

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, Chemicals, Electrical Engineering, Food and Beverages, Rubber and Plastic Industries etc. from Belize, Brazil, Mexico, 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (12 - 18 August 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	BRAZIL	8/18/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/738	Animal origin products <i>Ordinance establishing procedures for compulsory submission of proposal, evaluation, validation and implementation of technological innovations to be employed at any stage of products manufacturing of animal origin products in establishment for commercial production, registered in the Department of Inspection of Products of Animal Origin - DIPOA/Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock - SDA.</i>	Not applicable
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	UNITED STATES	8/17/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1005/Add.1	Animal feed and drinking water additives; animal feeding stuffs - Addendum <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we or the Agency) is amending the regulations for food additives permitted in feed and drinking water of animals to provide for the safe use of</i>	—

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				<i>oil from a variety of bioengineered safflower as a source of omega-6 fatty acids in complete dry adult maintenance dog food. This action is in response to a food additive petition filed by Arcadia Biosciences, Inc.</i>	
CHEMICALS					
CHEMICAL LABORATORIES, LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	CZECH REPUBLIC	8/15/2017	G/TBT/N/CZE/205	<p>Breathalysers</p> <p><i>Breathalysers are subject to national metrological regulation and are placed on the market and put into operation in the Czech Republic following type approval and initial verification pursuant to Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended. The subject matter of this notified legislation is the laying down of metrological and technical requirements for legally controlled measuring instruments, including testing methods for type approval and verification of legally controlled measuring instruments.</i></p> <p><i>This legislation sets forth the metrological standard required for the recognition of measuring instrument type approval and verification certificates issued abroad.</i></p> <p><i>The requirements applied to these measuring instruments are also based on European standard EN 15964:2011 and take account of draft recommendation OIML R 126:2012.</i></p>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	8/16/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/287	<p>Cosmetics</p> <p><i>The Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, proposes to prohibit the use of Safrole and other 14 ingredients in cosmetic products. Details of the regulated scope are specified in the attached documents.</i></p>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS IN GENERAL	VIET NAM	8/16/2017	G/TBT/N/VNM/103	<p>Construction materials in general</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation specifies technical requirements and quality control requirements subjected to be met by products, goods of building materials which are provided in Table 2.1, Part 2, classified as Group 2 as regulated in Law on product and goods quality and are produced domestically, imported and made available on Vietnam market.</i></p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation shall not cover products, goods of building materials imported in form of samplings, samples, used for trade fairs and exhibitions; goods temporarily imported for re-export, goods in transit.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS					
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UKRAINE	8/15/2017	G/TBT/N/UKR/119	Appliances burning gaseous fuels <i>The Draft of Technical Regulation establishes the requirements, rules for placing on the market and putting into service of appliances burning gaseous fuels and fittings as well as rules for carrying out the conformity assessment procedures.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	8/17/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/324/Add.2	Artificial light sources - Addendum <i>Mexican Official Standard NOM-058-SCFI-2017, Control devices for artificial light sources used for general lighting purposes - Safety specifications and test methods (cancels Mexican Official Standard NOM-058-SCFI-1999)</i>	—
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	8/17/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/874/Add.10	General service lamps - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) seeks annual domestic sales and shipment data for general service incandescent lamps (GSILs) and other incandescent lamps. DOE intends to use this sales data from stakeholders to inform its decision on whether to amend standards for GSILs.</i>	16 October 2017
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY					
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	MEXICO	8/17/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/368	Diving and personal protection equipment <i>This Standard applies throughout the national territory and applies to all underwater work activities.</i>	Sixty calendar days following its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation held on August 11 2017
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	8/17/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/107/Add.3	Wine products - Addendum <i>The Proposal for the Modification of Resolution C. No. 20/2004 and of the Resolution C. No. 60/2013, both from the National Institute of Viticulture (INV). The same Were notified under the symbol G / TBT / N / ARG / 107 / Add.1 and G / TBT / N / ARG / 107 / Add.2, respectively. The modification consists of the substitution of Section g) of the Point II COMPULSORY MENTIONS Of the Annex to Resolution INV C. N ° 20/2004 and in the repeal of Point 2 of Resolution INV C. No. 60/2013.</i>	30 days from the distribution

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	8/17/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/325	Wine products <i>The Project states that it must be recorded in the tag identification of products imported in bulk or fractionated, the name of the country of origin of the same as well as the location and size of the legend.</i>	30 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	BELIZE	8/16/2017	G/TBT/N/BLZ/8	Labelling of prepackaged food <i>This standard has been prepared in an effort to prevent fraud and deception arising from misleading labelling, as well as to provide adequate information to the consumer or user of prepackaged foods. All manufacturers, importers, distributors and other entities engaged in the production and or trade of pre-packaged food in Belize shall comply with the requirements of this standard. It is expected that this standard will assist Belize manufacturers in meeting the labelling requirements of regional and extra-regional markets.</i>	06 October 2017
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	8/18/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/737	Powdered milk <i>This Draft Ordinance establishes a public consultation on a Draft MERCOSUR Resolution establishing Technical Regulation on identity and minimum quality requirements for powdered milk.</i>	09 September 2017
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	8/16/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/285	Imported foods and related products <i>The Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, proposes to partially amend provisions of the "Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products". The proposed amendments mainly involve the following points:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To allow documents for the application for inspection to be provided electronically; 2. To delete Article 5 concerning pre-declaration provisions; 3. To add an alternative method of product sampling for applicants who are suspended for applying for prior release of products; 4. To add conditions for applying for prior release of products; 5. To add conditions for payment of guarantee bond; 6. To add conditions for refund of guarantee bond; and 7. To revise the time limit for applying for re-inspection when the imported products do not conform to regulations. 	60 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	8/18/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/736	<p>Pharmaceutical products</p> <p><i>This Resolution provides for the administrative procedure related to Anvisa's prior consent for the granting of patents for pharmaceutical products and processes, regulated by Joint Ordinance ANVISA-INPI n° 01, of 12 April 2017. The prior consent procedure will begin with forwarding of the application by INPI to Anvisa, pursuant to art. 2 of Joint Ordinance No. 1, of 12 April 2017.</i></p> <p><i>Upon receipt of patent applications forwarded by INPI, Anvisa will analyze such requests in the light of public health and will conclude by consent or non-consent based on a technical evaluation by the competent organizational unit within ANVISA.</i></p> <p><i>The petitions and documents referred to in this Resolution will be received in accordance with Anvisa's specific protocol regulation.</i></p> <p><i>The provisions of this Resolution also apply to current patent applications and those who have closed the administrative instance within Anvisa .</i></p> <p><i>Resolutions RDC - n° 45, of 20 June 2008 and RDC - n° 21, of 10 April 2013 are revoked.</i></p> <p><i>This Resolution shall enter into force on the date of its publication.</i></p>	Not applicable
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	8/17/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/32/Add.15	<p>Motor vehicles - Addendum</p> <p><i>By means of this Addendum No. 15, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Corrigendum No. 1 to the fourth revision (4R) of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 034 "Minimum safety requirements for motor vehicle parts", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/32/Add.11 of 28 October 2016, has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 350 of 21 June 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 53 of 8 August 2017.</i></p>	—
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	8/16/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/286	<p>Motor vehicle noise</p> <p><i>The Environmental Protection Administration proposes to amend Table 2 of the "Motor Vehicle Noise Control Standards". Table 2 is mentioned in Article 3 and specifies the noise control standard values for motor vehicles of 6th Period. The proposed amendments are introduced to harmonize with relevant international norms (UNECE) .</i></p>	60 days from notification

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RUBBER AND PLASTICS INDUSTRIES					
TYRES	BELIZE	8/16/2017	G/TBT/N/BLZ/9	<p>New pneumatic tyres, of rubber</p> <p><i>Rubber products in general can deteriorate during storage and in extreme circumstances could become unserviceable. Deterioration can be caused by such factors as deformation of the article or by the action of ozone, light, heat or humidity such as those experienced in a tropical climate. It is important, therefore, to minimize these effects by taking appropriate precautions during storage in order that tyres, tubes and flaps are maintained in good condition. This code of practice gives requirements for storage of tyres, inner tubes and flaps.</i></p>	06 October 2017
TYRES	BELIZE	8/16/2017	G/TBT/N/BLZ/10	<p>New pneumatic tyres, of rubber</p> <p><i>The tyre industry in Belize has been greatly influenced by the North American tyre industry. The purpose of this standard is to standardize and harmonize the meaning of terms as related to the local tyre industry. This standard contains terms that are common to passenger car and commercial vehicle tyre groups. The terminology is specific to new, used, retreaded and regrooved tyres. This Belize Standard is a glossary which defines terms related to passenger car and commercial vehicle pneumatic tyres. It is divided into six sections dealing respectively with general definitions, definitions related to structure, main components, tyre dimensions, service and injury and repair.</i></p>	06 October 2017
TYRES	BELIZE	8/16/2017	G/TBT/N/BLZ/11	<p>New pneumatic tyres, of rubber</p> <p><i>Consumers purchase tyres based on their perception of what constitutes a good quality tyre product. The potential risk involved here is that tyres may contain defects that are not easily detected by untrained consumers and hence become a safety hazard to road users. This standard, therefore, was developed in response to these concerns. It specifies the quality requirements for both new and used tyres for passenger vehicles. It specifically addresses the concerns related to used tyres by incorporating a section with detailed inspection and selection criteria. This standard is based on the metric series of tyres. The draft standard recognizes both the metric and imperial system of units are being used in the tyre industry and standardization bodies to express their requirements. Both units are accommodated in this standard where necessary.</i></p>	06 October 2017

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				<i>The Belize Bureau of Standards has recommended that this standard be declared a compulsory standard for improved safety and quality assurance when making purchases on new and used tyres. The prevailing open market system enables the importation of large quantities of both new and used tyres into Belize. At present, there are no regulations addressing the quality and integrity of either new or used tyres imported into Belize. It is envisaged that this standard will be implemented by the Bureau of Standard through a Tyre Inspection Programme.</i>	
TYRES	BELIZE	8/16/2017	G/TBT/N/BLZ/12	New pneumatic tyres, of rubber <i>The standard was prepared to provide adequate information to tyre dealers/manufacturers and purchasers/consumers for the safe operational performance of pneumatic tyres used on non-passenger vehicles. Tyre dealers/manufacturers will be guided by the full range of tyre specifications outlined in the standard. The information provided to purchasers/consumers will permit proper selection and use of these tyres.</i>	06 October 2017
HOSES	CHILE	8/18/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/420	Elastomer Hoses <i>This Protocol lays down the procedure for Certification for "Elastomer hoses, types D and SD, for GLP or GN, with metal connectors ", according to the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working pressures from 0 to 10 bar - Black color - Long: Minimum: 20 cm. Maximum: 30 cm. 	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING	MEXICO	8/17/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/345/Add.1	Jamming equipment used to block mobile phone signals, radio communications and the transmi[...]ages and other data - Addendum <i>Notice of extension of Emergency Mexican Official Standard NOM-EM-018-SCFI-2016: Specifications and requirements for jamming equipment used to block mobile phone signals, radio communications and the transmission of images and other data within the confines of federal and state social rehabilitation centres, prisons and youth detention facilities</i> <i>The notified Emergency Mexican Official Standard has been extended for a period of six months as of 23 August 2017.</i>	—