

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.

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A total of 37 notifications on Agriculture, Construction materials and building, Environment, Health protection, Safety, Food technology, Health care technology, etc., from Brazil, Ecuador, European Union, Thailand, United States, and other countries are listed.

We would like to hear from you. For any questions, suggestions or requests for full text of notified regulations, please contact us at bps@dti.gov.ph

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (06-12 June 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	BRAZIL	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1022	Pesticides - Phytochemicals <i>The notified Ordinance, No. 102, 26 May 2020, opens a 90-day period for comments on a draft proposal concerning the procedures for the registration of phytochemicals that are characterized as pesticides and their related products.</i>	90 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/712/Corr.1	Pesticides - Mancozeb - Corrigendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Point 6 of the draft TBT form G/TBT/N/EU/712 has been corrected.</i>	—

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FARMING AND FORESTRY	UNITED STATES	09/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1363/Rev.1	Organic livestock production - Revision <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>	07 August 2020
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	NEW ZEALAND	08/06/2020	G/TBT/N/NZL/100	All chemical substances that meet the definition of "hazardous substance" <i>In October 2019 New Zealand notified (G/TBT/N/NZL/92) the EPA's proposal to update the current hazard classification system for hazardous substances to Revision 7 (2017) of the United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS 7).</i>	07 August 2020
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
LIGHTING IN GENERAL	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	08/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARE/475	Outdoor lighting products <i>This regulation establishes requirements light sources with or without integrated control gear. The requirements also apply to light sources placed on the market in a containing product.</i>	60 days from notification
DOORS AND WINDOWS	ECUADOR	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/480	Doors and windows <i>This Ecuadorian technical regulation establishes the requirements that the doors and windows must fulfill, prior to the commercialization of products, national and imported, with the purpose of protecting the safety of people.</i>	60 days from notification
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	12/06/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/416	Flush urinals <i>To promote the use of water saving equipment in daily life, the Water Resource Agency proposes to designate flush urinals as one of the products which should have Water Efficiency Labels.</i>	60 days from notification

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SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	UNITED STATES	08/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1003/Add.2	Prerinse spray valves - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is requesting information and data through this request for information ("RFI") to consider whether to amend DOE's test procedures for commercial prerinse spray valves. Written comments and information will be accepted on or before 6 July 2020.</i>	—
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	UNITED STATES	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1009/Add.5	Prerinse spray valves - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is initiating an early assessment review to determine whether any new or amended standards would satisfy the relevant requirements of EPCA for a new or amended energy conservation standard for commercial prerinse spray valves ("CPSVs"). Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before 10 July 2020.</i>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/481	Energy efficiency for fans of electric input power motor between 125 W and 500 kW <i>This Ecuadorian technical regulation establishes the requirements which must be met by the fans of the motor with electric input power between 125 W and 500 kW, prior to the commercialization of national and imported products, with the purpose of protecting the environment; as well as preventing practices that may induce error.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES IN GENERAL	THAILAND	09/06/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/496/Add.1	Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 v : sheathed cables - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Polyvinyl chloride insulated cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 v (TIS 11) - Part 101 - 2561 (2018): Sheathed cables for general purposes, was adopted on 29 May 2020 and will enter into force after 180 days of publication in the Official Gazette (25 November 2020) .</i>	—

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ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
ENERGY EFFICIENCY. ENERGY CONSERVATION IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/482	<p>Safety and energy efficiency for distribution transformers</p> <p><i>This Ecuadorian technical regulation establishes the requirements that distribution transformers must meet, prior to the commercialization of national and imported products, in order to protect the safety of people and the environment; as well as preventing practices that may be misleading.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
WASTES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	08/06/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/899	<p>Waste plastic</p> <p><i>Korea is trying to ban the import of waste plastic (PET/PE/PP/PS) to promote domestic waste recycling.</i></p>	20 days from notification
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	MEXICO	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/160/Add.1	<p>Shippers, carriers and consignees of hazardous substances, materials and waste transported [...] and air communication routes - Addendum</p> <p><i>The MODIFICATION is communicated to number 4.1.1 subsection 10 of NOM-005-SCT / 2008 Information Emergency for the Transport of Hazardous Substances, Materials and Waste.</i></p>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/826/Add.6	<p>Refrigerated beverage vending machines - Addendum</p> <p><i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking an early assessment review for amended energy conservation standards for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines ("beverage vending machines") to determine whether to amend applicable energy conservation standards for this equipment. Written comments and information are requested and will be accepted on or before 10 August 2020.</i></p>	—
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	UNITED STATES	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/920/Add.2	<p>Hazardous materials - Addendum</p> <p><i>PHMSA is developing a national policy regarding safety devices (UN0503 and UN3268). Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before 10 August 2020.</i></p>	—

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1517/Add.1	Chemical substances - Addendum <i>EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances which are the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . This rule is effective on 10 August 2020. For purposes of judicial review, this rule shall be promulgated at 1 p.m. (e.s.t.) on 23 June 2020.</i>	—
RADIATION PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	12/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1598/Add.1	Human exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields - Addendum <i>The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is reopening the comment and reply comment date that appeared in the Federal Register on 6 April 2020. Comments are reopened for the proposed rule published 6 April 2020 (85 FR 19117), and are now due on or before [17 June 2020], and reply comments are due on or before [20 July 2020].</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1624	Gas pipeline systems <i>PHMSA is seeking comments on proposed amendments to the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations that are intended to ease regulatory burdens on the construction, maintenance and operation of gas transmission, distribution, and gathering pipeline systems.</i>	10 August 2020
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	12/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1625	Room air conditioners <i>The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to amend the test procedure for room air conditioners ("room ACs") to address updates to the industry standards.</i>	10 August 2020
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1018	Formulas of enteral nutrition and infant formulas <i>This Resolution establishes extraordinary and temporary criteria and procedure for the handling of petitions of post-market authorization for formulas of enteral nutrition and infant formulas due to the international public health emergency related to the SARS-CoV-2.</i>	—
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS	BRAZIL	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1020	Vegetable fats and oils <i>This draft resolution establishes health requirements for vegetable fats and oils.</i>	24 August 2020

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	08/06/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/900	<p>Labelling and advertising of foods</p> <p><i>The proposed amendment is to expand nutrition labelling to rice cakes, processed saccharide products, etc.</i></p>	60 days from notification
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	MEXICO	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/466	<p>Yahualica pepper (<i>Capsicum annum L.</i>)</p> <p><i>Specifications, production process, commercial information, methods of conformity assessment procedure for yahualica peppers in the fresh state fresh and dried marketed on the national territory.</i></p>	07 August 2020
GLASS AND CERAMICS INDUSTRIES					
GLASS IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/479	<p>Armored safety glasses</p> <p><i>This Ecuadorian technical regulation establishes the requirements that the bulletproof and anti-theft armored safety glasses must comply with automotive, prior to the commercialization of national and imported products, with the purpose of protecting the safety of people; as well as preventing practices that may be misleading.</i></p>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	12/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/993/Add.2	<p>Medical devices - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Resolution - RDC number 356, 23 March 2020 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/993 - which establishes exceptional criteria and procedure for the manufacturing, import, and acquisition of medical devices identified as indispensable for the use in healthcare services due to the international public health emergency related to the SARS-CoV-2, was changed by the Resolution - RDC number 379, 30 April 2020.</i></p>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1017	<p>Lung ventilators, vital signs monitor, infusion pump sets, oximetry machine, and used capn [...]nsable for intensive care units</p> <p><i>This resolution extraordinarily and temporarily establishes technical requirements for the import, marketing, and donation of lung ventilators, vital signs monitor, infusion pump sets, oximetry machine, and used capnographs, indispensable for intensive care units, due to the international public health emergency related to the Covid-19.</i></p>	—

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PHARMACEUTICS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1019	Pharmaceutical products <i>This draft resolution changes the Resolution - RDC number 73, 7 April 2016, which establishes technical requirements for post-registration changes and cancellation procedures for registering medicines.</i>	10 July 2020
LABORATORY MEDICINE	BRAZIL	11/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1021	Medical devices <i>This resolution extraordinarily and temporarily establishes the submission procedure for clinical studies required to validate medical devices of Classes III and IV identified as essential to healthcare services, due to the international public health emergency related to the SARS-CoV-2.</i>	—
METALLURGY					
STEELS FOR PRESSURE PURPOSES	THAILAND	09/06/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/57/Rev.1/Add.1	Steels - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Hot Rolled Flat Steel for Gas Cylinders (TIS 2060-2560 (2017)), was adopted on 29 May 2020 and will enter into force after 270 days of publication in the Official Gazette (23 February 2021) .</i>	—
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	THAILAND	09/06/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/504/Add.1	Hot-dip zinc-coated cold reduced flat steel strips, sheets and corrugated sheets - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Hot-dip Zinc-Coated Cold Reduced Flat Steel Strips, Sheets and Corrugated Sheets (TIS 50-2561 (2018)), was adopted on 29 May 2020 and will enter into force after 90 days of publication in the Official Gazette (27 August 2020) .</i>	—
STEEL PROFILES	THAILAND	09/06/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/521/Add.1	Cold-formed structural steel sections - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Cold-formed Structural Steel Sections for General Structure (TIS 1228 - 2561 (2018)), was adopted on 29 May 2020 and will enter into force after 270 days of publication in the Official Gazette (23 February 2021) .</i>	—

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METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT IN GENERAL	MONTENE-GRO	12/06/2020	G/TBT/N/MNE/16	<p>Measuring instruments for testing safety measures in electrical engineering</p> <p><i>This Rulebook sets out metrological requirements relating to measuring instruments for testing safety measures in electrical engineering, manner of checking of metrological and operating properties of measuring instruments with the prescribed requirements and marking procedure</i></p>	—
MILITARY AFFAIRS. MILITARY ENGINEERING. WEAPONS					
MILITARY IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	12/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1001/Add.1	<p>Identification and marking of firearms - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims to inform that the Army Command of Brazil, has revoked the Ordinance 61 - COLOG, of 15 March 2020, previously notified in G/TBT/N/BRA/1001, that establishes safety devices, identification and marking of firearms, through Ordinance No. 62 of 17 April 2020.</i></p>	—
MILITARY IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	12/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1002/Add.1	<p>Firearms - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims to inform that the Army Command of Brazil, has revoked the Ordinance 60 - COLOG, of 15 March 2020, previously notified in G/TBT/N/BRA/1002, that establishes safety devices, identification and marking of firearms, through Ordinance No. 62 of 17 April 2020.</i></p>	—
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
TYRES IN GENERAL	COSTA RICA	09/06/2020	G/TBT/N/CRI/136/Add.5	<p>Pneumatic tyres - Addendum</p> <p><i>On December 17, 2012, the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica notified, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CRI / 136, RTCR 425: 2008 regulation on tires (Technical regulation establishing the technical and labeling requirements for tires for vehicles in order to prevent and mitigate risks to the life and integrity of people and to prevent practices likely to mislead or deceive consumers).</i></p>	—

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SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	BRAZIL	12/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/978/Add.1	<p>Conformity assessment activities in countries affected by coronavirus epidemic - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the Ordinance Inmetro no. 111, of 27 March 2020 (Portaria nº 111, de 27 de março de 2020) revokes Ordinance no. 79, of 4 March 2020 (G/ TBT/N/BRA/978), and approves extraordinary conditions for execution of conformity assessment activities in countries affected by coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19) issued by the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (INMETRO).</i></p>	—