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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 39 notifications on Domestic and Commercial, Entertainment, Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food Technology, Health Technology, Telecommunications, Audio and Video Engineering, etc., from Brazil, Philippines, Thailand, Uganda, United States, 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 (04—10 December 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	BRAZIL	7/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1285	Cosmetic and toilet products Inmetro Ordinance No. 473 consolidates the control of the liquid content for the quantitative indication of cosmetic and toilet products sold in nominal quantities of 5 g or mL to 20 g or mL	-
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	COSTA RICA	06/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CRI/193	Kitchens, insoles, countertops, induction templates and electric ovens for domestic use The purpose of this technical regulation is to establish the energy efficiency requirements and conformity assessment procedures applicable to kitchens, insoles, countertops, induction templates and electric ovens for domestic use that are manufactured, imported new or used, used and marketed in the national territory, as well as allowing exclusively the importation and placing on the market of products which meet these requirements	60 days from notification

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EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT	ARMENIA	7/12/2021	G/TBT/N/ARM/88	Toys Clarification of specific requirements of the technical regulation based on the results of its application practice, including clarification of the concepts of the technical regulation, clarification of requirements for new types of toys (for example, kids makeup and perfume making kits, scented toys, etc.), clarification of requirements for the maximum and equivalent sound level of toys.	25 February 2022
EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	9/12/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/1046	Kick board for children In order to harmonize with relevant international technical regulation, excluding the safety requirements of plating corrosion resistance and changing drop test	60 days from notification
TOYS	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	6/12/2021	G/TBT/N/RUS/126	Toys Clarification of specific requirements of the technical regulation, including clarification of the content of the technical regulation, clarification of requirements for new types of toys (for instance, kids makeup and perfume, etc.), clarification of requirements for the maximum and equivalent sound level of toys	25 February 2022
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	COLOMBIA	10/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/656	Ultraviolet radiation-emitting devices and ozone-generating devices This notice provides interested stakeholders with the opportunity to comment on Health Canada's intent to regulate ultraviolet radiation-emitting devices (UV devices) and ozone-generating devices	17 January 2022
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	8/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/931/Rev.1/Add.2	Ceiling fans - Addendum The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedures for ceiling fans. DOE initially presented proposed amendments in a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") published on 30 September 2019	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	8/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1809	Refrigerant HFO-1234yf Pursuant to the EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy program, this action proposes to list the refrigerant 2,3,3,3-tetrafluoroprop-1-ene, also known as HFO-1234yf or R-1234yf, as acceptable, subject to use conditions, in the motor vehicle air conditioning end-use for certain types of newly manufactured nonroad (also called off-road) vehicles, which includes some vehicles that are also considered heavy-duty vehicles	20 January 2022
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	09/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1810	Postconsumer recycled (PCR) content for plastic containers This rule making establishes a postconsumer recycled (PCR) content program for covered products	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	VIET NAM	6/12/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/204/Add.1	Environmental protection The draft Decree implementing a number of articles of the Law on Environmental Protection has been amended, with its English translation available	-

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	UNITED STATES	06/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1808	Distilled spirits plants Notice of proposed rulemaking - In this notice of proposed rulemaking, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) proposes deregulatory amendments to the regulations to modernize and streamline the permit application for distilled spirits plants and for users and dealers of specially denatured alcohol and tax-free alcohol	1 February 2022
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	06/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/39/Add.2	Pre-packaged wheat flour - Addendum Inmetro, issued Ordinance No. 474, 29 November 2021 that consolidates metrological technical regulation establishing the methodology for quantitative verification of pre-packaged wheat flour	-
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	8/12/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1515	Millet malt This standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for Millet malt	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	08/12/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1516	Sorghum malt This standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for Sorghum malt	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	10/12/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1518	Breakfast cereals This draft standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for breakfast cereals intended for human consumption	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	10/12/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1519	Pastry This draft standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for pastry	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	MÉXICO	8/12/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/506	Feather coffee This draft standard is intended for purpose of establishing the specifications to be met by any named product as Pluma coffee or that uses it as an ingredient, and that is marketed in territory domestic or targeted for export markets	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDIA	06/12/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/227	Genetically modified or engineered food The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Genetically Modified or Engineered Foods) Regulations, 2021 is applicable to Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) or Genetically Engineered Organisms (GEOs) or Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) intended for direct use as food or for processing and food or processed food containing Genetically Modified ingredients produced from but not containing LMOs or GEOs or GMOs	60 days from notification
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	UGANDA	8/12/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1514	Dairy creams and prepared creams This draft standard prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for dairy creams and prepared creams for direct human consumption or further processing	60 days from notification

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PROCESSED PREPACKAGED FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING TRANS-FATTY ACIDS (TFA)	PHILIPPINES	6/12/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/277	Processed prepackaged food products containing trans-fatty acids (TFA) In accordance with FDA mandate under RA 9711 and RA 10611 and their IRRs, this Circular intends to regulate the TFA in processed foods and implement the responsibilities of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) within its mandate i.e. A to C of item VI. of AO 2021-0039	9 December 2021
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS. FOOD ADDITIVES	PHILIPPINES	6/12/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/276	Food additives and preservative : scyclamic acid and its salts The Administrative Order aims to allow the use of cyclamic acid and its salts as food additives by lifting the ban as provided by Administrative Order NO. 122 Series of 1970	9 December 2021
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	6/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/707/Add.5	Pharmaceutical products - Addendum This is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Brazil	-
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	7/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/870/Add.27	Guide to good manufacturing practices for medicinal products - Addendum This is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Brazil	-
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	6/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/870/Add.28	Guide to good manufacturing practices for medicinal products - Addendum This is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Brazil	-
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	7/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1286	Medical devices The resolution provides for import, sale and donation of used and reconditioned medical devices	-
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	CANADA	09/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/598/Add.2	Prescription status of medicinal ingredients for human use : Epinephrine or its salts topi[...]ution for hemostasis - Addendum The purpose of this Notice of Amendment is to announce that Health Canada's notified addition of Epinephrine topical solution for hemostasis when sold at a concentration equal to or greater than 1 mg/ml (1:1000) to the Prescription Drug List has now entered into force	-
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	JAPAN	8/12/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/720	Radiopharmaceuticals The Minimum Requirements for Radiopharmaceuticals will be partially amended to revise the purity test for a radiopharmaceutical	30 days from notification
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	9/12/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/1047	Pharmacopoeia The purpose of the revision is to enable adequate quality control of pharmaceuticals by harmonizing national standards and specifications with internationally established practices, and to facilitate the distribution of advanced pharmaceuticals of high quality in line with cutting-edge scientific technology by reflecting the latest R&D outcomes in the Pharmacopoeia	60 days from notification

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
OFFICE MACHINES	THAILAND	6/12/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/648	Intaglio Printing Machine including a complete set of parts Import of Intaglio Printing Machine requires an import license	-
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS	UKRAINE	07/12/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/209	Products from plastics and polymeric materials The main purpose of the Order is to ensure the establishment of certain obligations of economic entities, in particular; For producers of biodegradable plastic bags; For distributors of biodegradable plastic bags	31 December 2021
SACKS, BAGS	UKRAINE	10/12/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/210	Plastic bags Definition of legal and organizational conditions for the circulation and distribution of plastic bags on the territory of Ukraine, as well as encouraging the development of the production of biodegradable plastic bags that will enable Ukrainian manufacturers to follow global European and world trends in environmental protection	10 days from notification
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
FUELS	UNITED STATES	09/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/901/Add.3	Automotive fuel - Addendum The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") is updating a reference in its rule for Automotive Fuel Ratings, Certification and Posting ("Fuel Rating Rule" or "Rule") to reflect the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") recent reorganization of its fuel-related regulations	-
PRECISION MECHANICS. JEWELLERY					
JEWELLERY	GUYANA	7/12/2021	G/TBT/N/GUY/59	Jewellery This standard specifies the: (a) requirements for the manufacturing, alloying and testing of gold articles of 23, 22, 20, 18, 15, 14, 12, 10 and 9 kt gold; (b) requirements for findings and solders to be used in the manufacture of gold articles; (c) methods for assaying gold, alloyed gold, solder, findings and gold articles; (d) non-destructive testing of gold articles by using the XRF testing equipment; and (e) requirements for marking and labelling of imported gold articles	10 February 2022
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	9/12/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/1045	Electric personal mobility devices Establishing safety requirements for low-speed electric two-wheeled vehicle and other electric personal mobility devices that do not apply to the current safety verification criteria for electric personal mobility device, but are similar in shape	60 days from notification
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	THAILAND	06/12/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/649	Used motorcycles This notification prohibits the import of Used Motorcycles	-

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RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
TYRES	COLOMBIA	10/12/2021	G/TBT/N/COL/251/Add.1	Pneumatic tires - Addendum The Republic of Colombia communicates with regard to the draft resolution of the Ministry of Transport notified by document G/TBTN/COL/251 on October 13, 2021, which extends the deadline for submission of comments until next December 23, 2021	-
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
FIBRES AND CABLES	THAILAND	9/12/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/650	Optical fibre cables : optical self-supporting aerial telecommunication cables The draft ministerial regulation mandates optical self-supporting aerial cables for telecommunication to comply with TIS 2166-25xx (20xx)	4 January 2022
FIBRES AND CABLES	THAILAND	9/12/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/651	Optical fibre cables : optical self-supporting aerial telecommunication cables The draft ministerial regulation mandates aerial optical cables along electrical power lines to comply with TIS 3208-25xx (20xx)	4 January 2022
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	BURUNDI	10/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BDI/191	Textiles This draft standard prescribes methods for determining moisture, total size, ash, fatty and watersoluble matter in cellulosic textile materials and their blends	60 days from notification