

# 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 Agriculture, Chemicals, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology etc. from Brazil, Gulf Cooperation Council, Tanzania, Uganda, 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)

We are glad to be of service to you!

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (03 - 09 March 2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	BRAZIL	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/794</a>	Animal origin products <i>Ordinance laying down procedures proposal submission, evaluation, validation and implementation of technological innovations to be employed at any stage of the animal origin products manufacture in establishments registered in the Department of Inspection of Products of Animal Origin - DIPOA/Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock - SDA.</i>	Not applicable
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	BRAZIL	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/795</a>	Cattle and buffaloes <i>Draft technical regulation laying down the Brazilian System of Individual Identification for cattle and buffaloes - SISBOV.</i>	09 March 2018

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	BRAZIL	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/796</a>	Non edible animals by-products  <i>Draft technical regulation exempts the registration for non edible animals by-products and their establishments. It renders ineffective Ordinance 4, 16 February 2018 (Instrução Normativa nº 04, de 16 de fevereiro de 2018) .</i>	26 March 2018
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	ECUADOR	06/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/117/Rev.1</a>	Surface tension agents - Review  <i>This draft revision of the Technical Regulations establishes the Object; scope; definitions; requirements; sampling; trials to evaluate the accordance; reference documents; procedure for the evaluation of the accordance; monitoring and control authority; sanctions regime; responsibility of the conformity assessment bodies and review and update of the Regulation Ecuadorian Technician RTE INEN 088 (1R) "Surface tension agents".</i>	May 27, 2018
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	SOUTH AFRICA	08/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZAF/225</a>	Cosmetics  <i>The Regulations make provision for the labelling, advertising and composition of cosmetics.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT	OMAN	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/345</a>	Scaffolds  <i>This draft Ministerial Decision is mandating EN 12810-1:2003, EN 12811-1:2003. All the items are Mandatory.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS</b>					
SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES	UNITED STATES	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1347</a>	Swimming and wading pools, hot tubs, and spas  <i>Proposes to repeal the Rules and Regulations for Licensing Swimming and Wading Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas, and replace them with the rules and regulations for Licensing Aquatic Venues.</i>	16 March 2018
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY</b>					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/403</a>	Water-saving products  <i>This GSO Technical Regulation (TR) shall apply to Water-saving Products as defined in Article (2) thereof. This TR aims to rationalize water consumption through products covered (listed in Annex 1) . The rationalization will be in accordance with specified rates of consumption (Annex 2), to achieve efficient and effective water use for optimum social and economic benefits of member states.</i>	60 days from notification

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	BAHRAIN	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/514</a>	Water-saving products  <i>This GSO Technical Regulation (TR) shall apply to Water-saving Products as defined in Article (2) thereof. This TR aims to rationalize water consumption through products covered (listed in Annex 1) . The rationalization will be in accordance with specified rates of consumption (Annex 2), to achieve efficient and effective water use for optimum social and economic benefits of member states.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	KUWAIT	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/396</a>	Water-saving products  <i>This GSO Technical Regulation (TR) shall apply to Water-saving Products as defined in Article (2) thereof. This TR aims to rationalize water consumption through products covered (listed in Annex 1) . The rationalization will be in accordance with specified rates of consumption (Annex 2), to achieve efficient and effective water use for optimum social and economic benefits of member states.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	OMAN	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/344</a>	Water-saving products  <i>This GSO Technical Regulation (TR) shall apply to Water-saving Products as defined in Article (2) thereof. This TR aims to rationalize water consumption through products covered (listed in Annex 1) . The rationalization will be in accordance with specified rates of consumption (Annex 2), to achieve efficient and effective water use for optimum social and economic benefits of member states.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	QATAR	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/513</a>	Water-saving products  <i>This GSO Technical Regulation (TR) shall apply to Water-saving Products as defined in Article (2) thereof. This TR aims to rationalize water consumption through products covered (listed in Annex 1) . The rationalization will be in accordance with specified rates of consumption (Annex 2), to achieve efficient and effective water use for optimum social and economic benefits of member states.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1041</a>	Water-saving products  <i>This GSO Technical Regulation (TR) shall apply to Water-saving Products as defined in Article (2) thereof. This TR aims to rationalize water consumption through products covered (listed in Annex 1) . The rationalization will be in accordance with specified rates of consumption (Annex 2), to achieve efficient and effective water use for optimum social and economic benefits of member states.</i>	60 days from notification

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	YEMEN	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/116</a>	Water-saving products  <i>This GSO Technical Regulation (TR) shall apply to Water-saving Products as defined in Article (2) thereof. This TR aims to rationalize water consumption through products covered (listed in Annex 1) . The rationalization will be in accordance with specified rates of consumption (Annex 2), to achieve efficient and effective water use for optimum social and economic benefits of member states.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/404</a>	Food products  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to nutrition labelling for food products.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BAHRAIN	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/515</a>	Food products  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to nutrition labelling for food products.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KUWAIT	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/397</a>	Food products  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to nutrition labelling for food products.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	OMAN	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/345</a>	Food products  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to nutrition labelling for food products.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	QATAR	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/514</a>	Food products  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to nutrition labelling for food products.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1042</a>	Food products  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to nutrition labelling for food products.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1042</a>	Bread prepared from wheat flour  <i>This draft technical regulation is concerned with the technical requirements to be met in the production of bread prepared from wheat flour, and does not apply to the bread used for special nutrition.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	YEMEN	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/117</a>	Food products  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to nutrition labelling for food products.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	TANZANIA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/136</a>	Draught beer  <i>This Tanzania Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for draught beer.</i>	60 days from notification

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	TANZANIA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/137</a>	Fruit flavoured alcoholic beverage  <i>This Tanzania Standard prescribes the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for Fruit flavoured alcoholic beverage.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	TANZANIA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/138</a>	Non cereal based alcoholic beverages  <i>This Tanzania Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and testing for non cereal based alcoholic beverages, produced by fermentation of soluble extracts of non cereal ingredients. The Standard does not include requirements for wines, ulanzi and roselle alcoholic drinks.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	TANZANIA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/139</a>	Liqueurs  <i>This Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and tests for liqueurs.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/140</a>	Durum wheat semolina  <i>This Tanzania Standard prescribes requirements, methods of sampling and test for durum wheat semolina prepared from durum wheat (Triticum durumdesf) suitable for human consumption. It does not apply to any product prepared from common wheat (Triticum aestivum L) or club wheat (Triticum compacturm host) or mixtures thereof or to mixtures of these wheats in combination with</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	TANZANIA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/141</a>	Roselle alcoholic drink  <i>This Tanzania Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and tests for roselle alcoholic drink, produced by fermentation of a sugar added extract of dried roselle calyces mash, by yeasts.</i>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	UGANDA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/812</a>	Green coffee beans  <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for wet and dry processed green coffee beans intended for human consumption. This standard applies to both Arabica (Coffea Arabia Linn), Robusta (Coffea canephora) coffee beans and Liberia (Coffea liberica).</i>	60 days from notification
<b>GENERALITIES, TERMINOLOGY, STANDARDIZATION, DOCUMENTATION</b>					
QUANTITIES AND UNITS	BRAZIL	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/793</a>	Frozen fish fillet, toothpaste, bar wash soap and solid bleach  <i>Draft Mercosur Technical Regulation establishing provisions for the net content of frozen fish fillets, toothpaste, soap bars and solid bleach (quantity of the consumable item contained in a package, as stated on the label), in order to repeal "GMC Resolution 31/07" and shall apply to trade in such goods.</i>	02 April 2018

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<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	08/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/798</a>	<p>Medicines and biological products</p> <p><i>This Resolution applies to requests for post-registration alteration of medicines and biological products filed with Anvisa before and after Law 13.411 of 28 December 2016.</i></p> <p><i>Art. 2. The maximum period for the final decision in the post-registration change processes of medicines and biological products will be, respectively:</i></p> <p><i>I - for the priority category, of sixty days, counted from the date of the respective prioritization protocol;</i></p> <p><i>II - for the ordinary category, one hundred and eighty days, counted from the date of the respective post-registration change protocol.</i></p> <p><i>Paragraph 1. The aforementioned period may be extended by up to one-third of the original term, once, by means of a reasoned decision of Anvisa issued at least fifteen business days before the end of the original term.</i></p> <p><i>Paragraph 2. The aforementioned period will have their countdown suspended when they request information or requirements, until they are attended to.</i></p> <p><i>Art. 6. Petitions for post-registration changes petitioned before the enactment of Law n° 13.411, of 2016, for which a safety and efficacy report is required, will have its analysis procedures maintained and can only be implemented after approval by Anvisa.</i></p> <p><i>Art. 8. The Anvisa areas responsible for medicine registration, inspection, monitoring and monitoring will establish a program to monitor post-registration changes implemented in accordance with the conditional approval set forth in this Resolution.</i></p> <p><i>Art. 9. During follow-up inspections or inspection actions, the company must provide all documentation related to the complete technical dossier, required by the health regulations in force at the time of the petition, which deals with post-registration changes.</i></p> <p><i>Art. 17. This Resolution comes into force on the date of its publication.</i></p>	Not applicable
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	05/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/587</a>	<p>Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system</p> <p><i>Proposed "Shitei Yakubutsu" (designated 5 substances), and their "proper uses" designated under the Act</i></p>	Not applicable

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SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND MATERIALS	UGANDA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/813</a>	Absorbable surgical sutures <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for absorbable surgical sutures.</i>	60 days from notification
SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND MATERIALS	UGANDA	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/814</a>	Non absorbable surgical sutures <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for non absorbable surgical sutures.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>METALLURGY</b>					
ALUMINIUM PRODUCTS	OMAN	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/346</a>	Aluminium and aluminium alloy for building purpose <i>This Gulf standard is concerned with extruded rods/bars tubes and profiles manufactured from wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy for building purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT, PHYSICAL PHENOMENA</b>					
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	09/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/DOM/221/Add.1</a>	Measuring instruments - Addendum <i>The Dominican Republic communicates and publishes Addendum 1 corresponding to the Modification of the Metrological Technical Regulation RTM-001-2015 Approval of Models of Measurement Instruments (General Procedure), notified by the identified document with the symbol G / TBT / N / DOM / 221 of March 23, 2015. The modification was made in section 7.4, where it said: "The Certificate of Approval or Approval of the Model is non-transferable. ", Hereby the addendum is amended to read:" The Certificate of Approval or Approval of the Model will be transferable to a third party, through the administrative and legal mechanism implemented by INDOCAL. "</i>	—
<b>MILITARY AFFAIRS, MILITARY ENGINEERING, WEAPONS</b>					
MILITARY IN GENERAL	ESTONIA	06/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EST/13</a>	Military weapons, military ammunition, munition <i>The draft amendment regulates the classification of weapons in the Weapons Act and introduces new terms (service weapon, military weapon, training weapon) . In addition, the object and purpose of the Weapons Act is modified. The Act has hitherto mostly regulated the handling and supervision of weapons in civil use. The amendment extends the scope of the Weapons Act to include the handling of any weapons.</i>	60 days from notification

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<b>PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS</b>					
STORING, WAREHOUSING	BRAZIL	08/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/797</a>	Good distribution and/or warehousing practices  <i>Changes the Resolution - RDC N° 39, 14 August 2013, which provides for administrative procedures to grant Certification of Good Manufacturing Practices and Certification of Good Distribution and / or Warehousing Practices.</i>	Not applicable
<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
GASEOUS FUELS	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	09/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/DOM/227</a>	Petroleum liquid gas  <i>Definitions, measurement system, characteristics, requirements, tolerances, verification method, responsibility, sanction, repair, sealing and commissioning</i>	60 days from the notification
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	VIET NAM	07/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/VNM/116</a>	Car, truck, bus  <i>This Decree specifies business requirements for manufacturing, assembly and import of automobiles, automobile warranty and maintenance services. This Decree applies to automobile manufacturers, assemblers and importers, and providers of automobile warranty and maintenance services in Vietnam and relevant authorities and entities.</i>	—
<b>WOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
WOOD, SAWLOGS AND SAWN TIMBER	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	08/03/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/726/Rev.1</a>	Timber products - Revision  <i>Name of Law: Revised Act on the Sustainable Use of Timbers, Proposed Amendments to the Enforcement Decree and Enforcement Rule of the Act on the Sustainable Use of Timbers Major Content:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When importing timber or timber products, importers shall file an import declaration with the Minister of the Korea Forest Service</li> <li>• The Minister of the Korea Forest Service shall require on inspection agency to inspect the relevant documents before the completion of customs clearance</li> <li>• Where on inspection agency inspects documents, it shall verify whether any document falls under the requirements pursuant to Article 19-3-2</li> <li>• The Minister of the Korea Forest Service may issue an order to suspend the sale, return on destroy such timber on timber product that fails to verify timber legality</li> </ul>	60 days from notification