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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 Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment and Sports, Environment, Health Protection, and Safety, Food and Beverages, Road Vehicles Engineering etc. from China, Kenya, Mexico, Uganda, the 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 June 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
CHEMICALS					
ALCOHOLS, ETHERS	ARGENTINA	15/06/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/322	Methyl alcohol or methanol <i>Substitute Item 7 "Out of Alcohols" of Chapter II "Regime of Fractioners and / or Traders of Methyl Alcohol", TITLE III "Regime Control of Methyl Alcohol ", of Resolution INV C. 11/1996, in relation to the Methanol for analysis in packs of up to 4 liters marketed in its original packaging not to be registered and used exclusively for calibration of equipment and chemical analysis.</i>	Not applicable

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	16/06/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/276	<p>Toxic chemical substances</p> <p><i>In order to keep track of information on chemical substances, the Environmental Protection Administration proposes to adopt the European Union's Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) system and to require enterprises manufacturing or importing chemical substances of more than certain amounts to register those substances in accordance with a pre-set timetable and provide safety information, which will be used as a basis for screening, assessment, and management of toxic chemical substances.</i></p> <p><i>With a view to better managing chemical substances from the source, and in reference to the management spirit of the United Nation's Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM), this proposed revision provides for the establishment of the "National Board of Chemical Substance Management," which will coordinate the jurisdictions of relevant industry competent authorities' and laws to fill the gaps in connection to the management of chemical substances. Apart from maintaining the management clauses addressing Class 1 through 4 toxic chemical substances, this proposed revision adds the category of "chemical substances of very concern" (the central competent authority is authorized to announce such substances in separate assessments afterwards), which will facilitate expansion of the number of controlled substances and implementation of classified management, enabling monitoring of the flow of relevant substances and strengthening competent authorities' investigative authority.</i></p>	60 days from notification
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	TURKEY	16/06/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/91	<p>Detergents</p> <p><i>Draft Regulation lays down the principles and the procedures for detergents and surfactants for detergents placed on the market to achieve the free movement and ensure a high degree of protection of the environment and human health.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1146/Add.2	<p>Fireworks and related explosive materials - Addendum</p> <p><i>Establishes rules to comprehensively govern the manufacture, transportation, storage, sale and display of fireworks.</i></p>	—

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PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1295	Chemical substances <i>EPA is proposing a significant new use rule (SNUR) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for one chemical substance that was the subject of a premanufacture notice (PMN) . The applicable review period for the PMN submitted for this chemical substance ended prior to 22 June 2016, the date on which President Obama signed into law the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (which amends TSCA) . This action would require persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process the 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 is unable to commence until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and take such actions as are required with that determination.</i>	10 July 2017
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	CHINA	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1202	Water efficiency <i>This standard is mandatory. This standard specifies minimum allowable values of water efficiency, evaluating values of water conservation, water efficiency grade and test methods for reverse osmosis drinking water treatment purifiers.</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	15/06/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/989	Electrical clothes washing machines <i>Specifies the performance and energy labelling requirements for electric clothes washing machines with a capacity up to 25kg in order that it may carry a valid energy efficiency label.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS					
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	12/6/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/987	Electrical clothes dryers <i>Specifies the performance and energy labelling requirements for clothes dryers with capacity up to 25kg in order to carry a valid energy efficiency label.</i>	60 days from notification
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	12/6/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/988	Electrical clothes washing machines <i>Specifies the performance and energy labelling requirements for electric clothes washing machines with a capacity up to 25kg in order that it may carry a valid energy efficiency</i>	60 days from notification

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COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	UGANDA	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/686	Biomass stoves <i>This draft Uganda Standard specifies the classification, technical requirements, performance requirements, safety requirements, test methods and inspection procedure of biomass cookstoves. This draft standard is applicable to cookstoves using solid biomass in its natural or densified form.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/360	Lamps <i>This draft of the official Mexican standard applies to General purpose lamps intended for lighting residential, Commercial, services, industrial and public lighting, such as: incandescent, Incandescent with halogen, linear fluorescent, high intensity discharge and light Mixed; Imported, manufactured, and / or marketed within the national territory.</i>	60 calendar days after June 7, 2017
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
BURNERS, BOILERS	CHILE	15/06/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/408	Boilers <i>The present regulation establishes emission limits for particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides for Boilers with a thermal power of 75 kilowatts or more.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, AND SAFETY					
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	BRAZIL	15/06/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/549/Add.2/Corr.1	Respiratory protective devices - Corrigendum <i>The notification G/TBT/N/BRA/549/Add.2 was circulated erroneously and should therefore be considered null and void.</i>	–
DRINKING WATER	KENYA	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/585	Mineral water <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements for Mineral water offered for human consumption. It applies to natural mineral water, mineral water, natural spring water, spring water and carbonated mineral water.</i>	26 July 2017
DRINKING WATER	KENYA	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/586	Packaged drinking water <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for packaged drinking water for direct human consumption. It applies to drinking water, carbonated drinking /sparkling drinking water and alkaline drinking water.</i>	26 July 2017

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DRINKING WATER	KENYA	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/588	Potable water <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for potable water intended for direct human consumption, domestic and industrial use.</i>	26 July 2017
AIR QUALITY	MEXICO	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/332/Add.2	Vapour recovery systems - Addendum <i>CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST from testing laboratories for accreditation to assess conformity with Emergency Mexican Official Standard NOM-EM-002-ASEA-2016 "establishing test methods and parameters for the operation, maintenance and efficiency of gasoline vapour recovery systems in service stations selling gasoline to the public, for emission control purposes".</i>	—
WASTES	UGANDA	15/06/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/687	Wastes <i>This draft Uganda Standard covers the management of hazardous waste and non-hazardous waste. This standard covers amongst other things, collection, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste. It also includes provisions for monitoring and regulation of waste. The standard applies to activities that generate, store, or handle any quantity of waste across a range of industry sectors.</i>	60 days from notification
DRINKING WATER	UGANDA	16/06/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/688	Potable water <i>This draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for potable water intended for direct human consumption, domestic and industrial use.</i>	60 days from notification
DRINKING WATER	UGANDA	16/06/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/689	Mineral water <i>This draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of test for mineral water offered for human consumption. This Standard applies to natural mineral water, mineral water, natural spring water, spring water and carbonated mineral water.</i>	60 days from notification
DRINKING WATER	UGANDA	16/06/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/690	Packaged drinking water <i>This draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for packaged drinking water for direct human consumption. This standard applies to drinking water, carbonated drinking /sparkling drinking water and alkaline drinking water.</i>	60 days from notification

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	UKRAINE	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/UKR/109/Add.1	Air conditioners - Addendum <i>Ukraine would like to inform the WTO Members that the Draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approval of the Technical Regulation for the energy labelling of air conditioners" (G/TBT/N/UKR/109) was adopted on 24 May 2017 and will enter into force on 9 December 2017.</i>	—
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	15/06/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/321	Dispensers of dimethyl dicarbonate (DMDC) <i>The Dimethyl Dicarbonate (DMDC) dispensers used in the wine industry must have an annual certificate issued by the manufacturer that guarantees the necessary checks and maintenance for its correct functioning. They must also be accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity of Aptitude Technique issued by the National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI), renewable to its expiration. The deadline for obtaining the first Certificate of Aptitude expires on November 2017.</i>	30 days from notification
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	GUATEMALA	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/GTM/93	Ultra-high temperature (UHT) pasteurized milk <i>The notified Technical Regulation establishes the specifications to be met by ultra-high temperature (UHT) pasteurized milk meeting the definition in Section 4 thereof. The Regulation applies to UHT milk intended for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties. It does not apply to UHT milk in non-aseptic packaging and requiring refrigeration.</i>	60 days as of the date of notification
CHEESE	GUATEMALA	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/GTM/94	Unripened cheese, including fresh cheese <i>The notified Technical Regulation establishes the specifications to be met by unripened cheese, including fresh cheese, i.e. cheese that is ready for consumption immediately or shortly after manufacture. The Regulation applies to unripened cheese, including fresh cheese, intended for direct human consumption or further processing in the territory of the States Parties.</i>	60 days as of the date of notification
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT, PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/CZE/204	Vibrational gas density flow transducers <i>Vibrational gas density flow transducers are placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as specified measuring instruments subject to mandatory type approval and initial and subsequent verification pursuant to Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>This notified legislation concerns national metrology regulation through type approval and verification of measuring instruments used as elements of instruments and systems for measuring liquid flow. This regulation sets forth the metrological level required for the recognition of measuring instrument type approval and verification certificates issued abroad.</i>	
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
CASES, BOXES, CRATES	TURKEY	15/06/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/90	Wood packaging material <i>With this draft Regulation, the Regulation Concerning the Subjection of Wooden Package Materials to Heat Treatment Process and Their Marking have been amended for regulating the work flow of control officials for clarifying and simplifying on-site audit procedures for both first time applying companies for authorization certificate and companies that have authorization certificate.</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	URUGUAY	15/06/2017	G/TBT/N/URY/14	Packaged foods ready to be delivered to consumers <i>It is proposed to incorporate an article into Bromatológico Nacional, which states that food packaged in the absence of the customer, which are released for consumption in the national territory, for which the legislation in force requires nutrition labeling in accordance with the provisions of Decree 117/2006, shall consist of a frontal warning, provided that in its production process, or sodium, sugars or fats have been added in the composition, the content of sodium, sugars, fats or saturated fats exceeds established values.</i>	60 calendar days from the Date of circulation by the WTO
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
CYCLES	BRAZIL	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/559/Add.4	Parts and accessories of vehicles - Addendum <i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro) issued Ordinance 138, 22 May 2017, in order to reword articles 4 and 5, regarding the period after which manufactured, imported and commercialized automotive components of Motorcycles, Scooters, Mopeds, Trikes and Quadricycles will have to comply with conformity assessment procedures requirements through a compulsory third party certification, set by Ordinance 123, 19 March 2014 (Inmetro Ordinance No. 123, of 19 March 2014) (G/TBT/N/BRA/559/Add.1) .</i>	—

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				<i>The proximity of term for the manufacturing and import period previously established and the publication of a new ABNT standard, which carries the need to promote adjustments that will affect the conformity assessment process and the accreditation infrastructure, were taken into consideration and periods were extended.</i>	
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	CHINA	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1203	Motorcycles and mopeds <i>This notified document specifies the technical requirements and measurement methods of external projections for motorcycles and mopeds.</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	CHINA	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1204	Road vehicles <i>This standard specified the electromagnetic emission limited value, disturbance resistance and test method of completed vehicle and its electrical/electronic sub-assembly (ESA) . This standard applies to vehicles of categories M, N and L and its ESAs, vehicles of category O and other vehicles could implement this standard by reference. This standard is the most important and comprehensive standard of EMC, and establishes to control the electromagnetic emission and driving safety of vehicles. It refers to completed vehicle and ESAs, and is of the standards on interferences and immunity, including the detailed specifications of the interferences limited value and intensity of immunity.</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
BODIES AND BODY COMPONENTS	CHINA	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1205	Vehicles of category M1 <i>This standard specifies the requirements and test methods relating to the spray-suppression systems of motor vehicles and their trailers.</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
BUSES	CHINA	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1206	School buses <i>This Amendments includes 8 items, which are height of seat cushion on vehicle wheel, free space of seats, restraining barrier, parking signal board, location of portable extinguisher, service door access passageway, recording function, emergency switch of service door.</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHINA	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1207	Road vehicles <i>This standard specifies the basic technical requirements related to safety operating of completed vehicles, main assemblies and safety protection devices, etc. of power-driven vehicles, as well as the additional requirements for fire engines, ambulances, wreckers, police vehicles and vehicles for handicapped driving.</i>	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat

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ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	CHINA	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1208	<p>Passenger cars</p> <p><i>This standard specifies the performance requirements and test methods of tire pressure monitoring system for passenger cars. This standard applies to vehicles of categories M1. The tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) specified in this standard shall be installed according to the following provisions:</i></p> <p><i>a) as to the mid-engine passenger cars with aspect ratio equal or less than 0.9, for the vehicles newly applied for type approval, it shall come into force from 1 January 2020, and for the vehicle types in production, it shall come into force from 1 January 2021; b) as to the other vehicles of categories M1, for the vehicles newly applied for type approval, it shall come into force from 1 January 2019, and for the vehicle types in production, it shall come into force from 1 January 2020.</i></p>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	MEXICO	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/361	<p>Motor vehicles</p> <p><i>This draft Mexican official standard deals with the Peso, Dimensions and Capacity of Auto Transport Vehicles on the Roads and Bridges of Federal Jurisdiction, establishes that the weight, dimensions and capacity maximum of the vehicles, as well as the configurations or combinations vehicular, depending on the type of roads and bridges they pass through, and the inflation pressure of the tires.</i></p>	60 calendar days after June 7, 2017
ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/777/Add.6	<p>Hybrid and electric vehicles - Addendum</p> <p><i>In accordance with the Presidential directive as expressed in the memorandum of 20 January 2017, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Freeze Pending Review", this action temporarily delays until 5 September 2017, the effective date of the final rule titled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles," initially scheduled to become effective on 13 February 2017.</i></p>	—
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIO-VISUAL ENGINEERING	ECUADOR	14/06/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/99/Add.4	<p>Televisions - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby advises that a corrigendum has been issued in respect of Annexes A and B to the first revision (1R) of Technical Regulation (RTE) No. 083 "Televisions with built-in tuners supporting digital television standard ISDB-T International" of the Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (INEN), notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/99/Add.3 of 17 May 2017.</i></p>	—

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				<i>This Technical Regulation will enter into force thirty (30) calendar days as of the date of its publication in the Official Journal, i.e. 14 June 2017.</i>	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	16/06/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/277	<p>Set-top box of multimedia content distribution platform</p> <p><i>At the current stage, subscribers need to install a set-top box for receiving the multimedia on demand (MOD) services provided by the local network operators through the multimedia content distribution platform. With a view to implementing Article 1 of the "Fundamental Communications Act" to protect the rights and interests of consumers, NCC proposes "Technical Specifications for Set-Top Box of Multimedia Content Distribution Platform on a Fixed Telecommunications Network" according to Paragraph 1, Article 42 of the Telecommunications Act as well as relevant national and international standards. Below are the key elements of the Technical Specifications:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legal basis (point 1); 2. Scope of Applications (point 2); 3. Technical Standards (point 3); 4. Definition of Terms (point 4); 5. Testing Items and Approval Standards (point 5) . 	28 July 2017
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
TEXTILE FIBRES IN GENERAL	KENYA	13/06/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/587	<p>Travel bags</p> <p><i>This Part 1 of this Kenya standard specifies requirements for suit case type travel bags of different composition and design including fabric material type, dimensions, accessories, performance, packaging and labelling requirements.</i></p>	26 July 2017