

# 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 27 notifications on Agriculture, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology, Road Vehicles Engineering etc. from the Brazil, India, Israel, Mexico, 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 (05 - 11 May2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	09/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/710/Add.1</a>	Tobacco products - Addendum  <i>The Draft Resolution n° 314/2017, notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/710 - technical requirements and procedures to be observed in the market authorization of tobacco processed and in the procedures for smoking products derived from tobacco - was adopted as a final text, published as ANVISA Resolution - RDC n° 226 of 30 April 2018.</i>	—
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	UNITED STATES	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1363</a>	Pesticides  <i>This proposed rule would amend the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) section of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) organic regulations to implement recommendations submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) .</i>	29 June 2018

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				<i>This rule proposes to: Add elemental sulfur to the National List for use in organic livestock production; and, reclassify potassium acid tartrate from a non- agricultural substance to an agricultural substance and require the organic form of the ingredient when commercially available.</i>	
<b>AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING</b>					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	MEXICO	08/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/408</a>	Fixed Wing Aircraft  <i>The official Mexican standard notified prescribes the use of the anti-collision system (ACAS) in fixed-wing aircraft operated by concessions or licenses and air operators in the airspace covered by the jurisdiction of the Mexican State. It specifies the operating procedures of the ACAS system as well as the criteria and specifications for its installation.</i>	01 July 2018
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1362</a>	Volatile organic compounds  <i>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to revise the regulatory definition of volatile organic compounds (VOC) under the Clean Air Act (CAA) . This action proposes to add cis- 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobut-2-ene (also known as HFO-1336mzz-Z; CAS number 692-49-9) to the list of compounds excluded from the regulatory definition of VOC on the basis that this compound makes a negligible contribution to tropospheric ozone (O3) formation.</i>	02 July 2018
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	INDIA	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/78</a>	Instantaneous domestic water heaters for use with liquefied petroleum gas  <i>The Bureau of Indian Standards Domestic Water Heater for Use with Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Quality Control) Order, 2018</i>	60 days from notification
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS</b>					
SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES	INDIA	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/79</a>	Kitchen appliances  <i>The Bureau of Indian Standards Kitchen Appliances (Quality Control) Order, 2018</i>	60 days from notification
PLAYGROUNDS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	08/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1050</a>	Rides & devices of amusement parks  <i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i>	60 days from notification

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<b>ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>					
RECTIFIERS, CONVERTERS, STABILIZED POWER SUPPLY	ISRAEL	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1010</a>	Uninterruptible power systems (UPS)  <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 62040 part 1. This draft standard revision adopts both the International Standard IEC 62040-1 - Edition 1.1: 2013-01 and the American Standard ANSI/UL 1778-2014 with a few changes that appear in the standard's Hebrew section and allow for compliance with either.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	08/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MDA/25/Add.1</a>	Electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits - Addendum  <i>Government Decision no.745 from 26 October 2015 on approving the Technical Regulation "Making available on the market of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits". The purpose of this Technical Regulation is to ensure that equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits placed on the market fulfill the requirements providing a high level of health protection and safety of consumers.</i>	–
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY</b>					
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	09/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/321</a>	Industrial protective helmets  <i>With a view to enhancing the protection of users of industrial protective helmets, the BSMI intends to adopt the revised version of the inspection standard, CNS 1336:2017, when performing legal inspection of such products. The revised version basically includes additional requirements for ventilation holes and classification of helmets.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/280/Add.3/Corr.1</a>	Liqueurs and cordials - Corrigendum  <i>This corrigendum aims at informing that Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA inadvertently listed incorrect information in Ordinance 17, 9 April 2018 (Instrução Normativa N° 17, de 9 de Abril de 2018), published in the National Gazette Number 70, 12 April 2018, section 1, page 6 (Diário Oficial da União) amending Ordinance 35, 16 November 2010 (Instrução Normativa N° 35, de 16 de Novembro de 2010) to complement the standards and requirements of identity and quality for alcoholic beverages by blend, marketed throughout the national territory, and where it reads:</i>	–

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				<p>"§1° In alcoholic beverage by blend, the concentration of copper (Cu) should not exceed 5 mg/ml (five milligrams per liter) ...",</p> <p>Please read:</p> <p>"§1° In alcoholic beverage by blend, the copper concentration (Cu) should not exceed 5 mg/ l (five milligrams per liter) ... "</p> <p>and where it reads:</p> <p>"§2° In the alcoholic beverage by blend the concentration of lead (Pb) should not exceed 0.2 mg / ml (two tenths of milligram per liter ... (NR)"</p> <p>Please read:</p> <p>"§2° In the alcoholic beverage by blend, the concentration of lead (Pb) should not exceed 0,2 mg / l (two tenths of a milligram per liter ... (NR)"</p>	
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	INDIA	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/77</a>	<p>Labelling on pre-packaged food</p> <p>These regulations prescribe the labelling requirements of pre-packaged foods and display of essential information on premises where food is manufactured, processed, served and stored.</p>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THAILAND	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/215/Rev.2</a>	<p>Snack foods - Revision</p> <p>The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) is proposing to revise the MOPH notification concerning "Food products Required to bear Nutrition Labelling and Guideline Daily Amounts, GDAs Labelling"</p>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/893/Add.8</a>	<p>Food labelling - Addendum</p> <p>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is extending the compliance dates by approximately 1.5 years for the final rules providing updated nutrition information on the label of food, including dietary supplements; defining a single-serving container; requiring dual-column labeling for certain containers; updating, modifying, and establishing certain reference amounts customarily consumed (RACCs); and amending the label serving size for breath mints. The final rules appeared in the Federal Register of 27 May 2016. We are taking this action because, after careful consideration, we have determined that additional time would help ensure that all manufacturers covered by the final rules have guidance from FDA to address, for example, certain technical questions we received after publication of the final rules, and that they have sufficient time to complete and print updated Nutrition Facts labels for their products before they are expected to be in compliance with the final rules.</p>	—

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/894/Add.5</a>	<p>Food products in general - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is extending the compliance dates by approximately 1.5 years for the final rules providing updated nutrition information on the label of food, including dietary supplements; defining a single-serving container; requiring dual-column labeling for certain containers; updating, modifying, and establishing certain reference amounts customarily consumed (RACCs); and amending the label serving size for breath mints. The final rules appeared in the Federal Register of 27 May 2016. We are taking this action because, after careful consideration, we have determined that additional time would help ensure that all manufacturers covered by the final rules have guidance from FDA to address, for example, certain technical questions we received after publication of the final rules, and that they have sufficient time to complete and print updated Nutrition Facts labels for their products before they are expected to be in compliance with the final rules.</i></p>	—
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	UNITED STATES	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1364</a>	<p>Bioengineered (BE) food</p> <p><i>A recent amendment to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 requires the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) to establish the national mandatory bioengineered (BE) food disclosure standard. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing a new rule that would require food manufacturers and other entities that label foods for retail sale to disclose information about BE food and BE food ingredient content. The proposed rule is intended to provide a mandatory uniform national standard for disclosure of information to consumers about the BE status of foods. AMS seeks comments on the proposed rule. This proposed rule also announces AMS' intent to request approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of new information collection and recordkeeping requirements to implement the proposed BE food disclosure standard.</i></p>	03 July 2018
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	SOUTH AFRICA	09/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZAF/228</a>	<p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p><i>It prescribes the labeling of alcoholic beverages with health warnings. The purpose is to inform individuals and the community about the harm caused by alcohol abuse.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	09/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/258/Add.5</a>	Gloves - Addendum  <i>This addendum aims to inform the approval, through Ordinance number 194, 20 April 2018 issued by the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), to adapt the Assessment Requirements adjustments for Surgical Gloves and Non-Surgical gloves, made of Natural Rubber, Synthetic Rubber and Blends of Synthetic Rubber, previously approved by Inmetro ordinance 332, 26 June, 2012, inserted in Annex I of the referenced ordinance 194/2018, which will come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Union.</i>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	08/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/407</a>	Drugs and related medical equipment  <i>The notified standard is mandatory throughout the national territory for all institutions, institutions and individuals in the national system health.</i>	01 July 2018
MEDICAMENTS	MEXICO	08/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/409</a>	Some medicines for the treatment and control of diabetes mellitus  <i>The notified standard is mandatory for establishments and national health system professionals who provide health care services to patients with diabetes mellitus.</i>	02 July 2018
<b>MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING</b>					
WELDING EQUIPMENT	ISRAEL	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ISR/1011</a>	Arc welding equipment  <i>Revision of the mandatory standard SI 60974 part 6. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 60974-6 - Edition 3.0: 2015-09 with a few changes that appear in the standard's Hebrew section as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes paragraph 2 dealing with the normative references;</li> <li>• Adds a new paragraph 201 and requires that arc welding equipment's power supply should comply with the EMC requirements of the International Standard IEC 60974-10.</li> </ul>	60 days from notification
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
CYCLES	BRAZIL	09/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/559/Add.6</a>	Parts and accessories of vehicles - Addendum  <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance 215, 30 April 2018, in order to suspend the effects of article 4 of ordinance 123/2014 (Portaria Inmetro Nº 123, de 19 de Março de 2014) due to the non-enforcement of draft notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/559/Add.5, rendering inconsistent the infringements notices drawn up later on 24 March 2018.</i>	—

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ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHINA	09/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1270</a>	Road motor vehicle  <i>The measures are formulated to promote the healthy and sustainable development of the automobile industry, to ensure the safety, environmental protection, energy saving and anti-theft performance of the products, to standardize and improve the administration of access permission on road motor vehicle manufacturing enterprises and products, and to safeguard people's life and property and public safety. The measures are consisted of eight chapters and forty-four articles, specifying the application, acceptance, examination, decision, supervision and inspection, legal responsibility of access permission on road motor vehicle manufacturing enterprises and products.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	09/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/314/Add.1</a>	Power supply products for auto[...]otive cigar lighter - Addendum  <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penhu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection Requirements for Power Supply Products for Automotive Cigar Lighters," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/314 on 19 January 2018, was promulgated on 3 May 2018 and will come into effect on 1 January 2019.</i>	—
<b>SERVICES, COMPANY ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY, ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPORT, SOCIOLOGY</b>					
LEISURE, TOURISM	MEXICO	08/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/406</a>	Equipment for tour operators specializing in adventure / nature tourism  <i>The draft official Mexican standard notified is mandatory on the national territory for natural and legal persons who provide tourists or to users of adventure / nature tourism services, or who subcontract such services. It will not apply to diving activities, aviation activities and acrobatic courses in height that do not take place in natural environments.</i>	03 July 2018
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	09/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/554</a>	Radiocommunications  <i>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada has published at Web site:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio Standards Specification (RSS)-GEN, Issue 5, General Requirements for Compliance of Radio Apparatus which sets out general and certification requirements for licensed and licence-exempt radio apparatus used for radiocommunication other than broadcasting.</li> </ul>	04 July 2018

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<b>TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY</b>					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	ARGENTINA	07/05/2018	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/309/Add.2</a>	Textiles and Footwear - Addendum  <i>Please be advised that Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 404/2016 regarding the Sworn Declaration of Product Composition (DJCP), notified in document G/TBT/N/ARG/309 , has been amended pursuant to Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 246/2018.</i>	—