 de maio de 2017), was adopted as a final text by the code G/TBT/N/BRA/701/Add.2 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. Besides, to inform that the fish frozen product have a term of 180 days, counted from the date of publication of this Ordinance, to promote the necessary labelling adaptations for the products and 90 days for other requirements.</i>	—
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	CHILE	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/406</a>	Honey  <i>The notified amendment proposes amending the definition of honey and bringing it into line with the Codex Standard for Honey (CODEX STAN 12-1981) .</i>	60 days from the date of notification.
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	CHILE	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/407</a>	Gluten limits in food products  <i>The notified amendment proposes modifying gluten limits in food products labelled as gluten-free.</i>	60 days from the date of notification.
GENERAL METHODS OF TESTS AND ANALYSIS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS	COSTA RICA	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CRI/74/Add.1</a>	Food products - Addendum  <i>On 4 April 2008, the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica notified, in G/TBT/N/ CRI/74 , Central American Technical Regulation (RTCA) No. 67.04.50:08: "Food products. Microbiological criteria for food safety", which establishes the microbiological parameters and permissible limits for the registration and sanitary surveillance of food products.</i>	—

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				<p>The provisions of this Regulation apply to all food products marketed in Central American countries.</p> <p>The purpose of the present Addendum is to notify WTO Members that RTCA No. 67.04.50:08 has been revised and that there will be a comment period of 60 days as from the date of this notification.</p>	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	EUROPEAN UNION	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/488</a>	<p>Spirit drinks</p> <p>It concerns the adjustment of two of the spirit drink categories of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 110/2008, i.e. category 9 "fruit spirit" and category 10 "cider spirit and perry spirit" to adapt them respectively to the traditional denomination and production methods actually used in EU Member States. Regardless of the title, please note that this draft Commission Regulation does not contain provisions on intellectual property right issues, in particular related to geographical indications. Only the provisions related to technical standards, definitions and labelling would be relevant for the purpose of the TBT Agreement.</p>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	PERU	6/9/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PER/95</a>	<p>Labelling of genetically modified food</p> <p>The purpose of the Regulation is to establish the rules for the labelling of packaged foods incorporating genetically modified which are available to consumers at points of sale National territory, whether national or imported, for the purpose of protecting the Consumers' right to information, pursuant to Article 37 of the Law No. 29571, Code of Protection and Defence of the Consumer.</p>	06 September 2017
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	PARAGUAY	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/95</a>	<p>Pre-packaged Products</p> <p>Draft Resolution No. 05/17 of the GMC. Regulation MERCOSUR Technical Report on Net Contents of Prepackaged Products (Repeal of Res. GMC No. 31/07). Said MERCOSUR Technical Regulation, establishes the Quantitative standardization of products frozen fish fillet, dentifrices, soap washing in bar and solid bleach.</p>	The Paraguayan authorities handle requests for documents and receive the pertinent comments, up to 60 days from the notification.
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	PARAGUAY	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/96</a>	<p>Milk</p> <p>The purpose of the draft MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on the identity and quality of powdered milk is to establish the identity and minimum quality requirements for powdered milk and instant powdered milk for human consumption. It does not cover powdered milk used in infant and pharmaceutical formula.</p>	The Paraguayan authorities will respond to requests for documents and receive any relevant comments in the 60 days following notification.

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FOOD ADDITIVES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/239/Add.1</a>	<p>Labelling of pre-packaged vinegar - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Regulations Governing the Labeling of Prepackaged Vinegar," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/239 on 1 July 2016, was promulgated on 6 June 2017 and will come to effect on 1 July 2018.</i></p>	—
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/266/Add.1</a>	<p>Food sold by vending machines - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Regulations Governing the Labelling of Food Products Sold by Vending Machines," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/266 on 13 March 2017 was promulgated on 2 June 2017 and will come into effect on 1 July 2017.</i></p>	—
<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	ECUADOR	6/6/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/8/Add.6</a>	<p>Lubricating oils - Addendum</p> <p><i>By means of this Addendum No. 6, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Amendment No. 1 to the first revision (1R) of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 014 "Lubricating oils", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/8/Add.5 of 29 April 2014, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 152 of 10 April 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 006 of 2 June 2017.</i></p>	—
<b>RAILWAY ENGINEERING</b>					
METRO, TRAM AND LIGHT RAIL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	6/9/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/718</a>	<p>Railway vehicles</p> <p><i>[Background and progress on the technical regulations of the railway vehicles]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Manufacturer (or his representative) shall get type approval from the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT) for the newly-designed railway vehicles or significantly modified vehicles. Also, manufacturer approval and produced vehicle inspection certificate are necessary for the operation in Korea (Railway Safety ACT, Article 26, 26-3, and 26-6) .</i></li> <li>• <i>The MOLIT has enacted the technical regulations for type approval, manufacturer approval, and completion inspection of the rolling stocks;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>high speed rail (electric locomotives and coaches type), conventional rail, and urban rail (EMU operated in DC power only) in 2014.</i></li> <li>- <i>quality management system for mass production of rolling stocks approved by MOLIT in 2014.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	60 days from notification

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				<p>- high speed rail (EMU type), conventional rail (passenger coach and freight wagon), urban rail (EMU operated in AC or AC/DC power), and light rail (tram) in 2016.</p> <p>* EMU: electric multiple unit, *.DC: direct current, *.AC: alternative current.</p> <p>[Additional enactment and amendment on the technical regulations]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MOLIT plans to enact additionally the technical regulations for rolling stocks of conventional rail (electric or diesel locomotive, EMU, and DMU type) and light rail (including tram), and to amend the quality management system for manufacturer approval of rolling stocks.</li> </ul> <p>* DMU: diesel multiple unit, * LIM: linear induction motor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The additional technical regulations will contain the essential requirements and the rolling stock subsystem requirements equivalent to the existing technical regulations enacted in 2014 and 2016, which will be available for type examination, and inspection for series manufactured vehicles.</li> </ul> <p>- The essential requirements in the technical regulations provide safety requirements (rolling stock gauge, running safety, collision safety, fire safety, electrical safety, risk analysis, and software in rolling stocks), performances, interfaces with infrastructure, operation and maintenance, and operational limits (reliability and availability, health, acoustic noise, rescue operation, and aerodynamic characteristics) .</p> <p>- The rolling stock subsystem requirements prescribe on the design and structural requirements for car body and interior devices, bogie, brake, propulsion, auxiliary power unit, on-board signalling, train control and monitoring device, as well as coupling device.</p> <p>- Also, testing procedures for components, parts, assembled vehicles, and running test are provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The software management requirements, used in the rolling stocks, are added newly in the quality management system for manufacturer approval prescribed in 2014. The definitions of product verification and factory inspection are also amended according to the Railway Safety ACT and its decrees.</li> </ul>	



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<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHILE	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/405</a>	Urban public transport vehicles  <i>The notified Decree establishes the technical, constructive and security requirements for urban public transport vehicles, while the proposed amendment introduces coachwork interior design specifications and modifications with a view to improving the comfort of passengers and drivers.</i>	60 days from the date of notification.
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/527</a>	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 <a href="http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/home?OpenDocument">http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/home?OpenDocument</a>:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio Standards Specifications RSS-131, Issue 3, (update) Zone Enhancers which sets out the certification requirements for zone enhancers and signal boosters.</li> </ul>	24 July 2017
TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING	MEXICO	6/9/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/359</a>	Telecommunications and broadcasting  <i>The current Conformity Assessment Procedure, Issued by the former Federal Telecommunications Commission (COFETEL) in 2005, did not reflect the new technical regulatory framework created following the issuance of the Federal Law of Telecommunications and Broadcasting. Derived from the above, it is necessary to issue a new regulatory instrument for these effects, which also reflects the dizzying technology without becoming a technical barrier to trade. In this context, the Proposed Draft Conformity Assessment Procedure for Telecommunications and Broadcasting (Preliminary Draft Procedure) seeks to simplify the conformity assessment process and, therefore, the type-approval of products intended for telecommunications and broadcasting; As well as to establish a scheme of robust and efficient certification.</i>	July 31, 2017 (the consultation will be held from June 2 to July 31, 2017).
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	THAILAND	6/6/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/497</a>	Radio communication equipment  <i>NBTC TS 1032-2560 specifies minimum technical requirements for Radiocommunication Equipment in Amateur Radio Service to be used by every level of amateur radio users. The technical requirements of the equipment include radio frequency requirements, safety requirements, and radiation exposure requirements.</i>	60 days from notification



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RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	UKRAINE	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UKR/112/Add.1</a>	Radio equipment - Addendum  <i>Ukraine would like to inform the WTO Members that the Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation of radio equipment" ( G/TBT/N/UKR/112 ) was adopted on 24 May 2017 and will enter into force on 1 April 2018.</i>	—
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIO-VISUAL ENGINEERING	UKRAINE	6/8/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UKR/113/Add.1</a>	Televisions - Addendum  <i>Ukraine would like to inform the WTO Members that the Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation for the energy labelling of televisions" ( G/TBT/N/UKR/113 ) was adopted on 24 May 2017 and will enter into force on 2 December 2017.</i>	—
<b>WOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
WOOD TECHNOLOGY PROCESSES	UNITED STATES	6/7/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/827/Rev.1/Add.1</a>	Composite wood products - Addendum  <i>EPA is taking direct final action on a revision to the formaldehyde emission standards for composite wood products final rule, published in the Federal Register on 12 December 2016. EPA is publishing this direct final action to extend the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Title VI final rule compliance dates including: Extending the 12 December 2017 date for emission standards, recordkeeping, and labeling provisions until 22 March 2018; extending the 12 December 2018 date for import certification provisions until 22 March 2019; and extending the 12 December 2023 date for provisions applicable to producers of laminated products until 22 March 2024. Additionally, this direct final action will extend the transitional period during which the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Third Party Certifiers (TPC) may certify composite wood products under TSCA Title VI without an accreditation issued by an EPA TSCA Title VI Accreditation Body so long as the TPC remains approved by CARB, is recognized by EPA, and complies with all aspects of the 12 December 2016 final rule. Extension of these compliance dates and the transitional period for CARB TPCs adds regulatory flexibility for regulated entities, reduces compliance burdens, and helps to prevent disruptions to supply</i>	8 June 2017