

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 44 notifications on Clothing Technology, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages, Textile and Leather Technology etc., from China, Kenya, Mexico, Rwanda, Ukraine, 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 (09 - 15 March 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
FISHING AND FISH BREEDING	RWANDA	12/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/225	Fishing gill nets <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of test for fishing gill nets.</i>	60 days from notification
CIVIL ENGINEERING					
ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	RWANDA	12/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/224	Precast concrete road kerbs, edgings and channels <i>This Draft Standard specifies materials requirements, properties and test methods for various types of unreinforced precast concrete kerbs, edgings and channels intended for use in the construction of carriage ways and footways.</i>	60 days from notification

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CLOTHING TECHNOLOGY					
FOOTWEAR	RWANDA	12/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/220	Ladies' closed shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for ladies' closed shoes</i>	60 days from notification
FOOTWEAR	RWANDA	12/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/221	Ladies' open shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for ladies' open shoes. This standard applies to ladies' open shoes of all constructions and all types of materials and designs.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOTWEAR	RWANDA	12/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/222	Children's shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for children's shoes (above 2 to 6 years) .</i>	60 days from notification
FOOTWEAR	RWANDA	13/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/231	Men's open shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for men's open shoes.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOTWEAR	RWANDA	13/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/232	Children's shoes <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and methods of test for children's shoes (2 years and below) .</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
HOME ECONOMICS IN GENERAL	CHINA	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1312	Wooden toothpick <i>Wooden tooth pick, as a kind of disposable contact material, is a sanitary product directly contacting with human oral cavity and closely related to human health. Therefore, in this standard the indicators relating to microorganism limitations affecting health are mandatory. The contents of this standard are: terminology and definitions, classification, specifications and tolerances, appearance quality inspections and microorganism limitation, inspection rules, labeling, packaging, transportation and storage.</i>	60 days from notification
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	GHANA	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/GHA/10	Improved biomass cook stoves <i>The purpose of these Regulations is to provide for: (a) the enforcement of minimum performance requirements for improved biomass cook stoves prescribed in these Regulations and measured in accordance with the Ghana-ISO standard test sequence for emissions and performance, safety and durability (GS ISO 19867-1) as may be repealed, amended or replaced; and (b) the labelling of improved biomass cook stoves</i>	60 days from notification

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ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ROTATING MACHINERY IN GENERAL	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/522	AC generators for reciprocating internal combustion (RIC) engine driven generating sets <i>It covers the use of such generators for land and marine use, but excludes generating sets used on aircraft or used to propel land vehicles and locomotives</i>	60 days from notification
CABLES	THE STATE OF KUWAIT	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/523	Non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring <i>Specifications for polyvinyl chloride insulated single-core non-sheathed cables for fixed wiring of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V. This consolidated version consists of the second edition (1993) and its amendment 1 (1997) . Therefore, no need to order amendment in addition to this publication.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRONICS					
MECHANICAL STRUCTURES FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ARE/459	Commercial and central air conditioners <i>This draft of UA Technical regulation is concerned with the energy efficiency labels and the minimum energy performance standard (MEPS) requirements for factory-made residential, commercial and industrial, electrically driven, mechanical-compression of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ducted air conditioners using air and water-cooled condensers and ducted air-to-air heat pumps - Water-source heat pumps - Water-Chilling Packages - Multiple split-system air-conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps 	60 days from notification
MECHANICAL STRUCTURES FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ARE/460	Household air conditioners <i>This draft of UA Technical regulation is concerned with the energy efficiency labels requirements for residential non-ducted air conditioners.</i>	60 days from notification
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
HEAT PUMPS	UKRAINE	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/UKR/125/Add.1	Glandless standalone circulators and glandless circulators integrated in products - Addendum <i>Ukraine would like to inform that the Draft of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On approval of the Technical Regulation on ecodesign requirements for glandless standalone circulators and glandless circulators integrated in products" (G/TBT/N/UKR/125) was adopted on 27 February 2019 (Resolution №153) and will enter into force on 12 September 2019.</i>	—

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ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
TRANSPORT EXHAUST EMISSIONS	CHINA	13/03/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1314	<p>Exhaust emissions from tri-wheel vehicles</p> <p><i>This standard specifies the emission limits and measurement methods of the pollutants emitted by the tri-wheel vehicles and their diesel engines. The standard is a revision to GB 19756-2005 "Limits and Measurement Methods for Exhaust Pollutants from Diesel Engines of Tri-Wheel & Low-Speed Goods Vehicles (CHINA III)". It is applicable to the type approval test, inspection on conformity of production, inspection on emission compliance, in-service conformity inspection and durability requirements of tri-wheel vehicles and their diesel engines.</i></p>	60 days from notification
TRANSPORT EXHAUST EMISSIONS	CHINA	13/03/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1315	<p>Exhaust pollutants from diesel engines</p> <p><i>This amendment is a supplement to the fourth phase of GB 20891-2014 "Limits and Measurement Methods for Exhaust Pollutants from Diesel Engines of Non-Road Mobile Machinery (CHINA III, IV)". It applies to the type approval test, inspection on conformity of production, inspection on emission compliance, and in-service conformity inspection to the non-road mobile machinery and their diesel engines.</i></p>	60 days from notification
OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO WATER QUALITY	RWANDA	12/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/223	<p>Rainwater harvesting systems</p> <p><i>1.1 This Rwanda Standard gives recommendations on the design, installation, testing and maintenance of rainwater harvesting systems in Rwanda.</i></p> <p><i>1.2 It covers systems supplying water for domestic uses (in residential, commercial, industrial or public premises) that do not necessarily require potable water quality such as laundry, WC flushing and garden watering. It may however cover the potable purpose after meeting required standards RS EAS 12 Potable Water-Specification.</i></p> <p><i>1.3 It covers individual and communal systems and those providing stormwater control. It does not cover water butts. It also does not cover product design for specific system components. It applies to retrofitting and new build.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: Although this Standard does not give specific recommendations relating to the use of rainwater for fire suppression or commercial irrigation, these applications are not excluded.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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WATER QUALITY	RWANDA	13/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/233	Water quality <i>The standard specifies essentially a user needs of the quality of water required for different irrigation uses. It is intended to provide the information to make judgements on the fitness of water to be used for irrigation purposes, primarily for crop production. The standard is applicable to any water that is used for irrigation purposes, irrespective of its source (municipal supply, borehole, river, etc.) or whether or not it has been treated.</i>	60 days from notification
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PUMPS	UKRAINE	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/UKR/136/Add.1	External power supplies - Addendum <i>Ukraine would like to inform that the Draft of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On approval of the Technical Regulation on ecodesign requirements for no-load condition electric power consumption and average active efficiency of external power supplies" (G/TBT/N/UKR/136) was adopted on 27 February 2019 (Resolution №150) and will enter into force on 6 September 2019.</i>	—
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	BOLIVIA	13/03/2019	G/TBT/N/BOL/3/Add.6	Labeling of products intended for human consumption directly or indirectly - Addendum <i>The Plurinational State of Bolivia communicates in relation to the Draft Technical Regulations "Labeling of Foods and Products Destined to Human Consumption that Are, Contain or Derived from Genetically Modified Organisms ", notified by the identified document with the symbol G / TBT / N / BOL / 3 of October 22, 2015, which updated the List of Organizations Genetically Modified, through Administrative Resolution No007.2019, issued by the Ministry of Environment and Water.</i>	—
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/844	Packaged meat products <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements for the production of packaged meat products processed or manufactured in an established meat processing factory.</i>	15 April 2019
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/845	Meat sausages <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and testing for sausages made from beef, lamb/ mutton, goat meat, camel meat, pork and poultry intended for human consumption.</i>	15 April 2019

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MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/846	Dressed poultry <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for dressed poultry. It applies to birds domesticated for human consumption.</i>	15 April 2019
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/847	Beef grades and cuts <i>This part of this Draft East African Standard specifies methods of grading and grades of beef including veal, quality and safety requirements, methods of sampling and test, of carcasses thereof, meant for human consumption. The standard also defines major portions of meat cuts from the carcasses for sale.</i>	15 April 2019
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/848	Canned corned beef <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, methods of tests and sampling for canned corned beef products.</i>	15 April 2019
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	KENYA	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/849	Green coffee beans <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for green coffee beans. This standard applies to both Arabica (Coffea Arabica) and Robusta (Coffea canephora) coffee beans.</i>	13 May 2019
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	KENYA	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/850	Roasted coffee beans and roasted ground coffee <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for roasted coffee beans and roasted ground coffee. This standard applies to decaffeinated roasted ground coffee.</i>	13 May 2019
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	KENYA	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KEN/851	Instant (soluble) coffee <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for Instant (soluble) coffee. This standard applies to decaffeinated instant coffee.</i>	13 May 2019
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	MÉXICO	15/03/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/386/Add.1	Processed meat products and meat processing establishments - Addendum <i>Please be advised that replies have been published to the comments received on draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-213-SSA1 -2017: "Products and services. Processed meat products and meat processing establishments. Sanitary provisions and specifications. Test methods", published on 21 December 2017.</i>	—

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	UKRAINE	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/URY/27	All wine products <i>Implementation of the requirement that, as part of the import procedure, a certificate be submitted for all wine products attesting that the shipment contains no percentage of exogenous water.</i>	30 days from the date of notification
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	SOUTH AFRICA	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ZAF/235	Canned meat products <i>This Compulsory Specification requires that canned meat products, for human consumption, which are to be offered for sale, comply with this Compulsory Specification and the requirements of the latest edition of the South African National Standard (SANS) 1675 that apply to the manufacture, production, processing, and treatment of the products covered by this specification. The hygiene requirements for the product, as well as chemical and microbiological contaminant requirements for the product, and the requirements for employees at the packing facility, shall comply with the requirements of the latest edition of SANS 1675.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY	CHINA	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/CHN/1313	Medical devices <i>The Regulations for the Supervision and Administration of Medical Devices makes the provisions on whoever engaging in the research and development, production, operation, use, the relevant supervision and administration of medical devices within the territory of China. The Amendment further clarifies the system of medical device marketing licensee, changes the approval of clinical trials to implied licensing, adds provisions including conditional approval and expanded clinic, and makes an explicit request on the establishment of professional inspector system. Meanwhile, for the prominent problems in regulation practice, it also adds the agent management of the overseas medical device marketing licensee, and requirements on the prohibition of the import and sales of used medical devices, etc., improves the systems of clinical evaluation, operation management of type II medical devices and re-examination, and adds the punishment provisions specific to person.</i>	60 days from notification
AIDS FOR INCONTINENCE AND OSTOMY	RWANDA	12/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/226	Disposable adult diapers <i>This draft East African Standard specifies requirements and test methods for disposable adult absorbent products for managing incontinence including adult diapers, adult briefs, adult under pads (inserted in pants) and others.</i>	60 days from notification

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MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT					
EARTH-MOVING MACHINERY	CANADA	14/03/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/579	Off-road engines and machinery <i>The proposed Regulations would work to reduce air pollutant emissions from off-road mobile compression-ignition engines, off-road stationary compression-ignition engines, and off-road large spark-ignition engines. Mobile compression-ignition engines are typically found in machines used in agricultural, construction, forestry, and mining applications. Stationary compression-ignition engines are typically used to generate back-up or emergency power or as a primary source of power in remote locations. Large spark-ignition engines produce more than 19 kW (25 hp) of power and are typically installed in off-road machines such as forklifts and ice resurfacers (e.g. Zambonis) .</i>	23 May 2019
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT, PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
ELECTRICITY, MAGNETISM, ELECTRICAL AND MAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS	CHILE	13/03/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/466	Measurement, monitoring and control systems <i>The notified Technical Annex sets forth the minimum technical requirements for ensuring a certain level of quality, security, scalability and interoperability for the Measurement, Monitoring and Control Systems (SMMCs) that must be implemented by distributors in accordance with the Technical Standard on Quality of Service for Distribution Systems and other applicable regulations.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
SACKS, BAGS	RWANDA	13/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/230	Woven polyolefin sacks (bags) for cement <i>This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements for woven polyolefin sacks (bags) for packing cement</i>	60 days from notification
PRECISION MECHANICS, JEWELLERY					
JEWELLERY	MÉXICO	15/03/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/451	Amber of Chiapas <i>This Draft Official Mexican Standard is prepared for give support to the denomination of origin of the Amber of Chiapas, whose ownership corresponds to the Mexican State and in cooperation with the ambarero sector, while the Conformity Assessment Body is formed, to verify the processes of transformation and commercialization of this non-renewable resource in the terms of the Industrial Property Law. The issuance of this Draft Standard Mexican Official is necessary in accordance with the General Declaration of Protection to the Amber Denomination of Chiapas published in the Official Gazette of the Federation on November 15, 2000 (hereinafter referred to as the Declaration)</i>	10 May 2019

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				<p>And with fraction XV of article 40 of the Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization. This Draft Official Mexican Standard applies to raw Chiapas Amber, as well as to products derived from it such as jewelry, art and religious objects, among others, and subject to the process of physical transformation that is detailed below, being extracted the raw material indicated in the General Declaration of Protection of the Denomination of Amber Origin of Chiapas.</p>	
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLE ENGINEERING	ISRAEL	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1034	<p>Motor vehicles</p> <p>Draft amendment to the Transport Regulations published by Israel Ministry of Transport and Road Safety. This draft amendment lowers trade barriers and includes the following major changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amends regulation 282 (paragraph 9) and allows for the import of type N2 vehicles complying with Canadian legislation; • Amends regulation 351a (paragraph 13) and allows for the import of vehicles complying with American Federal or Canadian standardization; • Amends regulations 364f and 364h (paragraphs 15-16) and allows for diplomatic and consular vehicles to be exempt from vehicle safety systems requirements that are not obligatory in their country of origin. 	20 March 2019
ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KOR/815	<p>Electrical vehicles' chargers and components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The clause 6.3.3. of IEC 61851-1 describes that adaptors are not permitted to use connecting inlet of vehicles with the connector of vehicles. - However, Korea initiates to allow using the certified adaptors to connect the inlet of vehicles with the connector of vehicles by amendment of the existing safety standard on electrical vehicles' chargers and components. 	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	CUBA	15/03/2019	G/TBT/N/CUB/20	<p>Telecommunications/ICT equipment</p> <p>The purpose of the notified document is to set forth the Ministry of Communications regulation on conformity assessment and type-approval for telecommunications/ICT equipment so that equipment that is imported, manufactured or marketed in the country ensures the proper functioning of public telecommunications/ICT networks, user security and the rational and efficient use of the radio spectrum and prevents interference with other telecommunications services.</p>	60 days from the date of notification

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				<i>This regulation applies to products included in the headings and subheadings indicated.</i>	
TELECOMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT	MÉXICO	15/03/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/398/Add.2	Telecommunications terminal equipment - Addendum <i>Please be advised of the publication of Mexican Official Standard NOM-184-SCFI-2018: "Regulatory elements and specific obligations to be observed by providers for the marketing and/or provision of telecommunications services using a public telecommunications network (cancelling Mexican Official Standard NOM-184-SCFI-2012)".</i>	—
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
TEXTILE FABRICS	RWANDA	12/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/227	Disposable baby diapers <i>This draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and test methods for disposable baby diapers.</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE FABRICS	RWANDA	12/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/228	Reusable sanitary towels <i>This draft East African Standard prescribes the requirements and test methods for reusable sanitary towels (including reusable panty liners) for external use. This Standard does not apply to disposable sanitary towels.</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE FABRICS	RWANDA	13/03/2019	G/TBT/N/RWA/229	Fabrics for household curtains and drapery <i>This draft East African Standard specifies performance requirements of fabrics for curtains and drapery. It covers all knit, lace, stitch-bonded, foam back and woven fabrics to be used in the manufacture of curtains and drapery. It is applicable to all fabrics except those made of glass. Except where otherwise indicated, these requirements also apply to fabrics for window blinds</i>	60 days from notification