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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 Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Environment, Health Protection and Safety, Food and Beverages, Telecommunications, Audio and Video Engineering etc. from Ecuador, the European Union, Indonesia, Mexico, 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 (04 - 10 February 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
AGROCHEMICALS • PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	09/02/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/451	Pesticides - Residues - Abamectin <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance abamectin is amended as follows: Products containing abamectin can be authorised at national level for nematocide uses. This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide.</i>	60 days from notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1031/Add.3	Tobacco products - Addendum <i>In accordance with the memorandum of 20 January 2017, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review", this action delays the effective date of the final rule ("Clarification of When Products Made or Derived From Tobacco Are Regulated as Drugs, Devices, or Combination Products; Amendments to Regulations Regarding 'Intended Uses'"), which published on 9 January 2017, from 8 February</i>	---

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CHEMICALS					
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	ECUADOR	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/106/Add.5	Surface tensioning agents - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby informs and announces Addendum 5 for the Modification 4 of the RTE Technical Regulation INEN 088 "Surface tensioning agents", notified G / TBT / N / ECU / 106 / Add.1 of 24 October 2014. This Modification 4 has been issued by Resolution No. 16 518 of December 20, 2016, issued by the Undersecretariat of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in the Official Registry No. 940 of February 8, 2017.</i>	---
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	SWITZERLAND	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/212/Corr.1	Mercury - Corrigendum <i>The following communication, received on 8 February 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Switzerland.</i>	---
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1144/Add.4	Chemical bulk storage - Addendum <i>To amend Part 597 of the CBS regulations</i>	---
EXPLOSIVES, PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS	UNITED STATES	06/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1273	Fireworks <i>The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) proposes to amend its regulations regarding fireworks devices under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act. The proposed amendments are based on the Commission's review of its existing fireworks regulations, the current fireworks market, changes in technology, existing fireworks standards, and safety issues associated with fireworks devices. The proposed amendments would create new requirements and modify or clarify existing requirements. Some of the proposed revisions would align with existing fireworks standards or codify the Commission's existing testing practices. The Commission believes that the proposed requirements would improve consumer safety by codifying limits, test procedures, and requirements that would reduce the risk of injury to consumers and clarifying existing requirements to promote compliance.</i>	18 April 2017
CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS					
LIGHTING	ECUADOR	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/90/Add.3	Public lighting - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and announces Addendum 3 for the Modification 1 of the RTE Technical Regulation INEN 069 (1R) "Public lighting", notified Document G / TBT / N / ECU / 90 / Add.2 of 18 February 2015. This Modification 1 has been issued by Resolution No. 16 514 of December 20, 2016, issued by the Undersecretariat of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in the Official Registry No. 938 of February 6, 2017.</i>	---
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	SOUTH AFRICA	09/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ZAF/196/Add.1	Hot water storage tanks for domestic use - Addendum <i>The Draft Technical Regulation notified in G/ TBT/N/ZAF/196 "Compulsory Specification for Hot Water Tanks VC9006" was published by the National Specification Regulator, as a Schedule in Government Gazette no 37223, date August 2016.</i>	---

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT					
TOYS	COLOMBIA	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/COL/109/Add.3	<p>Tricycles, scooters, pedal cars and similar wheeled toys; Cars and chairs [...] ex natural rubber - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Colombia communicates in relation to Resolution No. 3388 of September 8 of 2018 of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection "By which the technical regulation is issued on the health requirements for toys, their components and accessories, which are placed on the market in the National Territory and other provisions are issued "notified on February 4, 2009, by the World Trade Organization through the document identified under the G / TBT / N / COL / 109 / Add.1, that the proposed amendment to the allows a deadline for comments until May 8, 2017.</i></p>	08 May 2017
FURNITURE	ECUADOR	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/213/Add.2	<p>Mattresses - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby informs and announces Addendum 2 for the Modification 1 of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 213 "Mattresses", notified by the Document G / TBT / N / ECU / 213 / Add.1 of 21 January modification 1 has been issued by Resolution No. 16 498 of December 20, 2017, Issued by the Undersecretariat of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industries and Productivity, published in Official Gazette No. 936 of February 2, 2017.</i></p>	--
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/305/Add.1	<p>Pens, mechanical pencils and graphite mines - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and makes available Addendum 1 to Regulation Technician RTE INEN 275 "Pens, pencils and graphite mines", notified by the Document identified as G / TBT / N / ECU / 305 of 23 February 2015. This Technical Regulation was issued by Resolution No. 16 499 of December 20 of 2016, issued by the Undersecretariat of Quality of the Ministry of Industries and Productivity, published in the Official Registry No. 938 of February 6, 2017.</i></p>	--
BODY CARE EQUIPMENT	FRANCE	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/FRA/171	<p>Tanning equipment (tanning booths / sunbeds)</p> <p><i>The present draft decree, adopted in application of article 21 of Law No. 2016-41 Of 26/01/2016 modernizing our health system, amends the provisions of decree No. 2013-1261 of 27/12/2013 which had also been the subject of an OTC notification On 7 March 2013. With a view to protecting and protecting the health of the population, this decree provides for several provisions relating to technical standards:</i></p> <p>□ to II (amending Article 2 of Decree 2013-1261): the extension of the ban on Sale of UV3-emitting devices to the public (as a reminder of the sale of devices emitting UV1 to the public has been banned since 1997);</p>	60 days from the date of notification

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				<p>□ to X (amending Article 12 of Decree 2013-1261): the addition of written support accompanying the operating instructions for the devices in order to remind the health risks associated with exposure to artificial ultraviolet radiation;</p> <p>□ to XI (amending Article 13 of Decree 2013-1261): the provision of information to the consumer orally and by means of a written support, prior to (As a reminder, in 2013, the warning message at the public and near each device was already planned as well as the warning on advertising media);</p> <p>□ the XV (amending Article 17 of Decree 2013-1261): the carrying out of an audit equipment after the UV emitter changes to verify the level of radiation emitted.</p>	
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	SWITZERLAND	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/214	<p>Miscellaneous products</p> <p><i>This ordinance contains all requirements related to the energy efficiency of mass-produced appliances, installations and cars. It aims at reducing the current energy consumption of the above-listed products (point 4) . The requirements contained in this new ordinance were previously included in the "Energieverordnung (EnV)", whose content is now split across several regulations.</i></p>	5 May 2017
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	QATAR	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/464	<p>Washing machines</p> <p><i>The above mentioned standard specifies the performance and energy labelling requirements for electric clothes washing machines intended for household and similar use, in order that it may carry a valid energy efficiency label.</i></p> <p><i>In particular, this standard specifies the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Projected annual energy consumption.</i> <i>b) Comparative energy consumption.</i> <i>c) Energy efficiency rating.</i> <i>d) Star rating.</i> <i>e) Performance criteria for energy labelling approval.</i> <i>f) Test report format and printing requirements for clothes washing machines energy labels.</i> 	60 days from the date of circulation
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	QATAR	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/465	<p>Refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers</p> <p><i>The above mentioned standard mainly specifies the energy performance, capacity and labelling of household refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers and freezers.</i></p> <p><i>The requirements in this Standard are not applicable to electrically operated refrigerators employing an absorption refrigeration system and for commercial refrigerators, refrigerators-freezers and freezers. The values given in SI (metric) units are the standard. Any values given in parentheses are for information only.</i></p>	60 days from the date of circulation

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES	ECUADOR	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/33/Add.6	Conductors and wires for electrical use - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby informs and announces Addendum 6 for the Modification 1 of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 021 (3R) "Cables and cords insulated for use G / TBT / N / ECU / 33 / Add.5 of April 28, 2016. This Modification 1 has been issued by Resolution No. 16 515 of December 20, 2017, issued by the Undersecretariat of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in the Official Registry No. 938 of February 6, 2017.</i>	---
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	UNITED STATES	06/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/225/Add.3	Electric motors and generators - Addendum <i>The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC, Commission) announces that there will be an opportunity for interested persons to present oral comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) the Commission issued proposing a standard that limits carbon monoxide (CO) emissions from operating portable generators. Any oral comments will be part of the rulemaking record.</i>	---
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY					
PROTECTION • PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	ECUADOR	06/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/323/Add.1	Dry-barrel and wet-barrel fire hydrants, and fire hose reel systems - Addendum <i>By means of this Addendum No. 1, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 158 "Dry-barrel and wet-barrel fire hydrants, and fire hose reel systems", the draft version of which was notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/323 of 25 January 2016, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 16 511 of 22 December 2016 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 934 of 31 January 2017.</i>	---
WASTES	EUROPEAN UNION	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/452	Cadmium in colour converting light-emitting diodes (LEDs) for use in display systems <i>This draft Commission Delegated Directive concerns an application specific and temporary exemption from the RoHS 2 (Directive 2011/65/EU) substance restrictions.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	06/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/552/Rev.1/Add.3	Air conditioners, heat pumps - Addendum <i>This document temporarily postpones the effective date of a recently published final rule amending the test procedures for central air conditioners and heat pumps.</i>	---
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	06/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/828/Add.4	Formaldehyde - Addendum <i>In accordance with the Presidential directive as expressed in the memorandum of 20 January 2017, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review", this action temporarily delays until 21 March 2017, the effective date of the regulations listed in the table below. EPA identified 30 regulations that meet those criteria.</i>	---

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PIPELINE COMPONENTS AND PIPELINES	ECUADOR	06/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/322/Add.1	Flanges and flanged fittings for drinking water pipes - Addendum <i>By means of this Addendum No. 1, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 140 "Flanges, flanged fittings and gaskets for water pipes", the draft version of which was notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/322 of 25 January 2016, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 16 510 of 22 December 2016 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 934 of 31 January 2017.</i>	---
VALVES	ECUADOR	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/324/Add.1	Valves, metallic, for water supply <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and makes available Addendum 1 to Regulation Technician RTE INEN 159 "Metal Valves for Water Supply", notified by the Document identified as G / TBT / N / ECU / 324 dated January 25, 2016. This Technical Regulation was issued by Resolution No. 16 509 of December 22 of 2016, issued by the Undersecretariat of Quality of the Ministry of Industries and Productivity, published in the Official Registry No. 940 of February 8, 2017.</i>	---
PLASTIC PIPES	THAILAND	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/494	Plastic pipes <i>The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed to withdraw TIS 17 - 2532 (1989) Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride pipes for drinking water services, and replace it with TIS 17 - 25xx Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC-U) pipe for drinking water services, as a mandatory standard. This draft standard specifies types and grades, materials, sizes and tolerances, requirements, marking and labelling, sampling and criteria for conformity and testing for unplasticized polyvinyl chloride pipe for drinking water services suitable for use only in a location where not exposed to direct sunlight.</i>	60 days from notification
COMPRESSORS AND PNEUMATIC MACHINES	UNITED STATES	06/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1122/Add.2	Compressors - Addendum <i>This document temporarily postpones the effective date of a recently published final rule establishing test procedures for certain varieties of compressors.</i>	---
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	SWITZERLAND	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/213/Corr.1	Seal products - Corrigendum <i>Please note that in item 11, the relevant documents are available from: German (Art. 10a): https://www.admin.ch/ch/d/gg/pc/documents/2781/DE_EDAV_DS.pdf German (Art. 5a): https://www.admin.ch/ch/d/gg/pc/documents/2781/</i>	---

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				<p>DE_EDAV_EU_2.pdf French (Art. 10a): https://www.admin.ch/ch/f/gg/pc/documents/2781/FR_EDAV_DS.pdf French (Art. 5a): https://www.admin.ch/ch/f/gg/pc/documents/2781/FR_EDAV_EU.pdf Italian (Art. 10a): https://www.admin.ch/ch/i/gg/pc/documents/2781/IT_EDAV_DS.pdf Italian (Art. 5a): https://www.admin.ch/ch/i/gg/pc/documents/2781/IT_EDAV_EU.pdf</p>	
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHILE	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/343/Add.2	<p>Agricultural organic products - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Technical Norms of Law No. 20,089, which created the National System of Certification of Agricultural Organic Products, of the Ministry of agriculture, notified by the World Trade Organization on 5 February 2016, Under document number G / TBT / N / CHL / 343, it is reported that these were issued on 22 January 2016, through Decree No. 2 of the Ministry of Agriculture, which entered into force on April 9, 2016.</i></p>	---
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHILE	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/344/Add.2	<p>Agricultural organic products - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Regulation of Law No. 20,089, which creates the National System of Certification of Agricultural Organic Products, of the Ministry of Agriculture, Notified by the World Trade Organization on February 5, 2016, under the G / TBT / N / CHL / 344 is reported to have been issued on 29 January 2016, Decree No. 3 of the Ministry of Agriculture, which will enter into force on June 5, 2017</i></p>	---
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	ECUADOR	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/93/Add.5	<p>Spices and condiments - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby informs and announces Addendum 5 for the Modification 3 of Technical Regulation RTE INEN 079 (1R) "Spices and condiments", notified G / TBT / N / ECU / 93 / Add.2 of 7 April 2014. This Modification 3 has been issued by Resolution No. 16 513 of December 20, 2017, issued by the Undersecretariat of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in the Official Registry No. 938 of February 6, 2017.</i></p>	---
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/327/Add.1	<p>Food supplements - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and announces Addendum 1 corresponding to the "Normative Sanitary technique for obtaining health notification and control of supplements foodstuffs in establishments where they are manufactured, stored, distributed, imported and marketed ", notified through document G / TBT / N / ECU / 327 of September 20, 2016. This Technical Regulation has been issued by Resolution No. 28 of December 27, 2016, issued by the National Agency of Regulation, Control and Sanitary Surveillance - ARCSA, Published in Official Registry No. 937 of February 3, 2017.</i></p>	---

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDONESIA	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/IDN/101/Add.2	Food - Addendum <i>Regulation of the Chairman of NADFC RI No.21 Year 2015 concerning Food Category is amended by Draft Regulation of the Chairman of NADFC RI.</i> <i>The amendment covers inter alia:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Category 13.0 Food products for special nutritional purposes; • Food Category 15.0 Ready to eat snacks. 	---
FOOD ADDITIVES	INDONESIA	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/IDN/112	Flavorings as food additives in processed food <i>This regulation specified the requirements for the use of flavorings as food additives in processed food, i.e.:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flavorings are classified as natural flavoring, identical natural flavoring and artificial flavoring. This classification is based on the source and the process of flavoring production. For the labelling purposes, the identical natural flavoring must be stated in the label as artificial flavoring; • The material of allowed flavoring substances are listed in Annex I. For any other flavorings used that are not listed in Annex I, it should obtain approval from The Chairman of NAFDC; • The list of maximum bioactive substances in flavoring are listed in Annex II; • The substance of allowed flavoring adjunctions are listed in Annex III; • The list of maximum residues for extraction solvent flavoring in food products are stated in Annex IV; • The list of allowed flavorings to be used in growth formula are stated in Annex V; • The list of allowed flavoring to be used in complementary foods for infants and young children are stated in Annex VI; • The flavoring and related processed food containing flavoring which has obtained marketing approval from The Chairman of NAFDC must be adjusted no later than 12 months from the date stipulated; • The flavoring and related processed food containing flavoring which has been submitted before the prevailing of this regulation will be processed based on Indonesia National Standard (SNI) regarding Flavorings. 	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	INDONESIA	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/IDN/113	Tuna, sardines and mackerel in cans <i>This draft regulation stated that all of Tuna, Sardines and Mackerel produced in cans within the country or imported, distributed and marketed in the country shall fulfil the SNI requirements. The producers which produced these products therefore shall comply with those requirements proven by having Product Certificate for Using SNI Mark.</i> <i>The product certificate on SNI marking shall be issued by a Product Certification Body which has been accredited by KAN and appointed by the DG through testing of the conformity of the products quality against SNI requirements.</i>	60 days from notification

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				Products which are distributed in domestic market that originated domestically and imported shall meet the requirements consisted in SNI 8223:2016 Tuna in Cans and SNI 8222:2016 Sardines and Mackerel in Cans which specifies term and definition, quality requirements, sampling, testing method, testing acceptance and packaging.	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MÉXICO	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/301/Add.1	Mezcal - Addendum Response to the comments of the draft Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-070-SCFI-2015, Alcoholic beverages - Mezcal - Specifications, published in the official journal of the federation February 8, 2017.	---
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MÉXICO	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/350	Thon rouge thunnus orientalis Bluefin tuna caught in Mexican waters in the area Economic development (EEZ) of the Pacific Ocean is primarily intended to be Fattened in floating cages located off the Baja California Peninsula. This species occurs along the coastline in temperate waters and fishing activities in marine waters under federal jurisdiction. In accordance with the recommendations for the management of this fishery, the aim of which is to the availability of bluefin tuna (Thunnus orientalis) and responsible for the species does not affect its capacity for renewal, it should be established standards and measures that provide a framework for operators. The aim is to harmonized, orderly and balanced development of production activities, both in the fisheries sector as well as in the aquaculture sector.	Within 60 days of From the date of publication in the Official Journal of the Federation (1 February 2017).
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	THAILAND	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/427/Rev.1	Stretch cling film for food - Revision The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed to withdraw TIS 1136 - 2536 (1993) Cling film, and replace it with TIS 1136 - 25xx Stretch cling film for food as a mandatory standard. This draft standard specifies categories, types and abbreviations, sizes and tolerances, materials, requirements, packaging, marking and labelling, sampling and criteria for conformity and testing.	60 days from notification
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/230/Add.2	Prepackaged butter, cream, mar[...]and related products - Addendum The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Regulations Governing the Product Names and Labeling of Prepackaged Butter, Cream, Margarine and Fat Spreads," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/230 on 12 September 2016 was promulgated on 6 February 2017 and will come to effect on 1 July 2017.	---
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	SOUTH AFRICA	09/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ZAF/83/Add.1	Fresh apples - Addendum The Draft Technical Regulation notified in G/TBT/N/ZAF/83 "Regulations relating to the grading, packing and marking of apples intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa" was published by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, as a Schedule in Government Gazette No 37223, dated August 2016.	---

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				<i>This regulation covers the quality and food safety standards for apples, packing requirements, traceability requirements, marking requirements, prohibited particulars, sampling procedures, methods of inspections and offence and penalties.</i>	
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	SOUTH AFRICA	09/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ZAF/116/Rev.1	Bread Wheat - Revision <i>The proposed regulations cover the quality standards, containers, packing and marking requirements, sampling procedures, methods of analysis, tolerances, offences and penalties, and minimum dry solids mass for wheat bread.</i>	60 days from notification
GLASS AND CERAMICS INDUSTRIES					
BUILDING • GLASS IN BUILDING	MÉXICO	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/305/Add.2	Safety glass used in construction - Addendum <i>Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-146-SCFI-2015, "Glass Products - Safety Glass used in construction - Specifications and test methods" published in the Official Journal of The Federation on 3 February 2017. The purpose of this Addendum is to announce that the Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-146-SCFI-2015, "Glass Products - Safety Glass Used in Construction - Specifications and test methods" was published in the Official Journal of the Federation on 3 February 2017.</i>	---
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	CANADA	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/516	Medicinal ingredients for human use - Hydroquinone <i>This Notice of Consultation provides an opportunity to comment on the proposal to add hydroquinone to the Prescription Drug List (PDL) when sold in a concentration greater than 2% in topical products.</i>	17 April 2017
MINING AND MINERALS					
NON-METALLIFEROUS MINERALS	OMAN	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/290	Any product containing asbestos <i>This Draft Ministerial Decision is about preventing the production or importation of any products containing asbestos or mixtures added with asbestos materials.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODDS					
SACKS. BAGS	ECUADOR	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/284/Add.4	Flexible retortable containers - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and announces Addendum 4 for the Modification 1 of the RTE Technical Regulation INEN 253 (1R) "Flexible retortable containers for Packaging of foods subjected to a heat sterilization process ", notified document identified as G / TBT / N / ECU / 284 / Add.3 of 28 April 2016. This Modification 1 has been issued by Resolution No. 16 500 of December 20, 2016, issued by the Undersecretariat of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and productivity, published in the Official Registry No. 938 of February 6, 2017.</i>	---

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PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
LIQUID FUELS	CHINA	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1190	<p>Diesel fuels for motor vehicles</p> <p><i>The document specifies the requirements on diesel fuels for motor vehicles, covering terms and definitions, product classification, technical requirements and test methods, sampling, logo, packaging, transportation and storage, safety, as well as the implementation of the standard.</i></p>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
LIQUID FUELS	CHINA	08/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1191	<p>Gasoline for motor vehicles</p> <p><i>The document specifies the requirements on gasoline for motor vehicles, covering terms and definitions, product classification, technical requirements and test methods, sampling, logo, packaging, transportation and storage, safety, as well as the implementation of the standard.</i></p>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	SINGAPORE	09/02/2017	G/TBT/N/SGP/33	<p>Petrol and diesel vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEA is proposing for the implementation of Euro VI emission standards for new petrol and diesel vehicles, to be legislated through their inclusion in the Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) Regulations. The relevant EU Directives are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light duty: EU Directives 715/2007/EC, 692/2008/EC and 459/2012/EC Heavy duty: EU Directives 595/2009/EC, 582/2011/EC and 64/2012/EC NEA will accept new petrol vehicles using Port Fuel Injection (PFI) technology that have achieved Japanese emission standards (JPN 2009) as being equivalent to meeting the Euro VI emission standards. For new petrol vehicles using Gasoline Direct Injection (GDI) technology that have achieved Japanese emission standards (JPN 2009) and to be recognized as being equivalent to meeting the Euro VI emission standards, the corresponding Euro VI Particulate Number (PN) limit will have to be met as well. A similar treatment shall be applied for heavy duty petrol vehicles. NEA will accept new diesel vehicles that have achieved Japanese emission standards (JPN 2009 and Post-Post New Long Term (PPNLT) emission regulations for light and heavy duty diesel vehicles respectively) as meeting the Euro VI emission standards, provided their PN emissions can meet the corresponding Euro VI limits as well. 	60 days from the date of notification
PASSENGER CARS, CARAVANS AND LIGHT TRAILERS	SWITZERLAND	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/215	<p>Passenger cars, light commercial vehicles</p> <p><i>Since 2012, the CO2 act and ordinance stipulate that CO2 emissions of new passenger cars be reduced to 130 g/km, covering the entire new fleet by 2015. On September 30th 2016, the Swiss parliament adopted a partial revision of the CO2 act aiming at reducing further the emissions of new cars to 95 g/km and introducing a target for light commercial vehicles of 147 g/km by 2020.</i></p>	5 May 2017

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				<p>The ordinance follows closely the corresponding consolidated EU Regulations (EC) No 443/2009 and (EU) No 510/2011 with minor changes where it was unavoidable. The main differences are (1) that the importer of a car and not the manufacturer is responsible for target compliance and (2) a differentiation is made between large-scale importers (≥ 50 cars registered for the first time), for which target compliance is assessed using fleet average values at the end of every reference year, and small importers (< 50 cars) who have to pay a possible penalty before the registration of any new passenger car for implementation reasons; (3) the specification of phasing-in shares, and (4) for light commercial vehicles, of super-credit factors differ. The EU's de-minimis clause (5) is not implemented, and vehicles approved individually and in small series (6) are also subject to the CO₂ targets. Individual vehicles may be transferred (7) between different importers' accounts in order to provide flexibility. The major features of the EU regulation, in particular the scope, specific emission targets calculation, derogations for certain manufacturers' vehicles, pooling of fleets, the premium per gram of excess CO₂, and eco-innovations, have been adopted uniformly.</p>	
ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/777/Add.2	<p>Hybrid and electric vehicles - Addendum</p> <p>This action temporarily delays for 36 days the effective date of the rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles", published in the Federal Register on 14 December 2016.</p>	---
RUBBER AND PLASTICS INDUSTRIES					
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	SEYCHELLES	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/SYC/3	<p>Plastic bags</p> <p>The Environment Protection (Restriction of Plastic Bags) Regulations: This set of regulations will restrict the importation of certain types of plastic bags into the Seychelles. The only plastic bags that will be allowed entry are the plastic bags featured on the exemption list, found in the First Schedule of the above mentioned regulations. The content of the exemption list will be reviewed periodically. Import permits will be approved for the importation of biodegradable bags and exempted plastic bags only. These biodegradable bags will have to be accompanied by a certificate of conformity to the applicable standards provided for in the Second Schedule of the regulations. Validation of the certificate of conformity will be undertaken by the Seychelles Bureau of Standards. Any person who contravenes these regulations will be liable to a fine not exceeding SR 20,000 upon conviction. This set of regulation will repeal the Environment Protection (Restrictions on Plastic Bags) Regulations 2008.</p>	60 days from notification

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				<i>The Environment Protection (Restriction of Plastic Utensils and Polystyrene Boxes) Regulations: This set of regulations will restrict the importation of plastic utensils (namely plastic spoon, knives, plates, bowls, cups and trays) and polystyrene takeaway boxes. As alternatives to these plastic utensils and polystyrene takeaway boxes importers can import biodegradable utensils and biodegradable takeaway boxes for distribution and use within the Seychelles. These biodegradable utensils and take away boxes will have to be accompanied by a certificate of conformity to the applicable standards provided for in the First Schedule of the regulations. Validation of the certificate of conformity will be undertaken by the Seychelles Bureau of Standards. Any person who contravenes these regulations will be liable to a fine not exceeding SR 20,000 upon conviction.</i>	
SERVICES, COMPANY ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY, ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPORT AND SOCIOLOGY					
COMPANY • PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	COSTA RICA	07/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CRI/165	Technical regulations <i>The notified decree establishes procedures to be applied in order to demonstrate compliance with national technical regulations, as appropriate. He applies to all products for which there are established procedures for the assessment of the Conformity in the relevant technical regulations.</i>	---
COMPANY • PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	INDONESIA	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/IDN/85/Add.1	Miscellaneous products - Addendum <i>Regulation of Minister of Trade No. 67/M-DAG/PER/11/2013 concerning Affixed Mandatory Label in Indonesian Language for Goods is revoked and replaced by Regulation of Minister of Trade No. 73/M-DAG/PER/9/2015. The amendment covers, inter alia:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Certificate of Inclusion Label in Bahasa Indonesia Language (SKPBLI) is not a mandatory procedure since exporter can ship the goods to Indonesia without any Bahasa Indonesia Label. After the shipment has arrived, it should be labelled in Bahasa Indonesia before entering the market;</i> <i>Additional HS products should be affixed with Bahasa Language listed in Annexes of this regulation.</i> 	---
STANDARDIZATION					
STANDARDIZATION. GENERAL RULES	UNITED STATES	06/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1272	Toys <i>Section 106 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) made ASTM F963-07e1, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety, a mandatory consumer product safety standard. That section also provides procedures for revisions to the standard. In accordance with these procedures, the Commission (CPSC or Commission) recently allowed the update to ASTM F963, ASTM F963-16, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety (ASTM F963-16), to become the mandatory</i>	6 March 2017

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				<i>This direct final rule incorporates by reference ASTM F963-16 and updates the existing notice of requirements (NOR) that provide the criteria and process for Commission acceptance of accreditation of third party conformity assessment bodies for testing for ASTM F963 pursuant to section 14 (a)(3)(B)(vi) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) .</i>	
TELECOMMUNICATION, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	CANADA	06/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/515	<p>Telecommunications and radiocommunications</p> <p><i>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) that the following document has been updated on its Web site http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/home:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance Specification CS-03, Part V, Issue 9 (Amendment 2), Requirements and Test Methods for Magnetic Output From Handset Telephones for Hearing Aid Coupling and for Receive Volume Control which provides the technical requirements for handset telephones to be hearing aid compatible (HAC) . 	19 April 2017
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIOVISUAL SYSTEMS IN GENERAL	COSTA RICA	09/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CRI/137/Add.1	<p>Television receivers and antennas - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica hereby informs that on July 3, 2013 it notified the RTCR 456: 2011 Television Receivers and Antennas. Basic technical characteristics applicable to the ISDB-Tb standard in Costa Rica, with the objective of establishing the technical requirements TV receivers to guarantee the user the proper Receptors for the standard "ISDB-Tb" to be used in Costa Rica. That is why WTO member countries are being informed that an Addendum is being made informing them that it has been modified in order to facilitate the procedures.</i></p>	---
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	MÉXICO	09/02/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/326/Add.2	<p>Radiocommunication systems - Addendum</p> <p><i>Official Mexican Standard PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2016, "Products: Radiocommunication systems that use the spread spectrum technique - Radiocommunication equipment frequency and by digital modulation to operate in the bands 902 MHz - 928 MHz, 2400 MHz-2483.5 MHz and 5725 MHz - 5850 MHz Specifications and test methods "published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on February 7, 2017. The purpose of this addendum is to notify the adoption as a final rule of the NOM-208-SCFI-2016, "Products. Radiocommunication systems employing the Spectrum - Frequency hopping and digital modulating radio communication equipment to operate in the bands 902 MHz-928 MHz, 2400 MHz-2483.5 MHz and 5725 MHz-5850 MHz Specifications and test methods."</i></p>	---

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	MÉXICO	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/351	Digital Interface <i>The specifications are specified for the equipment function as a digital interface to public telecommunications networks, due to the risk with economic effects, since the specifications of this standard at the point of entry is not certain that the equipment will work in an adequate manner in the national territory and may cause harmful inferences between operating equipment putting at risk the networks and services of Telecommunications, and also with the application of this standard ensures the interoperability with public telecommunications networks; In such a Necessary that the Ministry of Economy immediately issue this official standard Mexican law concerning the importation, placing on the market and distribution of Radiocommunication equipment operating as a digital interface Telecommunications, whose technical specifications are contained in Technique IFT-005-2016 Digital interface to public networks (Digital interface at 2 048 kbit / s and to 34 368 kbit / s), issued by the Institute.</i>	---
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	10/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1269/Add.1	Telecommunication systems - Addendum <i>In this document, the Commission adopts amendments to its rules to facilitate a transition from outdated text telephone (TTY) technology to a reliable and interoperable means of providing real-time text (RTT) communication for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or have a speech disability over Internet Protocol (IP) enabled networks and services.</i>	---
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	ARGENTINA	09/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/309/Add.1	Textile or footwear products - Addendum <i>It is reported that Resolution No. 70/2017 of the Ministry of Commerce (SC) established in Resolution SC No. 404/2016 referred to the "Affidavit of Product Composition (DJCP)" notified under symbol G / TBT / N / ARG / 309. Likewise, the entry into force of Resolution SC No. 404/2016 is hereby extended until 3 May 2017.</i>	---