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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 Chemicals, Construction materials and building, Environment, health protection and safety, Food and beverages and Telecommunications, Audio and video engineering etc. from Chile, Dominica, the European Union, Thailand, 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 March 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	EUROPEAN UNION	3/8/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/458	Cosmetics <i>Following the latest opinions of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS), this draft Commission Regulation aims at restricting in cosmetic products the peanut protein level of peanut oil, its extracts and its derivatives to maximum 0,5 ppm and the molecular weight average of the peptides in hydrolysed wheat protein to maximum 3,5 kDa.</i>	60 days from notification
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	JAPAN	3/7/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/550	Deleterious substances <i>Under the provision of the Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Act, Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare designates one substance as deleterious.</i>	60 days from notification

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COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	NEW ZEALAND	3/8/2017	G/TBT/N/NZL/77	<p>Microbeads in personal care products</p> <p><i>The New Zealand Government is considering making regulations under section 23(1)(b) of the Waste Minimisation Act (WMA) 2008 to prohibit or control the manufacture and sale of personal care products containing microbeads in New Zealand.</i></p> <p><i>The proposal does not address controls around the importation or exportation of such products, nor does it consider regulation or controls of other products or sources of microplastics.</i></p> <p><i>The New Zealand Government proposes that, should the proposed new regulations under the WMA be progressed through the necessary government process, they could enter into force in 2018.</i></p> <p><i>For comments received in response to this notification, the closing date for submissions, as specified in the consultation document, is extended to 60 days from the date of this notification.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1144/Add.6	<p>Chemical bulk storage - Addendum</p> <p><i>Adopted amendments to Part 597 of the CBS regulations</i></p>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	3/8/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1207/Add.1	<p>Antifreeze - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Adopted rules were submitted to the Governor and Legislature on 1 February 2017.</i></p>	—
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CONCRETE AND CONCRETE PRODUCTS	CHILE	3/9/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/374/Add.1	<p>Concrete - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to Chilean Standard NCh 170: 2016, notified on 30 September 2016, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 374, it is reported that this has been Issued as Official Standard of the Republic of Chile on February 23, 2017, through the Decree Exempt No. 79 of the Ministry of Public Works, which will enter into force on September 8 2017.</i></p>	—
LIFTS. ESCALATORS	CHILE	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/393	<p>Cable cars, chairlifts, lifts</p> <p><i>The technical regulation notified lays down the technical and safety rules Governing the paid transport of persons by means of cable systems (cableways And elevators and their subsystems) in the</i></p>	60 days from the date of the notification

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MINERAL • MINERAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS	DOMINICA	3/7/2017	G/TBT/N/DMA/14	Hollow concrete block <i>This standard applies to hollow pre-cast concrete blocks made from a mixture of Portland cement, water and suitable aggregates and intended for use in load bearing and non-load bearing masonry walls of buildings.</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1107/Add.1	Building codes - Addendum <i>The Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) governs the construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation of new and existing building and structures. The USBC uses nationally recognized model building codes and standards produced by the International Code Council and other standard-writing groups as the basis for the technical provisions of the regulation. Every three years, new editions of the model codes become available. At that time, the Board of Housing and Community Development initiates a regulatory action to incorporate the newest editions of the model codes into the regulation and accepts proposals for changes to the regulation from affected client groups and the public. The Department of Housing and Community Development staff maintains mailing lists for workgroups involving different subject areas of regulation and conducts workgroup meetings to develop consensus recommendations, when possible, concerning submitted proposals. The department uses an online program incorporating the provisions of the regulation and the model codes and standards to facilitate the submittal of proposals. A public hearing is held during the workgroup meeting stage of the process and a comment period established. Once workgroup meetings are completed, the board holds a series of meetings to consider each proposal, and the approved proposals are incorporated into the proposed regulation. After publication of the proposed regulation, the board establishes a comment period for the acceptance of comments on amendments reflected in the proposed regulation, and an additional public hearing is held. The board then meets to consider proposals and public comments and develops a final regulation to complete</i>	21 April 2017

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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1110/Add.1	<p>Industrial building safety - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Virginia Industrialized Building Safety Regulations (IBSR) governs the in-factory construction of industrialized buildings, which are also known as modular buildings. The regulations provide the same standards for construction as those buildings constructed on site and regulated by the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (13VAC5-63) . Both regulations utilize nationally recognized model building codes and standards to provide the technical requirements for the actual construction of the regulated buildings. Every three years, new editions of the model codes become available. At that time, the Board of Housing and Community Development initiates a regulatory action to incorporate the newest editions of the model codes into the regulation and accepts proposals for changes to the regulation from affected client groups and the public. The Department of Housing and Community Development staff maintains mailing lists for workgroups involving different subject areas of regulation and conducts workgroup meetings to develop consensus recommendations, when possible, concerning submitted proposals. The department uses an online program incorporating the provisions of the regulation and the model codes and standards to facilitate the submittal of proposals. A public hearing is held during the workgroup meeting stage of the process and a comment period established. Once workgroup meetings are completed, the board holds a series of meetings to consider each proposal, and the approved proposals are incorporated into the proposed regulation. After publication of the proposed regulation, the board establishes a comment period for the acceptance of comments on amendments reflected in the proposed regulation, and an additional public hearing is held. The board then meets to consider proposals and public comments and develops a final regulation to complete the regulatory process.</i></p>	21 April 2017
BUILDINGS	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1275/Add.1	<p>Low-rise residential buildings - Addendum</p> <p><i>This document temporarily postpones the effective date of a recently published final rule updating the baseline Federal residential standard to the International Code Council (ICC) 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) .</i></p>	—

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS					
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	GEORGIA	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/GEO/100	Lighters <i>According this regulation only lighters, which are child-resistant, allowed to place on the market and prohibit the placing on the market of new types (novelty) lighters.</i>	—
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	THAILAND	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/477/Add.1	Tumble dryers - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Household and Similar Electrical Appliances - Safety: Particular Requirements for Tumble Dryers (TIS 1389 - 2559) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute, notified under G/TBT/N/THA/477 was adopted on 17 February 2017 and will enter into force after 180 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (17 August 2017) .</i>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	3/7/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/539/Rev.1	Toddler beds - Revision <i>In accordance with section 104(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), also known as the Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act, in April 2011 the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission, or CPSC) published a consumer product safety standard for toddler beds. The standard incorporated by reference the ASTM voluntary standard for toddler beds, with several modifications. The CPSIA sets forth a process for updating standards that the Commission has issued under the authority of section 104(b) of the CPSIA. In accordance with that process, we are publishing this direct final rule, revising the CPSC's standard for toddler beds to incorporate by reference a more recent version of the applicable ASTM standard.</i>	24 March 2017
EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1111/Add.1	Amusement devices - Addendum <i>The Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (VADR) governs the construction and operation of amusement devices, which are by statutory definition devices or structures open to the public by which persons are conveyed or moved in an unusual manner for diversion and passenger tramways. The regulations are closely related to the Uniform Statewide Building Code (13VAC5-63) (USBC) and under state law the USBC applies to amusement devices to the extent that the VADR does not set out</i>	21 April 2017

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				<p>Both regulations utilize nationally recognized model building codes and standards to provide the technical requirements for the actual construction of the regulated buildings. Every three years, new editions of the model codes become available. At that time, the Board of Housing and Community Development initiates a regulatory action to incorporate the newest editions of the model codes into the regulation and accepts proposals for changes to the regulation from affected client groups and the public. The Department of Housing and Community Development staff maintains mailing lists for workgroups involving different subject areas of regulation and conducts workgroup meetings to develop consensus recommendations, when possible, concerning submitted proposals. The department uses an online program incorporating the provisions of the regulation and the model codes and standards to facilitate the submittal of proposals. A public hearing is held during the workgroup meeting stage of the process and a comment period established. Once workgroup meetings are completed, the board holds series of meetings to consider each proposal, and the approved proposals are incorporated into the proposed regulation. After publication of the proposed regulations, the board establishes a comment period for the acceptance of comments on amendments reflected in the proposed regulation, and an additional public hearing is held. The board then meets to consider proposals and public comments and develops a final regulation to complete the regulatory process.</p>	
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
FLUORESCENT • FLUORESCENT LAMPS. DISCHARGE LAMPS	THAILAND	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/443/Add.1	<p>Fluorescent lamps - Addendum</p> <p>This addendum is to inform that draft Thai Industrial Standard for Self-Ballasted Lamps for General Lighting Services: Safety Requirements (TIS 2234-2557(2014)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute, notified under G/TBT/N/THA/443 was adopted on 24 February 2017 and will enter into force after 365 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (24 February 2018) .</p>	—

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FLUORESCENT • FLUORESCENT LAMPS, DISCHARGE LAMPS	THAILAND	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/444/Add.1	Fluorescent lamps - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that draft Thai Industrial Standard for Single Capped Fluorescent Lamps: Safety Specifications (TIS 2235 - 2557 (2014)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute, notified under G/TBT/N/THA/444 was adopted on 24 February 2017 and will enter into force after 365 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (24 February 2018) .</i>	—
PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS, COUPLERS	THAILAND	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/475/Add.1	Cord extension sets - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Plugs and Socket-Outlets for Household and Similar Purposes: Cord Extension Sets (TIS 2432-2555 (2012)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute, notified under G/TBT/N/THA/475 was adopted on 24 February 2017 and will enter into force after 365 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (24 February 2018) .</i>	—
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
SPECIAL WASTES	EUROPEAN UNION	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/399/Add.1	Waste - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that the draft Commission Regulation amending Annex III to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the hazardous property HP 14 ("Ecotoxic") has been amended. The amendments concern the following points:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A formal aspect was modified. The draft Commission Regulation notified in August 2016 has been converted to a proposal for a Council Regulation amending Annex III to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the hazardous property HP 14 ("Ecotoxic") (see new Recital 9) .</i> <i>Recitals 6 and 7 have been clarified as regards the application of cut-off values, tests, and links with Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008. The reference to the obsolete criteria laid down in Annex VI to Council Directive 67/548/EEC was deleted (see new Article 1(2)) .</i> <i>The entry into force is postponed to allow companies and competent authorities sufficient time to adapt to the new require-</i> 	—

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DOMESTIC SAFETY	GEORGIA	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/GEO/99	<p>Misleading products</p> <p><i>Document applies to products which, although not foodstuffs, possess a form, odour, colour, appearance, packaging, labelling, volume or size, such that it is likely that consumers, especially children, will confuse them with foodstuffs and in consequence place them in their mouths, or suck or ingest them, which might be dangerous and cause, for example, suffocation, poisoning, or the perforation or obstruction of the digestive tract.</i></p>	—
FIRE • PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	HUNGARY	3/10/2017	G/TBT/N/HUN/33	<p>Fire fighting products, flammable or explosive appliances, machines, equipment</p> <p><i>The scope of fire fighting products, flammable or explosive appliances, machines, equipment, as well as the products belonging to the scope of flammable or explosive technology is changing continuously in parallel to the technical progress, and along with this development the conditions necessary for the marketing, installation and application of these products change as well.</i></p> <p><i>The amendment of the decree serves two purposes: on the one hand, the repeal of the rules which had become obsolete due to the changed product scope classification, changes in the procedure for the appointment of the certification body, clarification of the field of activity applicable to fire fighting products, and flammable or explosive appliances, machines, equipment; on the other hand, easing the bureaucratic burdens to be borne by clients.</i></p>	11 May 2017
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	3/8/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/748/Add.3	<p>Magnet sets - Addendum</p> <p><i>This final rule removes from the Code of Federal Regulations the final rule published on 3 October 2014, titled "Safety Standard for Magnet Sets". This action responds to a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit that vacated the rule.</i></p>	—
FIRE • PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1109/Add.1	<p>Fire prevention code - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) is a regulation governing the maintenance of the fire protection aspects of existing structures and operational functions relating to fire safety wherever located, including the regulation of the use of explosives and</i></p>	21 April 2017

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				<p>The SFPC uses a nationally recognized model code produced by the International Code Council as the basis for the technical provisions of the regulation. Every three years, a new edition of the model code becomes available. At that time, the Board of Housing and Community Development initiates a regulatory action to incorporate the newest edition of the model code into the regulation as well as accepting proposals for changes to the regulation from affected client groups and the public. The Department of Housing and Community Development staff maintains mailing lists for workgroups involving different subject areas of regulation and conducts workgroup meetings to develop consensus recommendations, when possible, concerning submitted proposals. The department uses an online program incorporating the provisions of the regulation and the model code to facilitate the submittal of proposals. A public hearing is held during the workgroup meeting stage of the process and a comment period established. Once workgroup meetings are completed, the board holds a series of meetings to consider each proposal, and the approved proposals are incorporated into the proposed regulation. After publication of the proposed regulation, the board establishes a comment period for the acceptance of comments on amendments reflected in the proposed regulation, and an additional public hearing is held. The board then meets to consider proposals and public comments and develops a final regulation to complete</p>	
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1216/Add.2	<p>Ozone-depleting substances - Addendum</p> <p>In accordance with a determination by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that the direct final rule ("Use of Ozone Depleting Substances") published on 26 October 2016, is excluded from the memorandum of 20 January 2017, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review", this action confirms the effective date of 23 February 2017, for the direct</p>	—

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
FLUID • FLUID STORAGE DEVICES	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1076/Add.1	<p>Portable fuel containers - Addendum</p> <p><i>This action by the Air Resources Board amends existing certification and test procedures for controlling emissions from portable fuel containers (PFC), including the following documents incorporated by reference: Certification Procedure for Portable Fuel Container Systems (CP?501), Test Procedure for Determining Integrity of Portable Fuel Container Systems (TP?501), and Test Procedure for Determining Diurnal Emissions for Portable Fuel Container Systems (TP?502) . This action also adopts recording and reporting requirements for PFC manufacturers.</i></p>	—
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/317/Corr.1	<p>Medicinal specialties for human medicine - Corrigendum</p> <p>The content of section 4 of notification G / TBT / N / ARG / 317 (Medicinal Human medicine) should read as follows: "Food products".</p>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	AUSTRALIA	3/7/2017	G/TBT/N/AUS/100/Add.2	<p>Foods - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Australian Government has recently passed legislation that will make it easier for businesses to determine the appropriate country of origin claims for their products, including when the use of the terms "Made in" and "Packed in" can be used in conformity with the legislation. The legislation implements the draft proposal for Country of Origin Labelling included in the notification to the WTO and trading partners in December 2015 (G/TBT/N/AUS/100) . This legislation complements the country of origin labelling information standard (G/ TBT/N/AUS/100/Add.1), which commenced on 1 July 2016.</i></p> <p><i>The Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Act 2017 (the Act), simplifies the automatic defence provisions for "Made in" claims for all products (not just food) by removing the complex 50 per cent local production cost test and clarifying what substantial transformation means. The Act also introduces an automatic defence for goods labelled with marks required or permitted by relevant Information Standards, like the Country of Origin Food Labelling Information Standard 2016. The changes contained in the Act will reduce regulatory burden across all industry.</i></p>	—

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				<p>There will be minimal impact on goods imported into Australia. It will be clearer to all businesses selling imported goods in Australia when a "Made in" or "Packed in" origin statement would be appropriate. Those selling imported foods will also be able to label their products with the marks required or permitted by the country of origin food labelling standard with greater confidence, knowing that they will be safe from any allegations that their origin claims are false or misleading.</p> <p>Australia will continue to use a risk-based compliance and enforcement scheme for imported food at the border, including country of origin labelling requirements.</p>	
FOOD ADDITIVES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/251/Add.1	<p>Food additives, egg products,...]ars and infant foods - Addendum</p> <p>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to inform WTO Members that the "Food Business Shall Establish Traceability System of Food Products", notified in G/TBT/N/TPKM/251 was promulgated on 1 March 2017, and will come into effect on 31 July 2017.</p>	—
ARTICLES • MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	UNITED STATES	3/8/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1116/Add.5	<p>Canned and bottled foods and beverages - Addendum</p> <p>Removes rules regarding exposures to BPA from canned and bottled foods and beverages.</p>	3 April 2017
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1231/Add.1	<p>Frozen onions - Addendum</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is reopening the comment period for the document inviting comments on a proposal to create new United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Onions and request for comments published in the Federal Register on 23 November 2016. The comment period for this document closed on 23 January 2017. The grade standards would provide a common language for trade, a means of measuring value in the marketing of frozen onions, and guidance on the effective use of frozen onions.</p>	3 April 2017.

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PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
FUELS	MÉXICO	3/9/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/300/Add.5	<p>Petroleum - Addendum</p> <p><i>Resolution of the Energy Regulatory Commission that temporarily authorizes Tesoro Mexico Supply & Marketing, S. de R. L. de C. V., use an alternative procedure to measure Cetane number as set out in Table 7 "Diesel Specifications" of the Official Standard Mexican NOM-016-CRE-2016, Petroleum Quality Specifications. On August 29, 2016, the Agreement A / 035/2016 was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation. Which the Energy Regulatory Commission (the Commission) issues Mexican Official Standard NOM-016-CRE-2016, Petroleum Quality Specifications (the Standard), which entered into force on October 28, 2016.</i></p>	—
FUELS	UNITED STATES	3/8/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1208/Add.1	<p>Fuel inspection - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Adopted rules were submitted to the Governor and Legislature on 1 February 2017.</i></p>	—
RUBBER AND PLASTICS INDUSTRIES					
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	DOMINICA	3/7/2017	G/TBT/N/DMA/15	<p>Tyres</p> <p><i>This part of ISO 4209 specifies the designation, dimensions and load ratings of the metric series of tyres primarily intended for trucks and buses. It is applicable to bias-belted, diagonal and radial tyres for trucks and buses, mounted on 5° tapered rims</i></p>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	3/8/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/519	<p>Radiocommunications</p> <p><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:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Radio Standards Specifications RSS-247, Issue 2, Digital Transmission Systems (DTSs), Frequency Hopping Systems (FHSs) and Licence-Exempt Local Area Network (LE-LAN) Devices which sets out certification requirements for radio apparatus operating in the bands 902-928 MHz, 2400-2483.5 MHz and 5725-5850 MHz employing frequency hopping, digital modulation and/or a combination (hybrid) of both techniques. It also includes licence-exempt local area network (LE-LAN) devices operating in the bands 5150-5250 MHz, 5250-5350 MHz, 5470-5725 MHz and 5725-5850 MHz.</i> 	23 May 2017

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	SWITZERLAND	3/9/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/216	<p>Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment</p> <p><i>The Ordinance of the Swiss Federal Office of Communications on telecommunications installations (OOIT) specifies the basic technical requirements with regard to telecommunications installations set out by the Swiss Federal Council. It regulates the use of radio interfaces in Switzerland.</i></p> <p><i>The new article 2a and annex 6 specify how manufacturers have to inform the user on potential restrictions for the use of radio equipment. First of all on the packaging of the radio equipment (either with text in a language understandable by the buyer/user or by using a specific pictogram) . Secondly, detailed information on the restriction shall be in the user manual. These provisions are based on the according delegated act from the EU Commission.</i></p> <p><i>For the emergency channel (E-Channel) the allowed transmit power has been raised and digital modulations and data are now allowed (RIR0504-01) . For PMR applications the lower band edge has been moved from 406.0 down to 405.9 MHz (RIR0507-03 and RIR0507-03) . For the use of the PMR446 band with regular PMR equipment the maximal output power has been defined at the antenna connector (RIR0507-35) . For meteorological sondes the upper band edge has been moved from 406.0 down to 405.9 MHz (RIR0702-01 and RIR0702-02) . For satellite News Gathering (SNG) Transportable Earth Stations (TES) in the Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) in the frequency range of 12.75 - 14.5 GHz the sub bands and license conditions have been changed (RIR0806-01) . For Ultra Low Power Active Medical Implant communication systems (ULP-AMI) the upper band edge has been moved from 406.0 down to 405.9 MHz (RIR1006-08) . For not body worn radio microphones between 1785 - 1804.8 MHz using more than 20mW up to 50mW EIRP a spectrum scanning procedure (SSP) is necessary (RIR1009-09) . For vehicle and infrastructure radar between 76-77 GHz the application range has been extended to airport surveillance (RIR1012-03) . For radio amateurs a new sub band has been added between 5351.5 - 5366.5 kHz (RIR1101-02) .</i></p>	20 May 2017

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RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/265/Add.1	Telecommunications radio-frequency devices - Addendum <i>The National Communications Commission would like to notify to the WTO Members that the English translation of Draft Amendment to the Compliance Approval Regulations on Controlled Telecommunications Radio-Frequency Devices (G/TBT/N/TPKM/265) is now available.</i>	—
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	3/6/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/972/Add.3	Information and communication technology - Addendum <i>The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) is briefly postponing the effective date of its recently-promulgated final rule that establishes revised accessibility standards and guidelines for information and communication technology (ICT) . The ICT final rule was published in the Federal Register on 18 January 2017, and is scheduled to become effective on 20 March 2017. A brief postponement of this effective date is necessitated by the memorandum from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review" (20 January 2017), which generally calls on Federal agencies to delay the effective dates of published, but not yet-effective, final rules for 60 days from the date of the memorandum. The ICT final rule will take effect on 21 March 2017.</i>	—
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	UNITED STATES	3/8/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1248/Add.1	Maritime radio equipment - Addendum <i>In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved, for a period of three years, information collection requirements adopted in the Commission's Report and Order, FCC 16-119. This document is consistent with the Report and Order, which stated that the Commission would publish a document in the Federal Register announcing OMB approval and the effective date of the rules.</i>	—