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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 Agriculture, Clothing, Environment/Health Protection/Safety, Food and Beverages, Road vehicles engineering etc. from the Arab League, the European Union, the United States of America, Uganda, Russian Federation 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (07 - 13 January 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/439	Biocidal products - Pyrogenic, synthetic amorphous silicon dioxide, nano <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves pyrogenic, synthetic amorphous silicon dioxide, nano, surface treated as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 18.</i>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/440	Biocidal products - Dichlofluanid <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves dichlofluanidas an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 21</i>	60 days from notification

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PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/441	<p>Biocidal products - PHMB (1600; 1.8)</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Decision does not approve PHMB (1600; 1.8) as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 5.</i></p> <p><i>The scenarios evaluated in the environmental risk assessment identified unacceptable risks for the environment for these uses.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/442	<p>Biocidal products - Silicon dioxide Kieselguhr</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves silicon dioxide Kieselguhr as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products for product-type 18.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFF	UNITED STATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1254	<p>Food additives - Sodium formate</p> <p>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, we, the Agency) is amending the regulations for food additives permitted in feed and drinking water of animals to provide for the safe use of feed grade sodium formate as a feed acidifying agent in complete poultry feeds. This action is in response to a food additive petition filed by BASF Corp.</p>	26 January 2017
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	EUROPEAN UNION	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/438	<p>Cosmetics</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Regulation aims at restricting the use of Zinc oxide as a colorant in uncoated non-nano form (cosmetic products) .</i></p> <p><i>The EU adopted in April 2016 a Regulation authorising Zinc Oxide for use as a UV-filter in its nano and non-nano forms (Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/621 of 21 April 2016) . The current draft measure is based on the same scientific opinion of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS/1489/2012) on which Regulation (EU) 2016/621 was based, but concerns the use of Zinc Oxide as colorant and regulates only the uncoated non-nano form. Currently Zinc Oxide (in uncoated non-nano form) is authorised for use as a colorant in cosmetics.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<i>The draft measure will keep Zinc Oxide authorised as a colorant but proposes a restriction of the conditions of use of this colorant to applications preventing exposure of the end-user's lungs to Zinc Oxide by inhalation.</i>	
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/702	Consumer chemical products and biocides <i>Name of Law: Act on Safety Management of Consumer Chemical Products and Biocides</i> <i>Major Contents: Safety management of consumer chemical products, approval of biocidal substances, authorization of biocidal products, safety management of treated articles, data protection and sharing, distribution management of consumer chemical products and biocides, etc.</i>	30 days from notification
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	LITHUANIA	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/LTU/29	Cosmetic products <i>The objective of Hygiene Norm is to define microbiological qualitative and quantitative limits for finished cosmetic products in order to ensure their microbiological safety. Microbiological limits are based on the Lithuanian standard LST EN ISO 17516:2015 Cosmetics Microbiology - Microbiological limits (ISO 17516:2014) and the 9th Revision of SCCS Notes of Guidance for the Testing of Cosmetic Ingredients and Their Safety Evaluation. Two separate categories of cosmetic products are defined: Category 1: products specifically intended for children under 3 years and care products of eyes, mucous membranes and Category 2: products, not involved in Category 1. The probability of microbiological contamination for some cosmetic products is extremely low due to product characteristics to create a hostile environment for survival or growth of micro organisms. Responsible person (manufacturer, distributor, importer) has obligation to perform a microbiological risk assessment of the cosmetic products and to identify microbiologically low-risk products, whose environment denies the physical and chemical requirements for growth or survival of micro organisms.</i>	60 days from notification

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				Therefore, products that comply with the characteristics outlined in Lithuanian standard LST EN ISO 29621:2011 Cosmetics - Microbiology - Guidelines for the risk assessment and identification of microbiologically low-risk products (ISO 29621:2010) do not require routine microbiological testing. In the suspected cases of microbiological contamination of microbiologically low-risk products market surveillance authorities, in accordance with the requirements of legal act must organize microbiological testing which should be provided by accredited testing laboratory.	
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1220/Add.1	Chemical substances - Addendum <i>EPA issued a proposed rule in the Federal Register of 27 October 2016 proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for three chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . This document reopens the comment period for 60 days. A commenter requested additional time to submit written comments for the proposed rule. EPA believes that the request is reasonable and is therefore reopening the comment period in order to give all interested persons the opportunity to comment fully.</i>	6 March 2017
CLOTHING					
FOOTWEAR	UGANDA	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/600	Men's open shoes <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements and test methods for men's open shoes made from all types of materials and of all constructions and designs. The draft Standard intends to give specifications for men's open shoes. It will assist footwear manufacturers and merchants in getting value for their products. In addition, it will give the general consumers of the product bases to choose the products from an informed state. The main purpose of this standard therefore is to provide a basis for evaluating the quality of men's open shoes.</i>	60 days from notification

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FOOTWEAR	UGANDA	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/601	Men's closed shoes <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements and test methods for men's closed shoes made from all types of materials and of all constructions and designs. It will assist footwear manufacturers and merchants in getting value for their products. In addition, it will give the general consumers of the product bases to choose the products from an informed state. The main purpose of this draft standard therefore is to provide a basis for evaluating the quality of men's closed shoes.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOTWEAR	UGANDA	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/602	Ladies' closed shoes <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements and test methods for ladies closed shoes made from all types of materials and of all constructions and designs. The draft Standard intends to give specifications for ladies' closed shoes. It will assist footwear manufacturers and merchants in getting value for their products. In addition, it will give the general consumers of the product bases to choose the products from an informed state. The main purpose of this draft standard therefore is to provide a basis for evaluating the quality of ladies' closed shoes.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOTWEAR	UGANDA	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/603	Ladies' open shoes <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements and test methods for ladies open shoes made from all types of materials and of all constructions and designs. This draft Standard intends to give specifications for ladies' open shoes. It will assist footwear manufacturers and merchants in getting value for their products. In addition, it will give the general consumers of the product bases to choose the products from an informed state. The main purpose of this draft standard therefore is to provide a basis for evaluating the quality of ladies' open shoes.</i>	60 days from notification

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FOOTWEAR	UGANDA	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/604	<p>Children's shoes</p> <p><i>This draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements and test methods for children's shoes of children age between 2 to 6 years. It covers all types of materials, constructions and designs. The draft standard intends to give specifications for children's shoes (between 2 to 6 years) . It will assist footwear manufacturers and merchants in getting value for their products. In addition, it will give the general consumers of the product bases to choose the products from an informed state. The main purpose of the draft standard therefore is to provide a basis for evaluating the quality of children's shoes (between 2 to 6 years) .</i></p>	60 days from notification
FOOTWEAR	UGANDA	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/605	<p>Children's shoes</p> <p><i>This draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements and test methods for children's shoes of children age 2 years and below. It covers all types of materials, constructions and designs. The draft Standard intends to give specifications for children's shoes (2 years and below) . It will assist footwear manufacturers and merchants in getting value for their products. In addition, it will give the general consumers of the product bases to choose the products from an informed state. The main purpose of this draft standard therefore is to provide a basis for evaluating the quality of children's shoes (2 years and below) .</i></p>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS					
CEMENT. GYPSUM. LIME. MORTAR	NICARAGUA	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/NIC/150	<p>Construction materials</p> <p><i>Establish the physical and mechanical requirements that must to meet the cement-based hollow and solid blocks used in masonry containment and reinforcement, as well as procedures for conformity assessment, including sampling and applicable test methods.</i></p> <p><i>The regulation is applicable to the hollow blocks and solid manufactured and imported to the country, made with hydraulic cement, water and stone aggregates with or without the inclusion of other materials used in the construction of civil works.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE. This standard does not apply to special blocks, or L and U block types.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/259	<p>Drinking water supplier</p> <p><i>Drinking water suppliers (hereinafter referred as "the commodities") have been subject to mandatory inspection under the Commodity Inspection Act by the Bureau of Standards Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) since 1 May 1990. To enhance consumer protection and promote efficiency of energy use, the BSMI proposes to adopt the latest version of inspection standards for the commodities. In addition to the safety and energy efficiency requirements for the commodities, the BSMI proposes to require marking of presence conditions of hazardous substances to inform users the conditions of 6 chemical substances in such products. Such markings shall be made in accordance with Section 5 "Marking of Presence" of CNS 15663 on the body, packages, stickers or the instruction books of the commodities. For those who utilize website as a means to announce "the presence conditions of the restricted substances of the commodities," the website address shall be clearly stated on the body, packages, stickers or the instruction books of the commodities. The conformity assessment procedures for products subject to this notified measure remain the same, i.e. Registration of Products Certification (RPC) or Type-approved Batch Inspection (TABI) .</i></p>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT					
TOYS	BRAZIL	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/597/Add.1	<p>Toys - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - In metro issued the Ordinance N° 563, 29 December 2016, to approve the Technical Regulation for Toys, inserted in the Annex I of this Ordinance, previously notified under the document (G/TBT/N/BRA/597 - Ordinance N° 310/2014) which determines the mandatory compliance requirements to be attended by every supply chain of the product in the national market, regarding the Product safety. The objective of this Regulation is to clarify a set of existing requirements under the Toys Regulations related to the physical and mechanical properties; chemical requirements to flammability, toxicological hazards of toys; markings requirements, instructions for use; mandatory information on the product packaging, product use restrictions, etc.</i></p>	--

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TOYS	BRAZIL	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/612/Add.1	<p>Toys - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro issued the Ordinance N° 563, 29 December 2016, establishing conformity assessment procedures (Annex II) for toys, previously notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/612 (Ordinance N° 489/2014) to determine whether goods fulfil the relevant requirements in technical regulations (Annex I), with a focus on safety, through the certification mechanism carried out by third part certification, aiming at the prevention of consumer accidents.</i></p>	—
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/652/Add.1	<p>Cigarette lighters - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at approving the Technical Regulation for cigarette Gas Lighters, issued by the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, through the Ordinance No. 562, 29 December 2016, published in the Official gazette No. 251, 30 December 2016, page 343, previously notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/652 , to improve the mandatory compliance requirements for cigarettes lighters rechargeable or disposable, with reservoirs and/or Bodies Manufactured in Plastic Resins in order to maintain the Product safety. These requirements should be attended by all supply chain of the product in the national market manufactured and imported only in accordance with the requirements through the mechanism of the supplier's declaration of conformity and duly registered by Inmetro based on the current edition of ISO 9001 or Standard ABNT NBR ISO 9001.</i></p>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
FUSES AND OTHER OVER-CURRENT PROTECTION DEVICES	THAILAND	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/396/Add.1	<p>Fuses and other overcurrent protection devices - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Low-Voltage Distribution Link Fuses (TIS 10-2529(1986)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute was withdrawn of the mandatory status and will enter into force after the date of publication in the Official Gazette (21 December 2016) . This standard was notified under Notification G/TBT/N/THA/396 .</i></p>	—

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FLUORESCENT LAMPS. DISCHARGE LAMPS	THAILAND	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/467/Add.1	Fluorescent lamps - Addendum <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Ballasts for Tubular Fluorescent Lamps: Safety Requirements (TIS 23-2558(2015)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute was adopted on 18 December 2016 and will enter into force after 365 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (20 December 2017) . This draft of standard was notified under Notification G/TBT/N/THA/467.</i>	--
RECTIFIERS. CONVERTERS. STABILIZED POWERSUPPLY	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/261	Electrical and electronic products <i>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) proposes to revise the inspection standards for static converters, power supplies, accumulators and battery chargers to take into account technology advances and consistency of regulatory management. Below are summaries of the proposed requirements:</i> <i>1. To adopt the most recent version of national standards for electrical motorcycles, which involve those for static converters (CNS 15425-1), power supplies (CNS 15425-1) and accumulators (CNS 15424-1, 15424-2 and 15387);</i> <i>2. To provide alternative inspection standards for 3C battery chargers (CNS 13783-1, 60335-1 and 60335-2-29; and</i> <i>3. To require marking of presence conditions of 6 hazardous substances (Section 5 of CNS 15663, accumulators being exempted from such marking) .</i> <i>The conformity assessment procedure for products subject to this notified measure remains the same, i.e. Registration of Product Certification.</i>	60 days from notification
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
FISSILE MATERIALS AND NUCLEAR FUEL TECHNOLOGY	CZECH REPUBLIC	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CZE/193/Add.1	Fissile materials and nuclear fuel technology - Addendum <i>The Czech Republic would like to inform WTO Members that the Draft implementing decree on the requirements for the safe management of radioactive waste and on the decommissioning of nuclear installations or category III or IV workplaces (G/TBT/N/CZE/193), was adopted on 18th November 2016, and published in the Official Journal.</i>	--

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ENERGY • OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO NUCLEAR ENERGY	CZECH REPUBLIC	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CZE/195/Add.1	Nuclear materials - Addendum <i>The Czech Republic would like to inform the WTO Members that the Draft implementing decree on the accountancy and control of nuclear materials and reporting of information on them (G/TBT/N/CZE/195), was adopted on 18th November 2016, and published in the Official Journal.</i>	---
ENERGY • OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO NUCLEAR ENERGY	CZECH REPUBLIC	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CZE/198/Add.1	Dual-use nuclear items - Addendum <i>The Czech Republic would like to inform the WTO Members that the Draft implementing decree on dual-use nuclear items (G/TBT/N/CZE/198), was adopted on 18th November 2016, and published in the Official Journal.</i>	---
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	CANADA	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/512	Dangerous goods <i>This amendment has several objectives. The first is to harmonize the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (TDGR) with international regulatory requirements by updating the TDGR to incorporate changes introduced in the 19th edition of the UN Recommendations, the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) 2014 and the 2015?2016 International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Technical Instructions with respect to safety marks, classification information, shipping names, special provisions and marine pollutants. The second objective is to introduce ambulatory references (also known as dynamic references) for the international codes incorporated in the TDGR. Canadian stakeholders would be required to use the most recent versions of the UN Recommendations, the IMDG Code, the ICAO Technical Instructions and the Supplement to the ICAO Technical Instructions as well as the UN Manual of Tests and Criteria (MOTC) and 14 technical standards. Another objective of this proposal is to reduce regulatory barriers to cross-border trade with the United States by formally recognizing aspects of the United States regulatory regime and by increasing reciprocity of regulatory requirements for pressure receptacles and approvals between Canada and the United States by aligning national standards and regulations. This proposal would also eliminate the need to obtain an equivalency certificate in order to transport hot air balloon cylinders of propane by road, rail or ship.</i>	5 March 2017

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DRINKING WATER	INDONESIA	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/IDN/29/Add.2	<p>Packaged drinking water - Addendum</p> <p><i>Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 49/M-IND/PER/3/2012 concerning "Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Packaged Drinking Water" notified under G/TBT/N/IDN/29 dated 18 September 2012 has been replaced by new Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 78/M-IND/PER/12/2016 concerning "Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Mineral Waters, Demineralized Waters, Natural Mineral Waters and Dew Drinking Waters". This regulation shall enter into force 3 months after being promulgated.</i></p> <p><i>The revision of regulation covers the following aspects:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Product standard revision and addition of products covered (Article 4)</i> <i>Product Certification System (Article 7)</i> 	--
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/700	<p>Chemical substances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Phase-in substances placing on the market more than one ton per year should be registered within certain period. Business operators obliged to register the substances should notify the government beforehand of the name of chemical substance, and the estimated quantity to be manufactured or imported, etc.</i> <i>As of now, products containing hazardous chemical substance should be notified. The revised Act states that products containing substance of risk concerns like carcinogenic or mutagenic properties should be notified when the substance is contained more than 0.1% in product.</i> <i>Substance subject to authorization should not be manufactured, imported, used or sold unless its use is authorized, but except the uses that are exempted from the use authorization.</i> <i>Penalty provisions are newly made for persons who manufacture, import, use or sell restricted substance for prohibited use.</i> <i>Sellers of hazardous chemical substance should provide hazard information to the person who purchases the hazardous substance regardless of its registration or content in product.</i> 	60 days from notification

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PRESSURE • PROTECTION AGAINST EXCESSIVE PRESSURE	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/RUS/79	Pressure equipment <i>Draft amendments No. 1 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union «On Safety of Equipment Working under Excessive Pressure» (TR CU 032/2013) clarify certain provisions of the Technical Regulation and introduce new definitions.</i>	28 February 2017
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/552/Rev.1/Add.2	Air conditioners, heat pumps - Addendum <i>On 24 August 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNOPR) to amend the test procedure for central air conditioners and heat pumps. That SNOPR serves as the basis for this final rule. This final rule amends the test procedure and specific certification, compliance, and enforcement provisions related to this product. In this final rule, DOE makes two sets of amendments to the test procedure: Amendments to appendix M that would be required as the basis for making efficiency representations starting 180 days after final rule publication and a new appendix M1 that would be the basis for making efficiency representations as of the compliance date for any amended energy conservation standards. The new appendix M1 establishes new efficiency metrics SEER2, EER2, and HSPF2 that are based on the current efficiency metrics for cooling and heating performance, but generally have different numerical values than the current metrics. Broadly speaking, the amendments address off-mode test procedures, test set-up and fan delays, external static pressure conditions for testing, represented values for CAC/HP that are distributed in commerce with multiple refrigerants, the methodology for testing and calculating heating performance, and testing of variable-speed systems.</i>	---
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/987/Add.3	Commercial water heaters - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in this final rule, establishes mathematical conversion factors to translate the current energy conservation standards and the measured values determined under the energy factor, thermal efficiency, and standby loss test</i>	---

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				<i>for consumer water heaters and certain commercial water heaters to those determined under the more recently adopted uniform energy factor test procedure. As required by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended, DOE initially presented proposals for establishing a mathematical conversion factor in a notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) published on 14 April 2015 (April 2015 NOPR) . Upon further analysis and review of the public comments received in response to the April 2015 NOPR, DOE published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking on 30 August 2016 (August 2016 SNOPR) . These proposed rulemakings serve as the basis for the final rule.</i>	--
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1252	Wood burning appliances <i>This rulemaking considers revisions to Regulation Number 4 that re-establish a new wood stove definition and clarify that testing, certification and labelling requirements apply to new wood stoves on a state-wide basis and to used wood stoves only along the Front Range, as required by statute.</i>	1 March 2017
SAFETY OF MACHINERY	UNITED STATES	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1253	Under hung slung (jump) saws <i>Amends rules to specify how the blade is to be guarded and states that the upper half of the saw blade and arbour are to be shielded from contact by a blade guard.</i>	19 January 2017
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS					
IRON AND STEEL PIPES	COLOMBIA	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/COL/222	Low Alloy Corrugated Bars <i>Object; Scope; Exceptions; Definitions and acronym; Requirements; Minimum marking requirements; Specific technical requirements, numerals and tests; Designation number of the low corrugated bars alloy and rolls, nominal weight (mass), nominal dimensions and projection requirements; testing and reassessment; Welding of bars; Sampling; Reference to Technical Norms Colombian NTC; Procedure for assessing conformity; Document to demonstrate conformity; Key elements of product certification; Equivalence; Monitoring and control entities; Supervisory and control powers; Prohibition;</i>	March 26, 2016

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				<i>Responsibility of producers and importers; Information from certification, inspection and accredited laboratories; Competence of other entities governmental organizations; Registration of Producers and Importers; Review and updating; Notification; Term and Repeals.</i>	
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	PANAMÁ	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/PAN/88	Air conditioners <i>The purpose of this Technical Regulation is to establish the minimum of Energy Efficiency that must be met by air conditioners type four and defines the requirements to be included in the information label to the public. Object, Scope, References, Specifications, Test Methods, Labelling and commercial Information, Conformity Assessment, Surveillance, Sanctions and Bibliography, Annex A and Annex B.</i>	February 26, 2017
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	PANAMÁ	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/PAN/89	Air conditioners <i>The purpose of this Technical Regulation is to establish the minimum energy efficiency required by standard air conditioners divided, free discharge and without air conductor; And defines the requirements that must be include on the information label to the public. Object, Scope, References, Specifications, Test Methods, Labelling and Commercial Information, Conformity Assessment, Surveillance, Sanctions and Bibliography, Annex A and Annex B.</i>	February 26, 2017
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	PANAMÁ	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/PAN/90	Air conditioners <i>The purpose of this Technical Regulation is to establish the Energy efficiency requirements and the requirements to be included in the Information of the public. Object, Scope, References, Specifications, Test Methods, Labelling and Commercial Information, Conformity Assessment, Surveillance, Sanctions and Bibliography, Annex A and Annex B.</i>	February 26, 2017
COMPRESSORS AND PNEUMATIC MACHINES	UNITED STATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1122/Add.1	Compressors - Addendum <i>On 5 May 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) to establish new test procedures for certain varieties of compressors. That proposed rulemaking serves as the basis for the final rule. This final rule establishes definitions, materials incorporated by reference,</i>	--

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				<p>sampling plans, representations requirements, enforcement provisions, and test procedures for certain varieties of compressors.</p> <p>Specifically, this final rule establishes full-load package isentropic efficiency as the applicable energy metric for certain fixed-speed compressors and part-load package isentropic efficiency as the applicable energy metric for certain variable-speed compressors. Finally, this final rule incorporates by reference certain sections of the ISO Standard 1217:2009(E), (ISO 1217:2009(E)), "Displacement compressors - Acceptance tests," as amended through Amendment 1:2016, as the basis for a test method for determining compressor efficiency. ISO 1217:2009(E) includes a test method for measuring compressor inlet and discharge pressures, actual volume flow rate, electrical input power, package isentropic efficiency, and other compressor performance metrics. This final rule also adopts certain modifications and additions to ISO 1217:2009(E) to increase the specificity of certain testing methods established in ISO 1217:2009 (E) and improve the repeatability of tested and measured values.</p>	
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	BAHRAIN	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/461	<p>Prepared Basbosa powder</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of the prepared basbosa powder, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BAHRAIN	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/462	<p>Foods for special medical purposes</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation applies to the general requirements for handling of foods for special purposes in patients over 12 months of age.</i></p>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	BAHRAIN	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/463	<p>Fresh okra</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation applies to fresh okra requirements, which is suitable for human consumption, and it does not include the okra that intended for manufacturing.</i></p>	60 days from the date of circulation

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FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	BAHRAIN	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/464	Peanut butter <i>This draft technical regulation applies to peanut butter requirements that are suitable for human consumption.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	BAHRAIN	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/465	Ginseng products <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with ginseng products and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This standard applies to ginseng products 1 used as a food or food ingredient and does not apply to products used for medicinal purposes. All items are compulsory. Items) 3,4,5,6 and 7) Definitions, Essential composition and quality factors, Contaminants, Hygiene and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	BAHRAIN	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/466	Canned corned beef and mutton meat <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns canned beef products designated as "Corned Beef" and sold in hermetically sealed containers which have been heat treated after sealing to such an extent that the product is shelf-stable. Items related to definitions, requirements, packaging and labelling (items 3, 4, 5 and 7) are compulsory. The remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FOODS • PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	CANADA	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/451/Add.1	Pre-packaged products - Addendum <i>The proposed amendment notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/451 (dated 19 June 2015) was adopted 2 December 2016 as the Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Nutrition Labelling, Other Labelling Provisions and Food Colours). These Regulations come into force on 14 December 2016, on the day on which they are published in the Canada Gazette, Part II. Note: New Regulations include Transitional Provisions (reference section 76)</i>	--

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MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	IRELAND	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/IRL/3	<p>Non-prepacked meats</p> <p><i>Ireland intends to adopt national measures to cover mandatory origin labeling of fresh, chilled and frozen non pre-packed cuts of meat of swine, sheep, goats and poultry. The legislation will require Food Business Operators (FBOs) to clearly show the "country of rearing" and "country of slaughter" of any of the above products at either the point of presentation, point of sale or the point of supply. FBOs may, where they can prove to the competent authority that the meat referred to has been obtained from animals born, reared and slaughtered in one single Member State or third country, present the "origin" of the meat as (name of single Member State or third country) .</i></p> <p><i>The national measures require that where a FBO provides another FBO with meat, information relating to the meat is transmitted to the FBO receiving the meat in the manner prescribed in the national measures, in order to enable, when required, the provision of mandatory food information to the final consumer.</i></p>	90 days from notification
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	KUWAIT	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/343	<p>Prepared Basbosa powder</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of the prepared basbosa powder, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KUWAIT	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/344	<p>Foods for special medical purposes</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation applies to the general requirements for handling of foods for special purposes in patients over 12 months of age.</i></p>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	KUWAIT	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/345	<p>Fresh okra</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation applies to fresh okra requirements, which is suitable for human consumption, and it does not include the okra that intended for manufacturing.</i></p>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KUWAIT	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/346	<p>Peanut butter</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation applies to peanut butter requirements that are suitable for human consumption.</i></p>	60 days from the date of circulation

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SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	KUWAIT	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/347	Ginseng products <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with ginseng products and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This standard applies to ginseng products 1 used as a food or food ingredient and does not apply to products used for medicinal purposes. All items are compulsory. Items) 3,4,5,6 and 7) Definitions, Essential composition and quality factors, Contaminants, Hygiene and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KUWAIT	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/348	Canned corned beef and mutton meat <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns canned beef products designated as "Corned Beef" and sold in hermetically sealed containers which have been heat treated after sealing to such an extent that the product is shelf-stable. Items related to definitions, requirements, packaging and labelling (items 3, 4, 5 and 7) are compulsory. The remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/963	Prepared Basbosa powder <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of the prepared basbosa powder, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/964	Foods for special medical purposes <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the general requirements for handling of foods for special purposes in patients over 12 months of age.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/965	Fresh okra <i>This draft technical regulation applies to fresh okra requirements, which is suitable for human consumption, and it does not include the okra that intended for manufacturing.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/966	Peanut butter <i>This draft technical regulation applies to peanut butter requirements that are suitable for human consumption.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/967	Ginseng products <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with ginseng products and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This standard applies to ginseng products 1 used as a food or food ingredient and does not apply to products used for medicinal purposes. All items are compulsory. Items) 3,4,5,6 and 7) Definitions, Essential composition and quality factors, Contaminants, Hygiene and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/968	Canned corned beef and mutton meat <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns canned beef products designated as "Corned Beef" and sold in hermetically sealed containers which have been heat treated after sealing to such an extent that the product is shelf-stable. Items related to definitions, requirements, packaging and labelling (items 3, 4, 5 and 7) are compulsory. The remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	OMAN	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/283	Prepared Basbosa powder <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of the prepared basbosa powder, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	OMAN	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/284	Foods for special medical purposes <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the general requirements for handling of foods for special purposes in patients over 12 months of age.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	OMAN	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/285	Fresh okra <i>This draft technical regulation applies to fresh okra requirements, which is suitable for human consumption, and it does not include the okra that intended for manufacturing.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	OMAN	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/286	Peanut butter <i>This draft technical regulation applies to peanut butter requirements that are suitable for human consumption.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	OMAN	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/287	Ginseng products <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with ginseng products and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This standard applies to ginseng products 1 used as a food or food ingredient and does not apply to products used for medicinal purposes. All items are compulsory. Items) 3,4,5,6 and 7) Definitions, Essential composition and quality factors, Contaminants, Hygiene and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	OMAN	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/288	Canned corned beef and mutton meat <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns canned beef products designated as "Corned Beef" and sold in hermetically sealed containers which have been heat treated after sealing to such an extent that the product is shelf-stable. Items related to definitions, requirements, packaging and labelling (items 3, 4, 5 and 7) are compulsory. The remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	QATAR	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/457	Prepared Basbosa powder <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of the prepared basbosa powder, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	QATAR	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/458	Foods for special medical purposes <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the general requirements for handling of foods for special purposes in patients over 12 months of age.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	QATAR	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/459	Fresh okra <i>This draft technical regulation applies to fresh okra requirements, which is suitable for human consumption, and it does not include the okra that intended for manufacturing.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	QATAR	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/460	Peanut butter <i>This draft technical regulation applies to peanut butter requirements that are suitable for human consumption.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	QATAR	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/461	Ginseng products <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with ginseng products and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This standard applies to ginseng products 1 used as a food or food ingredient and does not apply to products used for medicinal purposes. All items are compulsory. Items) 3,4,5,6 and 7) Definitions, Essential composition and quality factors, Contaminants, Hygiene and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	QATAR	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/462	Canned corned beef and mutton meat <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns canned beef products designated as "Corned Beef" and sold in hermetically sealed containers which have been heat treated after sealing to such an extent that the product is shelf-stable. Items related to definitions, requirements, packaging and labelling (items 3, 4, 5 and 7) are compulsory. The remaining items are voluntary.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/596	Maize grains <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for maize grains of varieties grown from common maize grains, Zea Mays indentata L., and/or Zea mays indurata L., or their hybrids intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification

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CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/597	Dry beans <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for dry common beans (Phaseolus vulgaris L.) intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/598	Milled rice <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for milled rice of the varieties grown from Oryza spp. intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/599	Wheat grains <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for wheat grains of varieties (cultivars) grown from common wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/347	Prepared Basbosa powder <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of the prepared basbosa powder, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/348	Foods for special medical purposes <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the general requirements for handling of foods for special purposes in patients over 12 months of age.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/349	Fresh okra <i>This draft technical regulation applies to fresh okra requirements, which is suitable for human consumption, and it does not include the okra that intended for manufacturing.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/350	Peanut butter <i>This draft technical regulation applies to peanut butter requirements that are suitable for human consumption.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/351	<p>Ginseng products</p> <p><i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with ginseng products and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repackaging if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This standard applies to ginseng products 1 used as a food or food ingredient and does not apply to products used for medicinal purposes. All items are compulsory. Items) 3,4,5,6 and 7) Definitions, Essential composition and quality factors, Contaminants, Hygiene and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are voluntary.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/352	<p>Canned corned beef and mutton meat</p> <p><i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns canned beef products designated as "Corned Beef" and sold in hermetically sealed containers which have been heat treated after sealing to such an extent that the product is shelf-stable. Items related to definitions, requirements, packaging and labelling (items 3, 4, 5 and 7) are compulsory. The remaining items are voluntary.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	UNITED STATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/621/Add.5	<p>Food - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is extending the compliance date for the final rule requiring disclosure of certain nutrition information for standard menu items in certain restaurants and retail food establishments. The final rule appeared in the Federal Register of 1 December 2014, and on 5 May 2016, we stated in the Federal Register that the enforcement of the final rule would begin on 5 May 2017. We are taking this action to clarify and confirm that the compliance date for the final rule is 5 May 2017.</i></p>	--
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	UNITED STATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1192/Add.1	<p>Avocados - Addendum</p> <p><i>Adopts rules to allow handlers to pack in any type consumer and nonconsumer containers and eliminate the standard container requirement for avocados and the requirements to use the term irregular container when using a non-standard container.</i></p>	--

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MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	UNITED STATES	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1251	Cider <i>Expands the sizes of containers in which cider is permitted to be sold in the Commonwealth.</i>	11 January 2017
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	YEMEN	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/63	Prepared Basbosa powder <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the basic requirements of the prepared basbosa powder, definitions, requirements, sampling, method of tests, packaging, transportation, storage and labelling.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	YEMEN	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/64	Foods for special medical purposes <i>This draft technical regulation applies to the general requirements for handling of foods for special purposes in patients over 12 months of age.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	YEMEN	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/65	Fresh okra <i>This draft technical regulation applies to fresh okra requirements, which is suitable for human consumption, and it does not include the okra that intended for manufacturing.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	YEMEN	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/66	Peanut butter <i>This draft technical regulation applies to peanut butter requirements that are suitable for human consumption.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	YEMEN	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/67	Ginseng products <i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns with ginseng products and offered for direct consumption, including for catering purposes or for repacking if required. It does not apply to the product when indicated as being intended for further processing. This standard applies to ginseng products 1 used as a food or food ingredient and does not apply to products used for medicinal purposes. All items are compulsory. Items) 3,4,5,6 and 7) Definitions, Essential composition and quality factors, Contaminants, Hygiene and labelling are compulsory. Remaining items are</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	YEMEN	13/01/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/68	<p>Canned corned beef and mutton meat</p> <p><i>This Omani/Gulf draft technical regulation concerns canned beef products designated as "Corned Beef" and sold in hermetically sealed containers which have been heat treated after sealing to such an extent that the product is shelf-stable. Items related to definitions, requirements, packaging and labelling (items 3, 4, 5 and 7) are compulsory. The remaining items are voluntary.</i></p>	60 days from the date of notification
HEALTH CARE					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/704	<p>Pharmaceutical and biological products for animal use</p> <p><i>This Ordinance set the guidelines on performance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply (MAPA), as federal registering agency responsible establishing the necessary criteria and procedures for changes in registration for veterinary pharmaceutical and biological products.</i></p>	---
MEDICAMENTS	CHINA	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1192	<p>Drug clinical trials</p> <p><i>This notified document is drafted to strengthen the quality control of drug clinical trials, standardize the process of drug clinical trial research, and ensure the data of clinical trial to be scientific, authentic and reliable so as to protect the benefit and safety of subjects.</i></p> <p><i>This notified document contains 8 chapters and 81 articles, including General Principles, Institutional Review Board (IRB), Investigator, Sponsor, Clinical Trial Protocol, Investigators Brochure (IB), Essential Documents and Supplementary Provisions. According to the current administrative situation on drug clinical trials and after fully considering international practices, the document further details responsibility of all parties related to drug clinical trials and sets up corresponding management requirements. It emphasizes the scientific and ethical nature of clinical trials, focuses on the protection of vulnerable subjects, optimizes the composition of IRB and provides requirements on the frequency of follow-up reviews.</i></p>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

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				<i>It also focuses on reports of Serious and Unexpected Adverse Event, refines the requirements on source records, adds investigator's oversight on research teams and third parties providing services, and strengthens sponsors responsibility on risk-based quality control and oversight for outsourcing. Besides, the notified document stresses that methods used in quality control should match with trial risks and the importance of data collected, increases and refines the requirements on management of electronic systems, and clarifies the contents of IB.</i>	
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1255	Medical devices <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is classifying the Computerized Cognitive Assessment Aid for Concussion into class II (special controls) . The special controls that will apply to the device are identified in this order and will be part of the codified language for the computerized cognitive assessment aid for concussion's classification. The Agency is classifying the device into class II (special controls) in order to provide a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness of the device.</i>	--
IMAGE TECHNOLOGY					
REPRODUCTION EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/260	Printers and photo-copying machines <i>To reduce the difficulties in identifying printers or photo-copying machines in terms of multifunction printing equipment, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) proposes to revise the current conformity assessment procedures of photo-copying machines (i.e., Module II+IV or II+V, or II+VII under RPC scheme) to be in line with printers (i.e., Module II+III under RPC scheme), also, to combine printers and photo-copying machines into one inspection item printing or copying machines. <i>In addition, for purpose of clarity and ensuring safety of related multifunction printing equipment, printing or copying machines with facsimile or scanning function, and for printing labels, barcodes, receipts, numbers, photographs, and bankbooks, will be included in this proposal.</i></i>	60 days from notification

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MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY					
PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	BRAZIL	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/697/Corr.1	<p>All products, services and processes that are subject to a conformity assessment procedure - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>This document issued by the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - INMETRO aims to improve the Regulation for Object Registration by which Inmetro, authorizes, the use of the Conformity Identification Seal and the commercialization of the object, subject to the existence of attestation of Conformity by the use of a third party certification scheme, in order to provide a level of confidence to customers.</i></p> <p><i>The registration processes, new or already granted, should be adequate for requirements now approved.</i></p>	---
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
FUELS	UNITED STATES	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1223/Add.2	<p>Renewable fuels - Addendum</p> <p><i>On 16 November 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed the Renewable Enhancement and Growth Support (REGS) rule. The proposal specified that the public comment period would end on 17 January 2017, 60 days after publication in the Federal Register. On 9 December 2016, the EPA received a joint request for an extension of the comment period from the following parties: American Soybean Association, Corn Refiners Association, Global Renewable Strategies and Consulting, LLC, Growth Energy, Iowa Bio diesel Board, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, National Bio diesel Board, National Renderers Association, Renewable Fuels Association, and U.S. Canola Association. The petitioners requested an extension in order to have more time to evaluate the implications of the REGS rule. In light of the large number of revisions proposed in this action, the EPA is extending the deadline for written comments on the proposal by 30 days to 16 February 2017.</i></p>	16 February 2017

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RAILWAY ENGINEERING					
RAILWAY ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/RUS/77	Railway rolling stock and its components <i>Draft amendments No. 1 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On the Safety of Railway Rolling Stock" (TR CU 001/2011) clarify the term "innovative product", scope of application and certain provisions of the Technical Regulation.</i>	28 February 2017
RAILWAY ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/RUS/78	High-speed railway transport and its infrastructure <i>Draft amendments No. 1 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On the Safety of High-Speed Railway Transport" (TR CU 002/2011) clarify the term "innovative product", scope of application and certain provisions of the Technical Regulation.</i>	28 February 2017
RAILWAY ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	11/01/2017	G/TBT/N/RUS/80	Railway rolling stock infrastructure <i>Draft amendments No.1 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Safety of Railway Rolling Stock infrastructure" (TR CU 003/2011) clarify the term "innovative product", scope of application and certain provisions of the Technical Regulation.</i>	28 February 2017
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/659/Add.1	Vehicles - Addendum <i>The purpose of this addendum is to declare the document G/TBT/N/BRA/659 null and void due to the issuance by the National Transit Council (Conselho Nacional de Transito) of the Ordinance N° 643, 14 December 2016 (Resolução CONTRAN N° 643/2016) that revokes Ordinance N° 568, 16 December 2015, previously notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/659 . Please note that Ordinance 643, 14 December 2016 was notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/703.</i>	--
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	BRAZIL	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/703/Corr.1	Retro-reflective film affixed in vehicles - Corrigendum <i>Please note that in the item 11 the address to access the Ordinance 643/2016 (Resolução CONTRAN N° 643, 14 December 2016) should be read: The full text is available in Portuguese and can be downloaded at: http://www.denatran.gov.br/images/Resolucoes/RESOLU%C3%87%C3%83O_643.2016.pdf</i>	--

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INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES FOR ROAD VEHICLES	CANADA	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/447/Add.1	<p>Motor vehicle - Addendum</p> <p><i>Regulations Amending the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations (Standards 207, 208, 209, 301.1, 301.2, 1106, 1201 and 1202)</i></p> <p><i>Please note that this amendment was published on Wednesday, 28 December 2016, in the Canada Gazette, Part II, Volume 150, No. 26.</i></p> <p><i>The amendment updates Standards 1106, Noise Emissions, 1201, Snowmobile Standards, 301.1, LPG Fuel System Integrity, and 301.2, CNG Fuel System Integrity. These Standards incorporate by reference more recent testing standards. Motor vehicle manufacturers and importers are responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act and its regulations. The Department of Transport monitors the self-certification programs of manufacturers and importers by reviewing their test documentation, inspecting vehicles, and testing vehicles obtained in the open market. These amended Regulations came into force on the day on which they were published in the Canada Gazette, Part II.</i></p>	--
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	ECUADOR	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/177/Add.4	<p>Motorcycles - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby informs and announces Addendum 3 for the Modification 2 of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 136 "Motorcycles", notified by the document identified as G / TBT / N / ECU / 177 / Add.1 dated 3 November 2014.</i></p> <p><i>This Modification 2 has been issued by Resolution No. 16 358 of September 2 2016, issued by the Undersecretariat of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and productivity, published in Official Gazette No. 859 of October 11, 2016.</i></p>	--
CYCLES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/701	<p>Bicycles</p> <p><i>A draft revision for Safety Certification Criteria for Electronic Bicycles' notice has been revised as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety requirements (maximum speed, weight) for Electronic Bicycle is revised. 	60 days from notification

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				For consumer products subject to the self-regulatory safety confirmation, manufacturers or importers are required to confirm safety by reporting to safety certification body with attachment of test and inspection body certificates from testing laboratories and inspection bodies designated by models of the products before product release or clearance through the customs to identify whether they conform to the safety criteria.	
PASSENGER CARS. CARAVANS AND LIGHT TRAILERS	MEXICO	10/01/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/312/Add.1	<p>Vehicules automobiles - Addendum</p> <p>OPINION published in the Federal Official Gazette (Diario Oficial de la Federación) on 21 December 2016 announcing the extension for a period of six months from 1 January 2017 of the validity of the official Mexican emergency standard NOM-EM-167-SEMARNAT-2016 establishing the of contaminant emissions for motor vehicles circulating in the City of Mexico, Hidalgo, State of Mexico, Morelos, Puebla State and Tlaxcala, test methods for certification of the said levels and the specifications for the equipment used for this certification, as well as the specifications for the technological equipment used for the measure and to carry out the measure, published on 7 June 2016. On 7 June 2016, the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources The Federal Official Journal (Diario Oficial de la Federación - http://www.dof.gob.mx/) the standard emergencies NOM-EM-167-SEMARNAT-2016.</p>	--
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
TYRES FOR ROAD VEHICLES	INDONESIA	12/01/2017	G/TBT/N/IDN/13/Add.4	<p>Tyres - Addendum</p> <p>Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 68/ M-IND/PER/8/2014 has been replaced by Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 76/ M-IND/PER/9/2015 concerning Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Tyre products. This regulation has been entered into force since 30 September 2015.</p> <p>This amendment covers:</p> <p>1. Technical Consideration replaced by provision related to importation report for Tyre products were excluded of mandatory SNI (article 3)</p>	--

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				<p>2. Provision related to Post Audit (article 11)</p> <p>3. Provision related to production realization report or import realization report for importer periodically (who received SNI certificate) (article 14)</p>	
TESTING					
TEST CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1189/Add.2	<p>Walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers - Addendum</p> <p><i>This final rule amends the test procedure for certain walk-in cooler and freezer components by improving the procedure's clarity, updating related certification and enforcement provisions to address the performance-based energy conservation standards for walk-in cooler and freezer equipment, and establishing labelling requirements to aid manufacturers in determining compliance with the relevant standards for walk-in cooler and freezer applications. The amendments consist of provisions specific to certain walk-in cooler and freezer refrigeration systems, including product-specific definitions, removal of a performance credit for hot gas defrost, and a method to accommodate refrigeration equipment that use adaptive defrost and on-cycle variable-speed evaporator fan control.</i></p>	--
TEXTILE AND LEATHER INDUSTRY					
TEXTILES IN GENERAL	VIETNAM	09/01/2017	G/TBT/N/VNM/93	<p>Textile products</p> <p><i>This draft National technical regulation specifies requirements on permitted limit of formaldehyde and aromatic amines derived from azo colorants in textile products consumed in Viet Nam market, sampling method, test method as well as relevant quality management.</i></p> <p><i>This draft regulation shall apply to the organizations and individuals consuming textiles products in Viet Nam, the accredited and designated conformity assessment bodies by competent authorities and other related organizations and individuals.</i></p>	60 days from notification