

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 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, Construction materials and building, Electrical engineering, Fluid systems and components for general use, Food and beverages etc. from the Arab league, Colombia, European Union, Finland, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu 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 (11 - 17 March 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/459	Biocidal products <i>This draft Commission Implementing Decision states that a monitoring trap that, in the form in which it is supplied to the user, contains an attractant active substance for the purpose of attracting harmful organisms towards that monitoring trap, meets the definition of a biocidal product in Regulation (EU) No 528/2012.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS	FINLAND	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/FIN/51	Ventilation products for buildings <i>The proposed decree concerns the design and construction of the indoor climate and ventilation of new buildings. It also concerns the expansion of a building and the increase of gross floor area. The decree does not, however, apply to the design and construction of agricultural production buildings or new residential buildings that are intended to be used for a period of less than four months a year.</i>	14 May 2017

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INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS	FINLAND	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/FIN/52	Energy products <i>The proposed decree concerns the numerical values of coefficients for forms of energy used in buildings.</i>	14 May 2017
CONSTRUCTION • CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	FINLAND	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/FIN/53	Construction products <i>The proposed decree applies to the design and construction of new buildings which are made of wall and roof structures and in which energy is used in order to maintain appropriate indoor climate conditions. It also concerns the expansion of a building and the increase of gross floor area. It includes requirements for nearly zero-energy building.</i>	14 May 2017
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
FLUORESCENT LAMPS. DISCHARGE LAMPS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/255/Add.1	Self-ballasted fluorescent lamps - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection Requirements for Self-ballasted Fluorescent Lamps" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/255 on 17 November 2016, was promulgated on 24 February 2017 and will come into effect on 1 January 2018.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/256/Add.1	Electrical appliances - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Legal Inspection Requirements of 63 items of electrical appliances" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/256 on 2 December 2016, was promulgated on 24 February 2017 and will come into effect on 1 January 2018 for the "Marking of Presence"; 1 January 2019 for the revised inspection standards of safety and performance and EMC.</i>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	OMAN	14/03/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/293	Air-conditioners <i>Draft ministerial decision for enforcement of the GSO 2530:2016 (Energy labelling requirements and the Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) for Air-Conditioners) .</i>	60 days from date of notification
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BAHRAIN	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/468	Nuts <i>This Draft of technical regulation is concerned with the General Requirements for the nuts: Handling, raw and heat treatment with various treating processes, such as peeling and roasting salting, smoking and other treating process during the different stages of handling, including packaging, transporting and storing and offering for sale.</i>	60 days from notification

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PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	BAHRAIN	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/469	Bread <i>This Gulf draft of technical regulation is concerned with the technical requirements for the production of bread prepared from wheat flour, this regulation not applied to the bread for special purpose nutrition.</i>	60 days from notification
SUGAR. SUGAR PRODUCTS. STARCH	JAMAICA	14/03/2017	G/TBT/N/JAM/55	White sugar <i>This standard prescribes the requirements for dry granulated white sugar packed in containers.</i>	29 April 2017
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KUWAIT	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/350	Nuts <i>This Draft of technical regulation is concerned with the General Requirements for the nuts: Handling, raw and heat treatment with various treating processes, such as peeling and roasting salting, smoking and other treating process during the different stages of handling, including packaging, transporting and storing and offering for sale.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	KUWAIT	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/351	Bread <i>This Gulf draft of technical regulation is concerned with the technical requirements for the production of bread prepared from wheat flour, this regulation not applied to the bread for special purpose nutrition.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	OMAN	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/291	Nuts <i>This Draft of technical regulation is concerned with the General Requirements for the nuts: Handling, raw and heat treatment with various treating processes, such as peeling and roasting salting, smoking and other treating process during the different stages of handling, including packaging, transporting and storing and offering for sale.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	OMAN	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/292	Bread <i>This Gulf draft of technical regulation is concerned with the technical requirements for the production of bread prepared from wheat flour, this regulation not applied to the bread for special purpose nutrition.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	QATAR	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/466	Nuts <i>This Draft of technical regulation is concerned with the General Requirements for the nuts: Handling, raw and heat treatment with various treating processes, such as peeling and roasting salting, smoking and other treating process during the different stages of handling, including packaging, transporting and storing and offering for sale.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	QATAR	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/467	Bread <i>This Gulf draft of technical regulation is concerned with the technical requirements for the production of bread prepared from wheat flour, this regulation not applied to the bread for special purpose nutrition.</i>	60 days from notification

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/970	Nuts <i>This Draft of technical regulation is concerned with the General Requirements for the nuts: Handling, raw and heat treatment with various treating processes, such as peeling and roasting salting, smoking and other treating process during the different stages of handling, including packaging, transporting and storing and offering for sale.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/971	Bread <i>This Gulf draft of technical regulation is concerned with the technical requirements for the production of bread prepared from wheat flour, this regulation not applied to the bread for special purpose nutrition.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/266	Food sold by vending machines <i>Based on the provisions of Paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation, the MOHW proposes to announce the labelling requirement of food sold by vending machines to offer consumers the right of choice.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/354	Nuts <i>This Draft of technical regulation is concerned with the General Requirements for the nuts: Handling, raw and heat treatment with various treating processes, such as peeling and roasting salting, smoking and other treating process during the different stages of handling, including packaging, transporting and storing and offering for sale.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/355	Bread <i>This Gulf draft of technical regulation is concerned with the technical requirements for the production of bread prepared from wheat flour, this regulation not applied to the bread for special purpose nutrition.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	YEMEN	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/70	Nuts <i>This Draft of technical regulation is concerned with the General Requirements for the nuts: Handling, raw and heat treatment with various treating processes, such as peeling and roasting salting, smoking and other treating process during the different stages of handling, including packaging, transporting and storing and offering for sale.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	YEMEN	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/71	Bread <i>This Gulf draft of technical regulation is concerned with the technical requirements for the production of bread prepared from wheat flour, this regulation not applied to the bread for special purpose nutrition.</i>	60 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE					
MEDICAMENTS	COLOMBIA	13/03/2017	G/TBT/N/COL/196/Add.7	Biological medicines - Addendum <i>The Republic of Colombia hereby advises that Ministry of Health and Social Welfare Resolution No. 553 of 1 March 2017 clarifies Ministry of Health and Social Welfare Resolution No. 4490 of 2016 establishing guidelines on immunogenicity assessments of biological medicines, notified on 26 October 2016 by the World Trade Organization in document G/TBT/N/COL/196/Add.6 .</i>	—