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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, Food and beverages, Health care technology, Mining and minerals, Road vehicles engineering etc. from Brazil, China, the European Union, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (11 - 17 February 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/02/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/453	Pesticides - Residues - Tall oil crude <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance tall oil crude is withdrawn. Existing authorisations for plant protection products containing this substance must be withdrawn from the market. The withdrawal is based on evaluation of confirmatory information submitted following the approval of the substances for use as pesticide active substances in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide substances.</i>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/02/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/454	Pesticides - Residues - Tall oil pitch <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance tall oil pitch is withdrawn. Existing authorisations for plant protection products containing this substance must be withdrawn from the market.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<p>The withdrawal is based on evaluation of confirmatory information submitted following the approval of the substances for use as pesticide active substances in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.</p> <p>This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide substances.</p>	
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	EUROPEAN UNION	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/455	<p>Feed for certain organic aquaculture animals</p> <p>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation clarifies rules contained under Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 in relation to the feeding of certain organic juvenile aquatic animals during the hatchery stages. The measure does not introduce new rules that operators have to comply with, but gives them more options in the choice of feed for their farmed animals.</p>	60 days from notification
AGRICULTURE	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/708	<p>Environment-friendly agricultural and fishery products, processed organic foods[...]d materials for organic farming</p> <p>A. Proposed Amendments to the enforcement decree of the act on Promotion of Environment-friendly Agriculture and Fisheries, and Management of and Support for Organic Foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of administrative authority assignment (Article 5 (draft)) • New regulation on handling identification information (Article 7 (draft)) <p>B. Proposed Amendments to the enforcement rule of the Act on Promotion of Environment-friendly Agriculture and Fisheries, and Management and Support for Organic Foods, etc. under Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed regulation for certification evaluator training (Article 32-3 (draft)) • Requirements for assessment, rating of accreditation agency, its procedure, methods, and application (Article 37-2, 37-3, 37-4, 37-5, Annex 10 (draft)) • Procedures for application for test laboratory appointment, re-appointment, change of designation (Article 54. 1, 54-2, 54-3 (draft)) • Requirements for certification of organic beekeeping products (Annex 3 (draft)) • Requirements for certification of organic pet feed (Annex 1 (draft), Appendix form 3) • Better requirements and procedures for administrative measures such as cancellation of certification (Annex 8 (draft)) • Labelling of effects and potency of organic agricultural material (Annex 13, 14, 17 (draft)) 	60 days from notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/02/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/264	<p>Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes</p> <p>The amendments are proposed to take into account principles of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. The proposed text contains eight chapters, thirty-eight articles, of which the main elements are described below:</p>	60 days from notification

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				<p>1. Adding definitions of electronic-cigarettes (e-cigarettes), and slightly amending definitions of smoking, tobacco product container, tobacco product advertisement, and tobacco product sponsorship.</p> <p>2. Adding that tobacco products sold by duty-free shops or duty-free shopping stores set up pursuant to the Customs Act or Offshore Islands Development Act shall be imposed with the HST.</p> <p>3. Revising that size of graphic health warning pictorial and message shall consist of no less than 85% of the main visible surface of cigarette product containers, and brand name of the tobacco product, shall be printed in unitary font, size, and color.</p> <p>4. Adding ban on sponsoring by tobacco product, and ban on sponsoring in the name of tobacco companies to any activities as methods of advertisement.</p> <p>5. Revising that no one shall supply e-cigarettes to anyone under age of 18.</p> <p>6. Adding that no person shall manufacture, import, sell or display e-cigarettes, and ban on sale or display of tobacco product with additives.</p> <p>7. Deleting indoor smoking room regulation, in order to ensure that public indoor space is free from hazards of second hand smoking.</p> <p>8. Adding that any person who is harmed by another for the purpose of dissuading not to smoke or refusing to supply cigarette product, may receive legal and medical assistance and support.</p> <p>9. Adding a system of allocation of received fines as money rewards for reporting of offence.</p>	
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1031/Add.4	<p>Tobacco products - Addendum</p> <p>Please note that the full text documents are available from: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/USA/17_0913_00_e.pdf</p>	—
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	AUSTRALIA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/AUS/104	<p>Cosmetics and cosmetic ingredients</p> <p>The Australian Government has committed to a ban on testing cosmetics on animals, and is investigating changes to existing requirements as part of developing options for implementation. This involves a process of broad consultation and policy design. Information about the consultation process can be found on the Department of Health website: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ban-cosmetic-testing-animals</p> <p>The package contains a paper which sets out background and contextual information and provides an overview of the regulation of cosmetics in Australia. The background paper does not provide a comprehensive analysis of the issue or put forward policy options. Australia welcomes views and contributions from trading partners in the consultation process.</p>	60 days from notification

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PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1144/Add.5	Chemical bulk storage - Addendum <i>Please note that the full text documents are available from: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/USA/17_0912_00_e.pdf</i>	—
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO NUCLEAR ENERGY	CZECH REPUBLIC	13/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CZE/196/Add.1	Activities associated with the use of nuclear energy - Addendum <i>The Czech Republic would like to inform the WTO Members that the Draft implementing decree on management system requirements (G/TBT/N/CZE/196), was adopted on 14 December 2016, and published in the Official Journal.</i>	—
OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO NUCLEAR ENERGY	CZECH REPUBLIC	15/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CZE/199/Add.1	Selected equipment (in the area of peaceful use of nuclear energy) - Addendum <i>The Czech Republic would like to inform the WTO Members that the Draft implementing decree on requirements for assurance of quality and technical safety and assessment and verification of conformity of selected equipment (G/TBT/N/CZE/199), was adopted on 9 November 2016, and published in the Official Journal.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY					
WASTES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/02/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/248/Add.1	Electrical and electronic products - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notified that the "Inspection requirements including marking of the presence conditions of the restricted substances on the legal inspection for 92 items of electrical and electronic products", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/248 on 6 October 2016, was promulgated on 4 January 2017 and will come into effect on 1 January 2018.</i>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PRESSURE VESSELS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/02/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/254/Add.1	Gas cylinders and the fuel the[...]refillable lighters - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notified that the "Amendment to Legal Inspection Requirements of Gas Cylinders and the Fuel thereof for Portable Gas Stoves, Blowtorches and Refillable Lighters", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/254 on 4 November 2016, was promulgated on 23 January 2017 and will come into effect on 1 July 2017.</i>	—

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FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	13/02/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/684/Add.3	<p>All foods containing originally lactose or food that have been altered and contain residual lactose - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (Anvisa), issued the Technical Resolution RDC N° 136, 8 February 2017 (Resolução ANVISA RDC N° 136, de 8 de Fevereiro de 2017), previously notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/684/Add.1 , regarding the mandatory statement of the presence of lactose on food labelling, by regulating the Decree-Law No. 986, 21 October 1969 laying down basic standards for food.</i></p>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	13/02/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/684/Add.4	<p>All foods containing originally lactose or food that have been altered and contain residual lactose - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (Anvisa), issued Technical Resolution N° 135, 8 February 2017 (Resolução RDC N° 135, de 8 de Fevereiro de 2017), previously notified under the document G/TBT/N/BRA/684/Add.2 , amending the Ordinance SVS/MS N° 29, 13 January 1998, that approves the technical regulation regarding food for special purposes, in order to dispose of food diets with lactose restriction by regulating the Decree-Law N° 986, 21 October 1969 laying down basic standards for food.</i></p>	—
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	CANADA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/517	<p>Fresh and frozen raw ground beef products</p> <p><i>The proposed amendments would enable regulations that allow, but not require, the beef industry to use irradiation as an additional tool to improve the safety of its products. Like all other irradiated foods, irradiated ground beef would need to be clearly labelled as such.</i></p>	Not applicable (Trade facilitating measure)
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	INDIA	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/IND/57	<p>Beverages non-alcoholic carbonated</p> <p><i>The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendments Regulations, 2017 details the omission of provision from 2.10.6(1) Beverages Non - Alcoholic-Carbonated, for declaration of added sugar.</i></p>	60 days from the date of circulation of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THAILAND	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/1/Rev.1/Add.2	<p>Food products in general - Addendum</p> <p><i>Draft MOPH Notification B.E, entitled "The Labelling of Pre-Packaged Foods (No. 2)". It deems appropriate to amend the notification of the Ministry of Public Health No. 367. By the virtue of provisions of Section 5 (1), and 6 (10) of the Food Act B.E. 2522 (1979), the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the notification as follows: Clause 4, 11 and 14 shall be repealed and replaced by the revised notification. The Clause 4/1 shall be added in the clause 4 The details of amendments are available in Thai.</i></p>	—

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THAILAND	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/495	<p>Gluten free food labelling</p> <p><i>The draft MOPH Notification proposes to prescribe the "gluten free" food labelling as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Food complied with following criteria can make declaration of "gluten free" on food label: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> cereal other than Cereal or root plants which naturally contain gluten flour made from (a) food product having ingredient from (a) or (b) food consisting of one or more ingredients from wheat as all Triticum species (i.e. durum wheat, spelt, KAMUT), rye, barley, oats or their crossbred varieties which have been specially processed to remove gluten, and the gluten level in a final product sold to consumer does not exceed 20 mg/kg of the final food product Declaration of food in item 1 can be displayed as "gluten free" only. In case of food in item (d), the text of "being specially processed to remove gluten" shall be displayed together with "gluten free" Method of analysis shall be based on the Standard for foods for special dietary use for persons intolerant to gluten CODEX STAN 118-1979 This MOPH Notification shall come into force as from the day following date of its publication in the Government Gazette 	—
CEREALS • CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	UGANDA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/606	<p>Maize</p> <p><i>The Bill contains provisions on: moisture content limit; drying maize; use of herbicides on maize; registration requirements; deliberate contamination of maize; agronomic practices for maize farming; use of fertilizers and manure; harvesting and post-harvest handling of maize; and agro-inputs. The Bill also contains requirements to trade in maize in Mubende District. Note: This Bill will also be notified to the SPS committee.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	SOUTH AFRICA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/ZAF/215	<p>Bananas</p> <p><i>The draft regulations prescribe specifications relating to the grading/classification, standards for classes, marking, packaging, sampling procedures and methods of inspection for bananas.</i></p>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	13/02/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/546	<p>Pharmaceutical products</p> <p><i>The Minimum Requirements for Biological Products shall be partially amended to add the standard and the reagents for the blood product to be newly approved.</i></p>	11 march 2017

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MEDICAMENTS	PERU	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/PER/69/Add.1	Pharmaceuticals - Addendum <i>The Republic of Peru hereby informs that in relation to the Draft Supreme Decree modifying the Article 103 of the Regulations for the Registration, Control and Surveillance of Products Pharmaceutical, Medical Devices and Sanitary Products, and Draft Regulation that regulates The presentation and content of the documents required in the registration and re-registration of Biological products: biotech products, notified on 15 April 2015, under the G / TBT / N / PER / 69, it is reported that this has been issued by Supreme Decree No. 011-2016-SA, published in the Official Gazette "El Peruano" on February 20, 2016 and its Entry into force is from 180 days after its publication.</i>	—
MEDICAMENTS	PERU	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/PER/70/Add.1	Pharmaceuticals - Addendum <i>The Republic of Peru hereby informs that in relation to the Draft Regulations governing the Presentation and content of the documents required for the registration and re-registration of Similar biological products, notified on 15 April 2015, under the symbol G / TBT / N / PER / 70, it is reported that this has been issued by Supreme Decree No. 013-2016-SA, published in the Official Gazette "El Peruano" on March 1, 2016 and its entry In force is from 180 days after its publication.</i>	—
MINING AND MINERALS					
COALS	CHINA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1194	Civil bulk coal <i>This notified document specifies the requirements on civil bulk coal, including terms and definitions, raw material requirements, products classification, technical requirements and test methods, inspection requirements, logo, transportation and storage.</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
COALS	CHINA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1195	Civil briquette <i>This notified document specifies the requirements on civil briquette, including terms and definitions, raw material requirements, products classification, technical requirements and test methods, inspection requirements and packaging, logo, transportation and storage.</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
MINING EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1033/Add.5	Mining equipment - Addendum <i>Please note that the full text documents are available from: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/USA/17_0910_00_e.pdf</i>	—

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PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
GAS • NATURAL GAS	CHINA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1196	Compressed natural gas (CNG) as vehicle fuel <i>The document specifies the requirements on compressed natural gas as vehicle fuel, including scope and definitions, technical requirements and test methods, storage and usage, as well as inspection.</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
GAS • EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS	UGANDA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/607	Onshore oil and gas production operations <i>This Draft Uganda Standard provides requirements for environmentally sound practices for onshore oil and gas production operations and is applicable to contractors, service providers as well as operators. Facilities within the scope of this standard include all production facilities, including produced water handling facilities. Offshore and arctic areas are beyond the scope of this document. Operational coverage begins with the design and construction of access roads and well locations, and includes reclamation, abandonment, and restoration operations. Gas compression for transmission purposes or production operations, such as gas lift, pressure maintenance, or enhanced oil recovery (EOR) is included; however, gas processing for liquids recovery is not addressed.</i>	60 days from notification
GAS • EXTRACTION AND PROCESSING OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS	UGANDA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/608	Onshore oil and gas production operations <i>This Draft Uganda Standard provides requirements for any entity in the operations of onshore oil and natural gas production, including drilling, construction, well servicing, and maintenance activities. In addition to having an effective SEMS, responsible development includes being a good neighbour and being committed to environmental protection and compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Annex B provides requirements for an entity to consider as a good neighbour. This Draft Uganda Standard on effective SEMS shall have a fundamental objective of promoting continuous progress towards making safety and environmental protection an integral part of the company's culture. A SEMS shall address facilities, engineering design, equipment, and work processes relevant to the appropriate owners, contractors, or suppliers. This Draft Uganda Standard is designed to aid companies in initiating the development of a SEMS. The intent is to identify a series of tools to assist in the development and implementation, or improvement, of the system. The design of each company's system will be unique and its implementation schedule tailored to leverage the existing system at a pace realistic to the company and its business plan. For those beginning the process of implementing a SEMS, it is recommended that the process be implemented over time on a risk basis, evolving into a complete system that addresses appropriate SEMS elements specific to a company's operations.</i>	60 days from notification

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				Both design and schedule should initially address higher risk facilities, equipment, and processes; following that, the system should continue to expand to address risk in phases, addressing the more important elements at first and expanding to the full system over time. Simply stated, the SEMS may be implemented in several phases on various levels (i.e. geographically, functional areas, system elements) . This phase-in schedule should be documented in the planning of the system.	
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHINA	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/262/Rev.1	Buses - Revision This notified document specifies the safety requirements for bus construction. This document applies to vehicles of category M2 or M3, including the trolley bus. This document does not apply to the following vehicles: sleeper bus, school bus, special bus, and Off-road vehicles. Compared to the previous version, this version has added the construction requirements for light bus, double-deck bus and trolleybus; it also added the technical requirements on driver compartment protection and driver seat; modified the number and size of exits; revised the technical requirements on passenger door(s) and passageways.	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
BUSES	CHINA	16/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1193	Extinguishing equipment arrangement in bus All the technical contents of this standard are mandatory, including the basic technical requirements, application requirements of portable extinguisher, application requirements of superfine powder extinguishing device, other requirements and transitional period.	60 days after circulation by WTO Secretariat
VEHICLES • ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/777/Add.3	Hybrid and electric vehicles - Addendum Please note that the full text documents are available from: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/USA/17_0911_00_e.pdf	—
SHIPPING AND MARINE STRUCTURES					
MARINE • SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES IN GENERAL	CHINA	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1197	Ships This standard regulates discharging limits and monitoring requirements of oil-polluted sewage and sewage from ships, the emission control requirements of sewage containing noxious liquid substances and garbage from ships, and the requirements of implementation and supervision of this standard, etc. This standard applies to the emission management for discharging of oily water, sewage, waste water containing noxious liquid substances and garbage from ships to the environment in waters within the jurisdiction of the People's Republic of China.	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	17/02/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1269/Add.2	Telecommunication systems - Addendum Please note that the full text documents are available from: http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/TBT/USA/17_0914_00_e.pdf	—