



# 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 50 notifications on Construction Materials and Building, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food Technology, Health Care Technology, Telecommunications, Audio and Video Engineering, etc., from European Union, Philippines, Rwanda, 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

We are glad to be of service to you!

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (09 - 15 October 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	RWANDA	11/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/536</a>	Dried insect products for compounded animal feeds This draft standards specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for dried insect products as sources of protein for compounded animal feeds.	60 days from notification
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	RWANDA	11/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/537</a>	Whole insect and edible insect flour This draft standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for edible whole insects and edible insect flour intended for human consumption.	60 days from notification

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<b>CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY</b>					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	EUROPEAN UNION	14/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/843</a>	UV filters in cosmetic products The draft Commission Regulation aims at amending the existing restrictions for Benzophenone-3 and Octocrylene, taking into account the latest opinions by the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) of 30-31 March 2021 on these two UV filters.	60 days from notification
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	EUROPEAN UNION	14/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/844</a>	Cosmetic products The draft Commission Regulation aims at amending the existing provision for labelling cosmetic products that contain formaldehyde releasers, taking into account the advice of the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) of 7 May 2021 on this matter. In particular, lowering the current threshold for labelling formaldehyde releasers from 0.05% to 0.001% in order to further protect consumers sensitised to formaldehyde.	60 days from notification
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	UNITED KINGDOM	14/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GBR/28/Add.1</a>	Cosmetics and personal care products - Addendum The regulations prohibit the use of microbeads as an ingredient in the manufacture of rinse-off personal care products and the sale of any such products containing microbeads.	-
EXPLOSIVES. PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS	PHILIPPINES	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PHL/273</a>	Fireworks This DAO prescribes the technical regulation for the Mandatory PS Licensing for locally manufactured fireworks covered by the scope of the following Philippine National Standards: 1. PNS 1220-1:2019, Fireworks - Categories 1, 2, and 3 - Classification; and 2. PNS 1220-2:2019, Fireworks - Categories 1, 2, and 3 - Specification. This DAO does not cover the following: 1. Category 4 / Class 4 fireworks (defined in PNS 1220-1:2019); and 2. All the types of prohibited fireworks set forth by R.A. 7183 and other valid issuances by the Department of the Interior.	6 December 2021
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
MASONRY	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/540</a>	Mortar for masonry : determination of particle size distribution This draft standard provides two methods of determining the particle size distribution of dry mixed or nonhardened wet mixed mortars: a) wet sieving which is applicable to mortars containing normal weight aggregates; and b) dry sieving which is applicable to mortars containing lightweight aggregates.	60 days from notification
MASONRY	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/541</a>	Mortar for masonry : bulk sampling of mortars and preparation of test mortars This draft standard provides methods for taking a bulk sample of fresh mortar, and the preparation of a bulk test sample from this.	60 days from notification

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MASONRY	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/542</a>	Mortar for masonry : determination of consistence of fresh mortar (by flow table)  This draft standard provides a method for determining the consistence of freshly mixed mortars including those containing mineral binders and both normal weight and lightweight aggregates, which is by means of the flow value.	60 days from notification
MASONRY	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/543</a>	Mortar for masonry : determination of consistence of fresh mortar (by plunger penetration)  This draft standard provides a method for determining the consistence of freshly mixed mortars (in the following briefly referred to as fresh mortars) including those containing mineral binders and both dense and lightweight aggregates, which is by means of the plunger penetration value.	60 days from notification
MASONRY	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/544</a>	Mortar for masonry : determination of flexural and compressive strength of hardened mortar  This draft standard provides a method for determining the flexural and compressive strength of moulded mortar specimens.	60 days from notification
MASONRY	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/545</a>	Mortar for masonry : determination of adhesive strength of hardened rendering and plastering mortars on substrates  This draft standard provides a method for the determination of the adhesive strength between rendering plastering mortars and a substrate.	60 days from notification
MASONRY	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/546</a>	Mortar for masonry : determination of water absorption coefficient due to capillary action of hardened mortar  This draft standard provides a method for determining the water absorption coefficient due to capillary action of hardened mortars containing mineral binders and normal as well as light weight aggregates.	60 days from notification
MINERAL MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/547</a>	Adobe blocks (Rukarakara)  This draft standard provides the requirements, sampling and test methods for adobe blocks, also known as "Rukarakara" for interior and exterior use in masonry walling.	60 days from notification
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS</b>					
SOLID FUEL HEATERS	UNITED KINGDOM	14/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GBR/35/Add.1</a>	Domestic solid fuels - Addendum  The purpose of the Statutory Instrument (SI) - The Air Quality (Domestic Solid Fuels Standards) (ENGLAND) Regulations 2020 - is to restrict the sale of the most polluting fuels used for domestic burning in England.	-

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<b>ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>					
SWITCHES	PHILIPPINES	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PHL/272</a>	Mercury added products This DAO strictly aims to ensure that mercury added products to be imported, manufactured, distributed or sold in the Philippines meet the specified safety requirements prescribed by this Technical Regulation.	7 December 2021
<b>ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY</b>					
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	11/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1287/Add.3</a>	Cosmetics - Addendum This is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.	-
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1787</a>	Silver nitrate as a color additive in professional-use only cosmetics to color eyebrows and eyelashes This is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.	8 November 2021
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	15/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/583/Add.3</a>	Residential refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers - Addendum This is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	13/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1559/Add.2</a>	Consumer refrigeration products - Addendum This is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	13/10/2021	<a href="#">TBT/N/USA/1788</a>	Chemical substances EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs).	12 November 2021
LIQUID WASTES. SLUDGE	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/539</a>	Waste water treatment plants This draft standard specifies general requirements for structures and equipment as they relate to wastewater treatment plants for a total population of more than 50 PT.	60 days from notification
<b>FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS</b>					
FLUID STORAGE DEVICES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/1223</a>	Gas products transportation tanks This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, Scope, Objectives, Supplier Obligations, Labelling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, responsibilities of Regulatory Authorities, Responsibilities of Market Surveillance Authorities, Violations and Penalties, General Provisions, Transitional Provisions, Appendix (lists of standards , HS codes, Conformity Assessment Forms (Type 1a) and Supplier Declaration of Conformity Form).	60 days from notification

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<b>FOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
CHEESE	ARGENTINA	13/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/433</a>	Starches in very high moisture cheeses  The GMC Resolution Project No. 03/21 allows the use of starches and modified starches as optional ingredients in moisture cheeses greater than or equal to 55.0 g / 100g that do not adopt their own shape, in a maximum proportion 1% (m / m) of the final product.	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	MAURITIUS	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MUS/14</a>	Fish and fish products  The regulation is a technical regulation which comprises amongst others - registration of importers, payment of an annual import fee, product G/TBT/N/MUS/14 - 2 - compliance with requirements laid down in the schedules and the applicable codex food safety requirements, health attestation/certification of products by the competent authority of the producing/exporting country, inspection of fish and fishery products at the point of entry, collection of samples and laboratory analysis, products that are considered unfit for human consumption, release of fish and fish products by the authorised officer at the point of entry, seizure and destruction of fish and fish products by an authorised officer and the fines for non-compliance to these regulations.	-
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	GUATEMALA	13/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GTM/101</a>	Supplements and food supplements  The purpose is to establish the requirements and parameters to register products of this nature in the Food Regulation and Control Department.	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	COLOMBIA	13/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/249/Add.1</a>	Glass, ceramic and vitroceraic tableware and articles in contact with food, and food [...] ion - Addendum  The Republic of Colombia communicates in relation to the draft resolution of the "For the which is issued the technical regulation for tableware and articles of glass, ceramics and vitroceraics in contact with food, and ceramic articles used in cooking food, which are manufactured, imported, and marketed in the national territory. ", notified on 04/13/2021 by the World Trade Organization through the document identified with the symbol G / TBT / N / COL / 249, which was issued on September 30, 2021, through Resolution.	-
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	ARGENTINA	13/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/434</a>	Milk UAT  Draft GMC Resolution No. 05/21 establishes the Identity and quality requirements for UAT Milk for the purposes of updating and harmonization of current legislation.	60 days from notification
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS. FOOD ADDITIVES	COLOMBIA	14/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/252</a>	Salt for human consumption  The draft resolution establishes the sanitary requirements to be fulfilled by natural or legal persons who carry out activities of production, import, labeling and marketing of salt for human consumption, with in order to protect people's life and health.	60 days from notification

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SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	BURUNDI	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/157</a>	Chewing gum This standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for chewing gum. This standard also applies to bubblegum.	60 days from notification
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
DISINFECTANTS AND ANTISEPTICS	MÉXICO	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/494/Add.1</a>	Topical antiseptics based on ethyl or isopropyl alcohol - Addendum NOTICE extending the validity of the Official Mexican Emergency Standard NOM-EM-022-SE / SSA1 -2021, General specifications for topical antiseptics based on ethyl or isopropyl alcohol-Commercial and health information , published on April 5, 2021.	-
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	OMAN	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/442/Rev.1</a>	Certain hazardous substances in telecommunications equipment and medical devices - Revision This Ministerial decree obligating the European directive 2011/65/EU and its amendment in 2015 and 2017 for telecommunications equipment devices only as a first stage.	30 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	EUROPEAN UNION	14/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/842</a>	Pharmaceuticals : ethyl alpha-phenylacetoacetate (EAPA) and methyl 3-oxo-2-(3,4-me[...]edioxyphenyl)butanoate (MAMDPA) This draft Commission Regulation adds ethyl alphaphenylacetoacetate (EAPA) and methyl 3-oxo-2-(3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl)butanoate (MAMDPA) to Category 1 of the list of scheduled substances in Regulation (EC) No 111/2005 laying down rules for the monitoring of trade between the Community and third countries in drug precursors.	60 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	PANAMÁ	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/113/Add.1</a>	Medicines and other products for human health - Addendum The following communication, dated October 12, 2021 is distributed at the request of the delegation from Panama.	-
PHARMACEUTICS	PANAMÁ	14/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PAN/113/Add.1/Corr.1</a>	Medicines and other products for human health - Corrigendum The following communication, dated October 14, 2021, is distributed at the request of the delegation from Panama.	-
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
BODIES AND BODY COMPONENTS	ARGENTINA	13/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/432</a>	Bumpers "bumpers, fenders" and parts thereof Draft GMC Resolution No. 02/21 updates the GMC Resolution No. 23/02 on rear bumpers of cargo vehicles, to be applied to vehicles that circulate in the MERCOSUR States Parties, in order to guarantee better security conditions.	60 days from notification

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<b>RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES</b>					
PLASTICS	UNITED KINGDOM	14/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GBR/34/Add.1</a>	Plastic straws, plastic drink stirrers and plastic-stemmed cotton buds - Addendum  There was a change to the dates of entry into force for the following measures. The restriction to the supply of single-use plastic straws, stirrers, and cotton buds to end users in England was delayed from 30 April 2020 until 1 October 2020.	-
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	COLOMBIA	13/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/251</a>	Pneumatic tires  The draft resolution establishes the technical regulation applicable to new pneumatic tires, for use in motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers that circulate in the national territory, to their installation process, and complementary systems, as well as retreaded tires.	60 days from notification
<b>SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY</b>					
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	11/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1508/Add.4</a>	Clothes dryers - Addendum  This is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.	-
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO</b>					
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	THAILAND	11/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/632</a>	Equipment for base station and repeater in international mobile telecommunications services  This specifies minimum technical requirements for Radiocommunication equipment for base station and repeater in International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) Services using Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (E-UTRA) Technology.	60 days from notification
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	THAILAND	11/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/633</a>	Radio communication equipment use in land mobile  This specifies minimum technical requirements for Used in Land Mobile Service using VHF/UHF for Speech Communications. Amendments revised spurious emissions comply with ITU-R Rec. SM. 329-12 with some minor updates from previous version of this standard (NBTC TS 1001-2561).	60 days from notification
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	THAILAND	11/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/634</a>	Radio communication equipment use in land mobile service  This specifies minimum technical requirements for Used in Land Mobile Service using VHF/UHF for Speech and/or Data Communications. Amendments revised spurious emissions comply with ITU-R Rec. SM. 329-12 with some minor updates from previous version of this standard (NBTC TS 1024-2561).	60 days from notification
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	THAILAND	11/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/635</a>	Radio communication equipment use in maritime service  This specifies minimum technical requirements for Used in Maritime Mobile Service using VHF Frequency Band. Amendments are made by adding the test method for Maximum usable sensitivity with ANSI/TIA/EIA-603-E.	60 days from notification

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RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	THAILAND	11/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/636</a>	Radiocommunication equipment for base station and repeater in international mobile telecommunications  This specifies minimum technical requirements for Radiocommunication equipment for base station and repeater in International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) Service Using IMT2000 CDMA Direct Spread Technology. Amendments adding base station (BS) with Active Antenna System (AAS).	60 days from notification
TELE COMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	MÉXICO	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/503</a>	Mobile terminal equipment that can make use of the radioelectric spectrum or be connected [...] to the Cellular Broadcasting service  Part 3 of this Technical Provision establishes the technical specifications of the Mobile Terminal Equipment that can make use of the radio spectrum or be connected to telecommunications networks, for the reception and processing of Alert Messages for Risk or Emergency Situations through the Cellular Broadcasting Service; as well as test methods to demonstrate the compliance with these specifications.	60 days from notification
<b>TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY</b>					
TEXTILE FABRICS	RWANDA	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RWA/538</a>	Long lasting insecticide treated mosquito nets  This draft standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for treated Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLIN).	60 days from notification
<b>NO TITLE</b>					
HEPATITIS B VACCINE	JAPAN	15/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/713</a>	Hepatitis B vaccine  Amendment of the provisions for fee and quantity in the "Recombinant Adsorbed Hepatitis B Vaccine (Prepared from Yeast)".	30 days from notification
LONG LASTING INSECTICIDE TREATED MOSQUITO NETS	BURUNDI	12/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BDI/156</a>	Long lasting insecticide treated mosquito nets  This draft standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for treated Long Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLIN).	60 days from notification
MEDICAL DEVICE AND DEVICE PACKAGES IDENTIFICATION	UNITED STATES	15/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/720/Add.5</a>	Medical device and device packages identification - Addendum  This is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.	-
TESTING RESULTS IN IMPORT AND EXPORT	CHINA	14/10/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1627</a>	Testing results in import and export commodity inspection  These measures will be applied to the import and export commodity inspection for China Customs accepting the Laboratories' testing results.	60 days from notification