

# 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 32 notifications on Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Environment, Health Protection, and Safety, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology, Road Vehicles Engineering etc. from Canada, Gulf Cooperation Council, India, 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 (04 - 10 November 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UGANDA	09/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/779</a>	Deodorants and antiperspirants  <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for deodorants and antiperspirants. This standard does not apply to the medicated deodorants and antiperspirants, which claim therapeutic value.</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UGANDA	09/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/780</a>	Body oils  <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, method of sampling and test for body oils based on refined vegetable oils or vegetable oils blends, mineral oils or mixture of the vegetable oils and mineral oils meant for application on the skin. It does not cover skin creams, lotions, hair oils and pure essential oils; and body oils for which therapeutic claims are made.</i>	60 days from notification

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<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS</b>					
EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT	CANADA	07/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/535</a>	<p>Magnetic toys for children</p> <p><i>The current Toys Regulations, made under the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act, would be amended to include the following two principal elements:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>A requirement that any magnetic toy or magnetic component that can be entirely enclosed in the small parts cylinder must have a magnetic flux index less than 0.5 T2mm2 (50 kG2mm2) . The small parts cylinder is illustrated in Schedule 1 of the Toys Regulations and the small parts test incorporates the use of a force of not more than 4.45 N. The method to assess magnetic flux index is set out in a new Schedule of the Toys Regulations.</i></li> <li>2. <i>A requirement stating that the above criteria must also be met after the magnetic toy or magnetic component is subjected to a standard series of integrity tests set out in a new Schedule of the Toys Regulations. The integrity tests include: a soaking test, an initial tension test for magnets, a drop test, a torque test, a tension test, an impact test for magnets, a compression test, and a final tension test for magnets.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>The proposed amendments establish two exceptions. The first is an exception for a magnet that is required for the function of a motor, relay, speaker, and other electric or electronic component, as long as the magnetic property is not part of the intended learning or play pattern for the toy. The second is an exception for magnets in toys that are advanced magnetic electrical experimental kits intended for children eight years of age or older, where the kit has a warning on its packaging and instructions regarding the danger of swallowing magnets.</i></p>	17 January 2018
EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT IN GENERAL	UGANDA	09/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/781</a>	<p>Casinos</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard provides the constructional and operational requirements for gaming devices that reside on, or are operated on (or both), the gaming floor of a casino. Equipment covered by the requirements of this standard includes gaming machines, jackpot controllers and displays and machine consoles.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT IN GENERAL	UGANDA	09/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/782</a>	Limited payout machines  <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the general hardware and software requirements and the list of significant events for gaming equipment to be used in venues holding site licenses for limited payout machines. This Draft Standard applies among others to all types of gaming machines registered under the Lotteries and Gaming Act, 2016, including workplaces that are outdoors, mobile or remote as specified in the scope of the Lotteries and Gaming Act, 2016.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>					
ACID SECONDARY CELLS AND BATTERIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/735</a>	Lithium battery  <i>The current technical regulation for lithium secondary battery of Korea has adopted IEC 62133 as it is. However, this amendment of the technical regulation additionally requires an over-charging test (cell), vibration (battery pack), and mechanical shock (battery pack) test items for lithium secondary batteries used in smartphones, notebooks and tablet PCs.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY</b>					
FIRE-RESISTANCE OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND ELEMENTS	ISRAEL	08/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/972</a>	Swinging fire doors  <i>5th amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 1212 part 1 dealing with swinging fire doors. The major change include in this amendment is the change of paragraph 3.2.2 dealing with door closer.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/393</a>	Spreadable Halawa  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of Spreadable Halawa, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	BAHRAIN	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/506</a>	Spreadable Halawa  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of Spreadable Halawa, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	KUWAIT	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/388</a>	Spreadable Halawa  <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of Spreadable Halawa, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	OMAN	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/332</a>	Spreadable Halawa <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of Spreadable Halawa, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	QATAR	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/505</a>	Spreadable Halawa <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of Spreadable Halawa, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1025</a>	Spreadable Halawa <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of Spreadable Halawa, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	YEMEN	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/108</a>	Spreadable Halawa <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of Spreadable Halawa, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1314</a>	Food labelling <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is proposing to revoke its regulation authorizing the use of health claims on the relationship between soy protein and coronary heart disease on the label or in the labeling of foods. We are taking this action based on our review of the totality of publicly available scientific evidence currently available and our tentative conclusion that such evidence does not support our previous determination that there is significant scientific agreement (SSA) among qualified experts for a health claim regarding the relationship between soy protein and reduced risk of coronary heart disease.</i>	16 January 2018
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARM/83</a>	Medical devices and medical equipment <i>This project provides for the actualization of the text part of Section 18 of Chapter II of the Common sanitary and epidemiological and hygienic requirements for products subject to sanitary and epidemiological surveillance (control), including Terms and Definitions, in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014 and the Agreement on the Common Principles</i>	09 December 2017

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				<i>and Rules for the circulation of medical devices (medical devices and medical equipment) within the framework of the Eurasian Economic Union of 23 December 2014, exclusion of duplication of the requirements of the adopted acts of the EAEU on the labeling of medical devices and establishing the procedure for assessing the biological effect of medical devices when conducting their registration and examination.</i>	
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	08/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/756</a>	Medical devices  <i>This Resolution provides for inspection programs and administrative procedures to grant of Good Manufacturing Practices Certificate to manufacturers of Medical Devices located outside the Brazilian territory and Mercosur.</i>	Not applicable
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/534</a>	Drug products containing controlled substances  <i>This regulatory proposal aims to provide a long-term solution to address three problematic areas that are currently only addressed using temporary measures: the destruction of unserviceable stock containing certain controlled substances by pharmacists, practitioners and persons in charge of hospitals; the return of prescription drugs containing controlled substances by individuals to pharmacies for destruction; and individuals entering or leaving Canada with controlled substances for personal medical use. This notice provides interested stakeholders with the opportunity to provide comments on Health Canada's intent to amend the Narcotic Control Regulations (NCR), the Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances Regulations (BOTSR) and Part G of the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR-G) to address these identified gaps and inconsistencies. The publication of this notice in the Canada Gazette, Part I, initiates a 60-day comment period.</i>	26 December 2017
MEDICAMENTS	CHINA	8/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1223</a>	Drugs  <i>The adjustment to the acceptance of drug registration is: all the procedures shall now be handled by China Food and Drug Administration, instead of the former mode in which the application shall be accepted by provincial Food and Drug Administration, and be appraised and approved by China Food and Drug Administration.</i>	60 days from notification

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<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	INDIA	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/44/Add.6</a>	<p>Electronics and information technology goods - Addendum</p> <p><i>India had notified the "Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012" to the WTO in document G/TBT/N/IND/44 .</i></p> <p><i>In continuation of the said WTO notification, India would like to inform the members that it has carried out amendments to the aforesaid Order vide its Gazette notification S.O. No. 2742(E) dated 23.08.2017 (copy attached), thereby adding 13 electronic products in the existing list.</i></p>	–
<b>PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS</b>					
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	INDIA	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/64</a>	<p>Packaging materials used for packaging of food products</p> <p><i>The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2017 deals with the specification and requirements for packaging materials used for packaging of food products.</i></p>	60 days from the date of circulation of notification
<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/378</a>	<p>Hydrocarbons</p> <p><i>The notified draft standard is of general application and compulsory throughout the national territory and covers the following aspects: compilation, revision, integration and data analysis, risk analysis, inspection and integrity analysis, maintenance and risk mitigation, assessment of the performance of the management of the integrity of terrestrial and submarine pipes throughout their life cycle.</i></p>	60 calendar days after publication in the Official Journal of the Federation.
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	07/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/379</a>	<p>Onshore Petroleum Storage Facilities and Petroleum Products</p> <p><i>The notified standard is applicable throughout the national territory and in the areas over which Mexico exercises sovereignty and jurisdiction. She is of general and mandatory application for the regulated entities responsible for design, construction, pre-commissioning, operation, maintenance, closure and dismantling of onshore storage facilities, for receipt and distribution of petroleum products (with the exception of petroleum liquids), additives, oxygenates and biofuels, associated with mixing or preparation of fuels.</i></p>	60 days from the notification

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<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/378/Rev.1</a>	<p>Tyre pressure[...]ring systems (TPMSs) - Revision</p> <p><i>This Regulation applies to the approval of vehicles of category M1 up to a maximum mass of 3,500 kg and N1 when equipped with a tyre pressure monitoring system, except for vehicles fitted with dual wheels on an axle.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	BAHRAIN	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/492/Rev.1</a>	<p>Tyre pressure[...]ring systems (TPMSs) - Revision</p> <p><i>This Regulation applies to the approval of vehicles of category M1 up to a maximum mass of 3,500 kg and N1 when equipped with a tyre pressure monitoring system, except for vehicles fitted with dual wheels on an axle.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	KUWAIT	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/374/Rev.1</a>	<p>Tyre pressure[...]ring systems (TPMSs) - Revision</p> <p><i>This Regulation applies to the approval of vehicles of category M1 up to a maximum mass of 3,500 kg and N1 when equipped with a tyre pressure monitoring system, except for vehicles fitted with dual wheels on an axle.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	OMAN	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/318/Rev.1</a>	<p>Tyre pressure[...]ring systems (TPMSs) - Revision</p> <p><i>This Regulation applies to the approval of vehicles of category M1 up to a maximum mass of 3,500 kg and N1 when equipped with a tyre pressure monitoring system, except for vehicles fitted with dual wheels on an axle.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	QATAR	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/491/Rev.1</a>	<p>Tyre pressure[...]ring systems (TPMSs) - Revision</p> <p><i>This Regulation applies to the approval of vehicles of category M1 up to a maximum mass of 3,500 kg and N1 when equipped with a tyre pressure monitoring system, except for vehicles fitted with dual wheels on an axle.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1011/Rev.1</a>	<p>Tyre pressure[...]ring systems (TPMSs) - Revision</p> <p><i>This Regulation applies to the approval of vehicles of category M1 up to a maximum mass of 3,500 kg and N1 when equipped with a tyre pressure monitoring system, except for vehicles fitted with dual wheels on an axle.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	YEMEN	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/94/Rev.1</a>	<p>Tyre pressure[...]ring systems (TPMSs) - Revision</p> <p><i>This Regulation applies to the approval of vehicles of category M1 up to a maximum mass of 3,500 kg and N1 when equipped with a tyre pressure monitoring system, except for vehicles fitted with dual wheels on an axle.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification

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<b>SERVICES, COMPANY ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY, ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPORT, SOCIOLOGY</b>					
PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION, CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	PHILIPPINES	09/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PHL/201</a>	Organic agriculture  <i>The guidelines for the official accreditation of Organic Certifying Bodies (OCB) are being amended to address the demands of the stakeholders of the organic agriculture industry. The revision intends to refine the official accreditation procedure to further complement the Philippines' Department of Agriculture's initiatives under the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP) .</i>	20 days from notification
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO, AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	UNITED STATES	06/11/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1020/Add.3</a>	Wireless devices - Addendum  <i>The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) amends its equipment authorization regulations, increasing the Commission's agility to respond to changes in technology and industry standards. This rule consolidates, simplifies, and streamlines certain procedures, and removes the requirement to file the import declaration FCC Form 740 under certain circumstances.</i>	—