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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 49 notifications on Agriculture, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Environment, Health Protection, and Safety, Food and Beverages, Textile and Leather Technology etc. from China, European Union, Gulf Cooperation Council, Kenya, 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 November 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	11/16/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/525	Pesticides - Propineb <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance propineb is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Existing authorised plant protection products containing propineb will be withdrawn from the market. The non-approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly approved under Directive 91/414/EEC.</i> <i>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.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>However, following non-approval, separate action may be taken on MRLs and if so a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.</i>	
FARMING AND FORESTRY	UNITED STATES	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1118/Add.4	Organic livestock and poultry - Addendum <i>The United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is delaying the effective date of the Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices final rule published in the Federal Register on 19 January 2017 (OLPP final rule), until 14 May 2018.</i>	—
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1316	Rotorcraft <i>The FAA proposes to amend the certification standards of normal and transport category helicopters. The proposed changes are necessary to address modern designs currently used in the rotorcraft industry and would reduce the burden on applicants for certification of new rotorcraft designs. The proposed changes would reduce or eliminate the need for certain special conditions currently required to obtain certification of modern rotorcraft. The proposed changes would also incorporate the requirements of equivalent level of safety findings that the FAA has imposed as conditions for approving certain design features.</i>	30 January 2018
CHEMICALS					
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	CHILE	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/422	Chemicals and their mixtures Proposal for a regulation on classification, labeling and labelling notification of chemical substances and their mixtures. This text covers the criteria, classification procedures, labeling requirements, safety data and notification of chemical substances and their mixtures. He provides for the use of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and labeling of chemicals (GHS) to inform the public through communication common and Effective Hazards Associated with Chemicals and their mixtures to protect the health and safety of persons, protect the natural conditions of the environment, preventing practices that are misleading and preventing the effects of adverse effects that may arise from the hazards of chemical substances.	60 days from the notification

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CLOTHING INDUSTRY					
CLOTHES	KENYA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/600	Clothes <i>This Kenya Standard prescribes the requirements for infants outer wear garments.</i>	10 December 2017
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
LIFTS, ESCALATORS	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	11/14/2017	G/TBT/N/MDA/34	Cableway installations <i>The Government Decision "on approval of the Technical Regulation on cableway installations designed to carry persons" establishes the safety requirements for cableway installations carrying people, conformity assessment procedures that confirm compliance with the safety requirements, the activities to be undertaken in the framework of market surveillance where the installations concerned do not comply with the established requirements or pose a risk to users.</i>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	ARGENTINA	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/328	Electric washing machines for domestic use <i>The notified document establishes the deadlines and modalities for the implementation and the application of the revised IRAM 2141-3: 2017 standard for certification and the labeling of the energy efficiency of electric washing machines for domestic use.</i> <i>The update follows the Disposición (Disposición) DNCI n ° 761/2010 (G / TBT / Notif.99.498 / Add.6) implementing the Decision (Resolución) ex SICyM No. 319/1999 (G / TBT / Notif.99.498), which provides in Annex I that the responsible "... will have to certify compliance with the IRAM 2141-3: 2010 standard for electric washing machines (Part 3), or any standard that replaces it ...".</i> <i>Domestic manufacturers, importers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers electric washing machines that have a stock of products certified according to the standard IRAM 2141-3: 2010 will be able to continue to sell them for a period of NINETY (90) days from November 15, 2017.</i>	Not applicable
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1315	Toys and child care articles containing specified phthalates <i>This notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) would update the existing notice of requirements (NOR) for prohibitions of children's toys and child care articles containing specified phthalates that provide the criteria and process for Commission acceptance of accreditation pursuant to the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) .</i>	10 January 2018

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				<i>The proposed NOR would revise the current NOR to be consistent with the final phthalates rule, which is published elsewhere in this same issue of the Federal Register and will be codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) .</i>	
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ROTATING MACHINERY IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	11/16/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/1026	Rotating electrical machines <i>This draft standard No. SASO IEC 60034-30-1:xxxx is a modified adoption of International Standard IEC 60034-30-1:2014, (Rotating Electrical Machines - Part 30-1: Efficiency classes of line operated AC motors (IE code)) . Standard has been varied as indicated to take account of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia conditions. This standard specifies efficiency classes for 60 Hz, single-speed, three-phase induction motors.</i>	60 days from notification
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
NUCLEAR ENERGY ENGINEERING	UNITED STATES	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1304/Add.1	Radioactive materials - Addendum <i>On 23 August 2017, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requested public comment on a Petition for Rulemaking (PRM) received from Matthew McKinley on behalf of the Organization of Agreement States (OAS, or the Petitioner) . The public comment period is scheduled to close on 6 November 2017. The NRC has decided to extend the public comment period for 30 calendar days to allow more time for members of the public to develop and submit their comments.</i>	06 December 2017
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, AND SAFETY					
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1224	Smelt slag <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported smelt slag, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1225	Waste and scrap of paper or paperboard <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported waste and scrap of paper or paperboard, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1226	Wood and wood articles wastes <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported wood and wood articles wastes, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017

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RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1227	Waste and scrap of iron and steel <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported waste and scrap of iron and steel, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1228	Nonferrous metal scraps <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported nonferrous metal scraps, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1229	Waste electric motors <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported waste electric motors, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1230	Waste wires and cables <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported waste wires and cables, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1231	Metal and electrical appliance scraps <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported waste wires and cables, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1232	Vessels and other floating structures for breaking up <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported vessels and other floating structures for Breaking up, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1233	Waste and scrap of plastics <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported waste and scrap of plastics, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017
RECYCLING	CHINA	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1234	Compressed piece of scrap automobile <i>The standard regulates the environmental protection requirements of the imported compressed piece of scrap automobile, their carried-wastes and the radioactive pollution control.</i>	15 December 2017

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DRINKING WATER	KENYA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/599	Packaged flavoured drinking water <i>This Kenya Standard specifies requirements, methods of test and sampling of ready- to-drink flavoured drinking water.</i>	03 December 2017
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1317	Dishwashers, furnaces, room air conditioners, and pool heaters <i>The Commission proposes to amend the Energy Labeling Rule ("Rule") by updating ranges of comparability and unit energy cost figures on EnergyGuide labels for dishwashers, furnaces, room air conditioners, and pool heaters. The Commission also proposes to set a compliance date for EnergyGuide labels on room air conditioner boxes.</i>	04 December 2017
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/394	Calories on fo[...]s selling away-from-home foods <i>This draft technical regulation is concerned with calorie requirements in the menu of food establishments that provide food to the consumer outside the home.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BAHRAIN	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/507	Calories on fo[...]s selling away-from-home foods <i>This draft technical regulation is concerned with calorie requirements in the menu of food establishments that provide food to the consumer outside the home.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KUWAIT	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/389	Calories on fo[...]s selling away-from-home foods <i>This draft technical regulation is concerned with calorie requirements in the menu of food establishments that provide food to the consumer outside the home.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	OMAN	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/333	Calories on fo[...]s selling away-from-home foods <i>This draft technical regulation is concerned with calorie requirements in the menu of food establishments that provide food to the consumer outside the home.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	QATAR	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/506	Calories on fo[...]s selling away-from-home foods <i>This draft technical regulation is concerned with calorie requirements in the menu of food establishments that provide food to the consumer outside the home.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/1027	Calories on fo[...]s selling away-from-home foods <i>This draft technical regulation is concerned with calorie requirements in the menu of food establishments that provide food to the consumer outside the home.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	YEMEN	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/109	Calories on fo[...]s selling away-from-home foods <i>This draft technical regulation is concerned with calorie requirements in the menu of food establishments that provide food to the consumer outside the home.</i>	60 days from the date of circulation
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/325/Add.1	Wine Products - Addendum <i>The purpose of this addendum is to announce the approval, by means of the Decision (Resolución) 176-E / 2017 of the National Institute of vitiviniculture, of the draft text on the labeling of wine products imported in bulk or in packs which has been the subject of the notification G / TBT / N / ARG / 325.</i>	—
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	EUROPEAN UNION	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/526	Infant formula and follow-on formula <i>This draft Commission Delegated Regulation aims to amend Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/127 which sets, among others, composition and labelling requirements for infant formula and follow-on formula.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ISRAEL	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/946/Add.1	Foodstuffs - Addendum <i>The draft revision of Israel's "Protection of Public Health Regulations (Food) (Nutritional Labelling)" notified in G/TBT/N/ISR/946 (dated 12 April 2017), was revised recently by the Ministry of Health.</i>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	JAPAN	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/551/Add.3	Processed foods - Addendum <i>The Government of Japan notified the draft amendment to the Food Labelling Standards regarding the place of origin for ingredients of processed food products on 27 March 2017. Hereby the Government of Japan additionally notifies the final text of Cabinet Office Ordinance on Partial Revision of Food Labelling Standards Comparison of Prior and Amended Articles Provisions.</i>	—
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	KENYA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/594	Processes in the food industry <i>This Kenya Standard provides the minimum requirements for monitoring, sampling and documentation of nutrient premixes and fortified foods.</i>	31 December 2017

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MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/737	<p>Livestock products</p> <p><i>Annex 1 of Labelling Requirements for livestock is to be amended to include new requirements for proceed meat product as follows:</i></p> <p><i>Meat content in processed meat product shall be labelled exactly as provided in the document submitted by licensee of livestock product processing business who reports manufactured items and/or importer who files an import declaration.</i></p> <p><i>Provided, ham (except canned ham), sausage (except non-heated sausage), bacon, dried meat, spiced meat(slices of boiled meat, pork slices) and processed rib products shall bear a label that states meat content excluding water content in each item.</i></p> <p><i>For more information on calculating meat content in each product, please refer to formula below.</i></p> <p><i>(Example) Meat content in bacon consists of 80% of pork meat, 15% of water content, and 5% of other ingredients will be 94% (80/85 x 100)</i></p>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MALAWI	11/15/2017	G/TBT/N/MWI/16	<p>High protein cereal based foods</p> <p><i>The draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for high protein cereal based foods for infants and young children.</i></p>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
DISINFECTANTS AND ANTISEPTICS	JAMAICA	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/JAM/70	<p>Disinfectants</p> <p><i>This document applies to disinfectant containing phenolic, quaternary ammonium or other type of germicide which is intended primarily for general cleaning and disinfecting of floors, walls and other hard surfaces. It is intended for use where destruction of bacteria is important.</i></p>	28 December 2017
IMPLANTS FOR SURGERY, PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS	KENYA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/597	<p>Implants for surgery, prosthetics and orthotics</p> <p><i>This Kenya Standards specifies the requirements of Spinal Orthoses used by clients or patients with spinal problems or conditions.</i></p>	04 December 2017
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/193/Add.4	<p>Motor Vehicles - Addendum</p> <p><i>The amendment is announced by means of the Joint Resolution (Resolución Conjunta) No. 2-E / 2017 of the Secretariat for Industry and Services and the Secretariat for Control and environmental monitoring, Articles 1 and 2 of the Joint Decision (Resolución Conjunta),</i></p>	

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				No. 1-E / 2016, notified under the symbol G / TBT / N / ARG / 193 / Add.3. It is planned to postpone time limit for marketing the motor vehicles referred to in that decision, for the purposes of in accordance with the EURO III gaseous emission limits.	
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1305/Add.1	School buses - Addendum The Department identified the need to make substantive changes to this rulemaking. In order to allow the public to have a full opportunity to comment on the substantive changes, the Department is withdrawing this rulemaking and will refile at a later date.	—
RUBBER AND PLASTICS INDUSTRY					
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	THAILAND	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/503	New pneumatic tyres The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed to enforce TIS 2721-2559 (2016) Rolling Sound Emission Adhesion on Wet Surfaces and Rolling Resistance as a mandatory standard. The standard covers the sound emissions, adhesion performance on wet surfaces and rolling resistance and also applies to new pneumatic tyres for motor vehicles, commercial vehicles and their trailers designed primarily for vehicles of categories C1, C2 and C3 in accordance with UN Regulation No.117 Revision 3 and amendment 2, item 1.	60 days from notification
SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES					
OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES	EUROPEAN UNION	11/14/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/524	Marine equipment The draft Regulation lays down appropriate technical criteria as regards the design, performance, affixing and use of those electronic tags, which can be applied by economic operators producing marine equipment for the EU market and for EU ships on a voluntary basis.	60 days from notification
SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1284/Add.2	Outboard engines - Addendum The Coast Guard finalizes, without change, an interim rule to update the table of outboard engine weights used in calculating safe loading capacities and required amounts of flotation material. The engine weight table was last updated in 1984, and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 requires that the Coast Guard update the table to reflect a specific standard. Finalizing the interim rule will acknowledge the two public comments received, and contribute to public awareness of and certainty about the 1 June 2018, effective date.	—

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, APPLICATIONS	ITALY	11/13/2017	G/TBT/N/ITA/31	<p>Internet services</p> <p>The draft law is composed of six articles.</p> <p>Article 1 contains the definitions used for the application of the law;</p> <p>Article 2 establishes the qualification requirements for access services or connectivity to the Internet and specifications relating to the content of contractual documentation to be provided to users of these services.</p> <p>Article 3 establishes, consistent with guidelines for the implementation of Article 3 (5) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2120, rules concerning limits to traffic management; it governs the provision by network access service operators of value-added services to prioritise traffic classes in their own access network segment and the fixing of the prices for such services; the procedures to be adopted in the event of damage to the integrity or security of the Internet network or to the service or terminal of other users caused by traffic from another end user of the same operator; it provides that the Italian Communications Authority establishes minimum levels of service quality, which must be respected and adequately publicised by providers of electronic communications services.</p> <p>Article 4 governs the rights of users in terms of choice and selection of software available online and for uninstalling software and removing content from their devices that is not of interest to them; it prohibits operators of platforms from limiting or restricting those rights to the acquisition or use of specific software, content or services through contractual, technological, economic tools or user experience.</p> <p>Article 5 stipulates rules on transparency, imposing the obligation on network or electronic communications service providers to publish on their own website in the price transparency section, within 30 days of the date of entry into force of the law, offers under the scope of application of Articles 2 and 3.</p> <p>Article 6 lays down rules governing penalties for cases violating the obligations imposed by</p>	25 January 2018
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIO-VISUAL ENGINEERING	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/736	<p>Telecommunications equipment and electrical appliances</p> <p>A. Revision of filing method of conformity certification documents (Article 5)</p> <p>B. Revision of conformity assessment marking method (Article 23, Attached Table 5)</p>	14 days from notification

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				<p>C. New Introduction and partly reclassification of authorized fire fighting equipment (Attached Table 2, Attached Table 3)</p> <p>D. Form changes to facilitate the conformity assessment process (Attached, Form 1, Form 5, Form 6, Form 8)</p> <p>E. Revision of other public notification (Appendix)</p>	
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	KENYA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/595	<p>Products of the textile industry</p> <p><i>This Kenya Standard specifies requirements of woven interlinings. The standard is applicable to three varieties made from any of the following; sewn interlinings with cotton, synthetic or blended interlinings and fusible interlinings with cotton, synthetic or blended woven fabric as the base.</i></p>	09 December 2017
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	KENYA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/596	<p>Products of the textile industry</p> <p><i>This Kenya Standard specifies constructional details and other requirements for woven linings made from any textile fibre or mixtures of fibres which are suitable for apparel purposes.</i></p>	09 December 2017
LEATHER PRODUCTS	KENYA	11/17/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/598	<p>Fabric fashion handbags</p> <p><i>This Kenya Standard specifies minimum requirements for fabric fashion handbag made from fabric of any textile fiber or mixture of fibers formed by weaving, felted wool or knitted. This standard is not applicable to handbags made from coated fabrics and sisal fibres.</i></p>	09 December 2017