



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 27 notifications on Aircraft and Space Vehicle Engineering, Chemicals, Construction Materials and Building, Environment, Health Protection, and Safety, Food and Beverages etc. from the European Union, Israel, Kenya, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and other countries are listed.

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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (10 - 16 February 2018)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	MEXICO	13/02/2018	G/TBT/N/MEX/394	Aircraft and helicopters <i>Applies to all Dealers, Licensees or National or foreign Air Operators that operate or intend to operate within the Mexican Republic and the airspace under the jurisdiction of the Mexican State. Likewise, applies to all Entity Responsible for the Type Design of the aircraft, which pretends obtain your Certificate of Noise Homologation from your aircraft. The field of application of this Official Mexican Standard does not include aircraft that perform operations overflight within the airspace under the jurisdiction of the Mexican State, except that specified in its operational flight plan an alternate civil aerodrome within the Mexican republic; likewise it is not applicable to aircraft belonging to or in possession of foreign Airline</i>	60 calendar days, counted from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation

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				<i>Operators or Perpetrators who intend to enter or exit of national territory for maintenance purposes on ferry flights (without passengers, cargo or mail).</i>	
CHEMICALS					
EXPLOSIVES, PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS	UNITED STATES	12/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1273/Add.2	Fireworks - Addendum <i>The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) will be holding a meeting to provide interested parties with an opportunity to present oral comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) the Commission issued regarding amendments to the fireworks regulations. Any oral comments will be part of the rulemaking record.</i>	28 February 2018
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	12/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1339	Oxazolidine, 3,3'-methylenebis[5-methyl- <i>EPA is proposing to amend the significant new use rule (SNUR) under section 5(a)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for Oxazolidine, 3,3'-methylenebis[5-methyl-, which was the subject of a premanufacture notice (PMN) and a significant new use notice (SNUN) . This action would amend the SNUR to allow certain new uses reported in the SNUN without requiring additional SNUNs and make the lack of certain worker protections a new use. EPA is proposing this amendment based on review of new and existing data as described for the chemical substance. A SNUR requires persons who intend to manufacture (including import) or process this chemical substance for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this proposed rule to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Manufacture and processing for the significant new use would be unable to commence until EPA conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and took such actions as are required with that determination.</i>	23 February 2018
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS	ISRAEL	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/1000	Water meters <i>The existing Mandatory Standard, SI 63 part 1, dealing with the specifications of meters for potable water, shall be declared voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS	ISRAEL	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/1001	Water meters <i>The existing Mandatory Standard, SI 63 part 3, dealing with the test methods for water meters equipment, shall be declared voluntary.</i>	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	ARGENTINA	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/ARG/311/Add.1	Microwave ovens for domestic use - Addendum <i>Microwave ovens for domestic use. It is reported that by Resolution No. 19-E / 2018 of the National Office of Domestic Trade, Extends the entry into force of DNCI Regulation No. 170/2016 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 311), until the April 6 of the current year.</i>	—
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
SOLAR ENERGY ENGINEERING	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	14/02/2018	G/TBT/N/SAU/1039	Small-scale solar PV systems regulations <i>This regulation apply to the distribution service provider, qualified consumer, contractor, and any other persons involved in connecting the small PV solar systems to the distribution system and/or associated with the net measurement arrangements with the distribution service provider. The capacity of the system must be within the specified and permitted capacity. The system must be located in a qualified consumer facility. The capacity in the facility should not exceed 2 MW. The combined capacity shall not exceed 5 MW and the vehicle shall be in different facilities owned by the same qualified consumer in a supply area of one electricity department. The capacity should not be less than 1 kW. The system must be connected and operated safely with the distribution system. This regulation do not apply to solar photovoltaic systems with a capacity exceeding 2 MW or less than 1 kW or PV solar systems that do not operate in parallel with the distribution system. This regulation do not prevent investors from the right to implement PV projects with a capacity exceeding 2 megawatts, where there are alternative mechanisms prepared for such projects by the main buyer. The Authority shall be entitled to amend these regulations, as this is required.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, AND SAFETY					
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE	EUROPEAN UNION	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/EU/542	Products covered by Union harmonisation legislation <i>This draft Regulation concerns: rules and procedures for the provision of compliance information for the products in scope, a framework for market surveillance of such products and a framework for controls on such products entering the Union market.</i>	90 days from notification

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DOMESTIC SAFETY	ISRAEL	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/1002	Domestic electrical cooking appliances <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 900 part 2.6, dealing with domestic electrical cooking appliances. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 60335-2-6- Edition 6.0: 2014-02. The major changes introduced in this revision are due to the changes made in the adopted international standard.</i>	60 days from notification
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
GATE VALVES	ISRAEL	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/ISR/999	Metal wedge gate valve <i>Fourth amendment to the Mandatory Standard SI 61. This amendment changes the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaces Figure 1 of paragraph 3.3.3 dealing with the spindle head; • Replaces Table 4 dealing with the spindle head dimensions (mm) . 	60 days from notification
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CANADA	13/02/2018	G/TBT/N/CAN/543	Prepackaged products <i>The proposed regulations would amend the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR) to require front-of-package (FOP) labelling for prepackaged products containing nutrients of public health concern (sodium, saturated fats and/or sugars) at or above a certain threshold to enable Canadians to more easily identify foods high in these nutrients and make healthier and more informed decisions. The proposed amendments would also repeal the table of permitted nutrient content statements and claims following section B.01.513 and incorporate it by reference in the FDR. Doing so would enable Health Canada to more efficiently amend such claims in response to evolving science.</i> <i>The proposed amendments would also increase vitamin D fortification levels in milk, goat's milk and margarine to help bring the vitamin D intakes of Canadians closer to the 2011 recommendations of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM), formerly the Institute of Medicine (IOM) . Given the decision to prohibit the sale of foods that contain Partially Hydrogenated Oils (PHOs) by adding PHOs to Part 1 of the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods, pursuant to the Notice of Modification: Prohibiting the Use of PHOs in Foods (Ref. No. NOM/ADM-C-2017-3), amendments to the FDR are proposed to ensure a coherent prohibition on the use of PHOs in foods.</i>	26 April 2018

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				<i>Finally, to address the inconsistencies in the labelling of foods containing certain high-intensity sweeteners, the proposed amendments would repeal the additional principle display panel and quantitative declaration requirements for foods containing aspartame, sucralose, acesulfame-potassium and neotame. Amendments to the legibility and location requirements pertaining to the phenylalanine statement on foods containing aspartame are also proposed to improve its prominence on the label.</i>	
SUGAR, SUGAR PRODUCTS, STARCH	COLOMBIA	12/02/2018	G/TBT/N/COL/133/Add.2	Honey - Addendum <i>The Republic of Colombia communicates in relation to Resolution No. 1057 of March 23, 2010 of the Ministry of Social Protection "By which the technical regulation on the health requirements that honey must meet for human consumption ", notified the April 22, 2010 by the World Trade Organization through the identified document with the symbol G / TBT / N / COL / 133 / Add.1, that its nullity has been declared by the judgment of February 4, 2016 of the Council of State.</i>	—
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	GUATEMALA	14/02/2018	G/TBT/N/GTM/95	Matured cheeses <i>The purpose of this regulation is to establish specifications that matured cheeses must meet that meet the definition that appears in the numeral 4 (Definitions) of the present RTCA. Likewise, it applies to cheeses matured, intended for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties.</i>	60 days from the notification
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	KENYA	14/02/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/635	Fermented milks <i>This Kenya standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for fermented milks including, Heat Treated Fermented Milks, Concentrated Fermented Milks and composite milk products based on these products, for direct consumption or further processing.</i>	22 March 2018
CHEESE	KENYA	14/02/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/636	Cottage cheese <i>The Kenya Standard prescribes the requirements for cottage cheese for direct human consumption or for further processing.</i>	22 March 2018
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	KENYA	14/02/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/638	Dairy creams and prepared creams <i>This Kenya Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for dairy creams and prepared creams for direct consumption or further processing.</i>	22 March 2018

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ICE CREAM AND ICE CONFECTIONERY	KENYA	14/02/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/639	Ice cream and ice confectionery <i>This Kenya Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for dairy based Desserts and ices for direct consumption or further processing.</i>	22 March 2018
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	KENYA	14/02/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/640	Mozzarella cheese <i>This Kenya Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for Mozzarella cheese intended for direct consumption or for further processing.</i>	22 March 2018
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	KENYA	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/641	Anhydrous milkfat, milkfat, anhydrous butteroil, and butteroil <i>This Kenya standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for Anhydrous Milkfat, Milkfat, Anhydrous Butteroil, and Butteroil, which are intended for further processing or culinary use.</i>	22 March 2018
CHEESE	KENYA	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/KEN/642	Unripened cheese including fresh cheese <i>This Standard Specifies the general requirements for unripened cheese including fresh cheese, intended for direct consumption or further processing.</i>	22 March 2018
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	LIBERIA	14/02/2018	G/TBT/N/LBR/1	Coffee and cocoa <i>To ensure consumer protection through the prevention of the placing on the Liberian Market of unsafe and substandard products (Coffee & Cocoa) for the purpose of importation and exportation. Conformity assessment: SECTION 8-23 Technical regulations: SECTION 21, 45(a-i)</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/TPKM/285/Rev.1	Imported foods and related products - Revision <i>The Ministry of Health and Welfare proposes to partially amend provisions of the "Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products (second notice) ." The proposed amendments mainly involve the following points:</i> <i>1. To regulate that Obligatory Inspection Applicants shall submit the Consolidated Import Declaration with Relevant Permits when applying import inspection;</i> <i>2. To delete Article 5 concerning pre-declaration provisions.</i> <i>3. To add an alternative method of product sampling for applicants who are suspended for applying for prior release of products;</i> <i>4. To add conditions for applying for prior release of products;</i> <i>5. To add conditions for payment of guarantee bond;</i>	60 days from notification

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				<p>6. To add conditions for refund of guarantee bond;</p> <p>7. To revise the time limit for applying for re-inspection when the imported products do not conform to regulations; and</p> <p>8. To add a guarantee for whose pre-declaration of product information is valid after the amend.</p>	
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	SOUTH AFRICA	12/02/2018	G/TBT/N/ZAF/224/Add.1	<p>Canned fish, canned marine molluscs and canned crustaceans and products derived there from - Addendum</p> <p><i>This compulsory specification requires that canned fish, canned marine molluscs and canned crustaceans and products derived therefrom, for human consumption, which are to be offered for sale, comply with this compulsory specification and the requirements of the South African National Standard (SANS) 587 that applies to the manufacture, production, processing, and treatment of the products covered by this specification, the hygiene requirements for the product, as well as chemical contaminants, microbiological contaminants and the product and the packing facility employees requirements, shall comply with the requirements of the latest edition of SANS 587.</i></p>	—
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
NATURAL GAS	UNITED STATES	12/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1172/Add.2	<p>Natural gas - Addendum</p> <p><i>Conforms with gasoline gallon equivalent and diesel gallon equivalent units adopted as a result of Assembly Bill 1907. Defines terms and product specifications for natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel. Provides labeling and price sign advertising requirements for natural gas sold as a motor vehicle fuel.</i></p>	—
RAILWAY ENGINEERING					
MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS FOR RAILWAY ENGINEERING	UNITED STATES	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/1237/Add.1	<p>Treated railroad ties - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing amendments to the Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials regulations, which generally established standards and procedures for identifying whether non-hazardous secondary materials are solid wastes when used as fuels or ingredients in combustion units. In February 2013, the EPA listed particular non-hazardous secondary materials as "categorical non-waste fuels" provided certain conditions are met. This final rule adds the following other treated railroad ties (OTRT) to the categorical non-waste fuel list: Processed creosote-borate, copper naphthenate and copper naphthenate-borate treated railroad ties, under certain conditions depending on the chemical treatment.</i></p>	—

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SERVICES, COMPANY ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY, ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPORT, SOCIOLOGY					
PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION, CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	16/02/2018	G/TBT/N/ARE/402	<p>ECAS mark of conformity in certified products</p> <p><i>This document regulates the use of ECAS Mark of Conformity in certified products and this is intended for ESMA and its clients. This will be the document to be used as a reference for the proper usage of the ECAS Mark of Conformity and the corrective action to be taken in case of misuse.</i></p>	60 days from notification
WOOD TECHNOLOGY					
WOOD TECHNOLOGY PROCESSES	UNITED STATES	12/02/2018	G/TBT/N/USA/827/Rev.2/Add.3	<p>Composite wood products - Addendum</p> <p><i>EPA is publishing this final rule to revise the formaldehyde standards for composite wood products regulations. The revision updates the incorporation by reference of multiple voluntary consensus standards that have been updated, superseded, or withdrawn, and provides a technical correction to allow panel producers to correlate their approved quality control test method to the ASTM E1333-14 test chamber, or, upon showing equivalence, the ASTM D6007-14 test chamber.</i></p>	—