

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 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 51 notifications on Agriculture, Chemicals, Civil Engineering, Food and Beverages, Metrology and Measurement, Physical Phenomena etc., from Czech, Finland, Gulf Cooperation Council, Panama, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu, Uganda, 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 January 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	BELGIUM	18/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BEL/42	Cigarettes, rolling tobacco and water pipe tobacco <i>The purpose of the Royal Decree on the Standardized Package is to standardize presentation of packets of cigarettes, rolling tobacco and water pipe tobacco. The Regulation (ministerial decree hereafter AM) fixes, more specifically, the conditions concerning the appearance and content of these different packaging units.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	BELGIUM	18/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BEL/43	Cigarettes, rolling tobacco and water pipe tobacco <i>The purpose of this Regulation is, on the basis of Article 24 of Directive 2014/40 / EU, to standardize the presentation of packets of cigarettes, rolling tobacco and water pipe tobacco.</i>	60 days from the date of notification

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				<i>This Royal Decree (hereinafter AR) aims to define the color as well that the information on the packaging of cigarettes, rolling tobacco and water pipe tobacco.</i>	
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	CHILE	15/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/439/Add.1	Organic agricultural products - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile hereby advises that Ministry of Agriculture Decree No. 123 of 2018 amending Ministry of Agriculture Decree No. 2 of 2016 approving the technical standards of Law No. 20.089 establishing the National System for the Regulation of Organic Agricultural Products, notified on 13 March 2018 in document G/TBT/N/CHL/439 , was published in the Official Journal on 10 January 2019.</i>	—
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	CHILE	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/465	Agricultural pesticides <i>The notified Resolution optimizes the assessment and authorization process for pesticides, and increases the period of validity established by SAG Resolution No. 1.557 of 2014 for pesticides authorized on basis of their identity and for pesticides authorized on the basis of an equivalent technical grade active substance.</i> <i>The amendments to SAG Resolution No. 1.557 of 2014 establishing requirements for the authorization of pesticides, will be available on the SAG website: http://www.sag.gob.cl/.</i>	15 days from the date of notification
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	BOLIVIA	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BOL/13	Perfumes and toilet waters <i>The project consists of object, field of application and definitions; BPM requirements (Personnel and Facilities, production and control of quality); administrative procedure and conformity assessment; control and surveillance; complementary provisions and Annex 1 (products included).</i>	16 March 2019
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	COLOMBIA	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/COL/236	Perfumes and toilet waters <i>The project consists of object, field of application and definitions; BPM requirements (Personnel and Facilities, production and control of quality); administrative procedure and conformity assessment; control and surveillance; complementary provisions and Annex 1 (products included).</i>	16 March 2019
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	ECUADOR	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/ECU/342	Perfumes and toilet waters <i>The project consists of object, field of application and definitions; BPM requirements (Personnel and Facilities, production and control of quality); administrative procedure and conformity assessment; control and surveillance; complementary provisions and Annex 1 (products included).</i>	16 March 2019

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COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	PERU	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/PER/110	Perfumes and toilet waters <i>The project consists of object, field of application and definitions; BPM requirements (Personnel and Facilities, production and control of quality); administrative procedure and conformity assessment; control and surveillance; complementary provisions and Annex 1 (products included).</i>	16 March 2019
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UNITED KINGDOM	18/01/2019	G/TBT/N/GBR/33	Plastic-stemmed cotton buds <i>The draft regulations prohibit the manufacture and sale of plastic-stemmed cotton buds.</i>	90 days from notification
CHEMICALS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC DISINFECTION PURPOSES	TANZANIA	14/01/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/231	Quicklime and hydrated lime <i>1.1 This Draft Standard prescribes the requirements for quicklime and hydrated lime suitable for the following chemical and industrial uses; bleaching powder, paper, textiles, varnishes, sugar, calcium carbide, soda ash, caustic soda, water treatment, tanning and grease manufacturing. 1.2 This standard does not cover lime for building, agricultural, metallurgical, glass and ceramic industries</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETIC, TOILETRIES	UKRAINE	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/UKR/145	Cosmetic products <i>The Draft Technical Regulation provides requirements for cosmetic products that are placed on the market in order to ensure a high -level of protection for the safety and health of human.</i>	60 days from notification
CIVIL ENGINEERING					
EXTERNAL SEWAGE SYSTEMS	FINLAND	14/01/2019	G/TBT/N/FIN/71	Floor drains intended for waste water installations of buildings <i>The decree issues the minimum requirements in Finland for floor drains intended for waste water installations located in buildings and property.</i>	60 days from notification
EXTERNAL SEWAGE SYSTEMS	FINLAND	14/01/2019	G/TBT/N/FIN/72	Floor drains intended for waste water installations of buildings <i>The decree issues the minimum requirements in Finland for type approval of floor drains intended for waste water installations located in buildings and property.</i>	60 days from notification
EXTERNAL SEWAGE SYSTEMS	FINLAND	14/01/2019	G/TBT/N/FIN/73	Polypropylene drainage pipes and pipe fittings intended for waste water installations of buildings <i>The decree issues the minimum requirements in Finland for polypropylene drainage pipes and pipe fittings intended for waste water installations located in buildings and property.</i>	60 days from notification

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EXTERNAL SEWAGE SYSTEMS	FINLAND	14/01/2019	G/TBT/N/FIN/74	<p>Polypropylene drainage pipes and pipe fittings intended for wastewater installations of buildings</p> <p><i>The decree issues the minimum requirements in Finland for type approval of polypropylene drainage pipes and pipe fittings intended for wastewater installations located in buildings and property.</i></p>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS	FINLAND	14/01/2019	G/TBT/N/FIN/75	<p>Multilayer pipes and couplings intended for water supply installations of buildings</p> <p><i>The decree issues the minimum requirements in Finland for multilayer pipes and couplings intended for supply and distribution of drinking water and domestic hot water located in buildings and property.</i></p>	60 days from notification
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS	FINLAND	14/01/2019	G/TBT/N/FIN/76	<p>Multilayer pipes and couplings intended for water supply installations of buildings</p> <p><i>The decree issues the minimum requirements in Finland for the type approval of multilayer pipes and couplings intended for supply and distribution of drinking water and domestic hot water located in buildings and property.</i></p>	60 days from notification
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	18/01/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/327/Add.1	<p>Electronic toilet seats - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection Requirements for Electronic Toilet Seats", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/327 on 5 July 2018, was promulgated on 11 January 2019 and will come into effect on 1 July 2020.</i></p>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	PANAMÁ	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/PAN/92/Add.2	<p>Refrigerators and freezers appliances - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Panama reports that in relation to the Technical Regulations DGNTI-COPANIT 105-2017, Energy efficiency-appliances refrigerators and freezers, notified on 13 April 2017, under the symbol (G / TBT / N / PAN / 92), it is reported that through the Resolution No. 151 of December 20, 2018, an extension of entry into force is granted until June 30, 2019 for importation and until December 30, 2019 for the marketing without the label.</i></p>	—
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU,	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/352	<p>Wireless chargers</p> <p><i>Wireless chargers are widely used to charge electronic devices, such as tablets or mobile phones. A survey of such products raised safety concerns in aspects of overheating, fire-resistance and others.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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	KINMEN AND MATSU			<i>In order to protect consumers from relevant hazards arising from the use of such products and to protect the environment, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology, and Inspection (BSMI) proposes to regulate the safety, EMC, and hazardous substances of wireless charger products. The inspection standards are CNS 14336-1 for safety, CNS 13438 for EMC, and Section 5 of CNS 15663 for marking of the presence of six hazardous substances, including Lead (Pb), Mercury (Hg), Cadmium (Cd), Hexavalent Chromium (Cr+6), Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB), and Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE) . Where the main working frequency of the wireless chargers is less than 30MHz, they shall also comply with the magnetic field radiation requirements of CNS 13803 (2003) . The conformity assessment procedure shall be Registration of Product Certification (Module II Type Test + Module III Conformity to Type Declaration) .</i>	
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
MOTORS	PANAMÁ	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/PAN/94/Add.1	Induction motors - Addendum <i>The Republic of Panama hereby advises that, pursuant to Resolution No. 151 of 20 December 2018, the entry into force of Technical Regulation No. 91-2017 of the Directorate-General for Standards and Industrial Technology-Panamanian Commission for Industrial and Technical Standards (DGNTI-COPANIT): Energy efficiency of three-phase squirrel-cage AC induction motors with a rated output of 0.746 kW to 373 kW. Marking, notified on 8 June 2017 in document G/TBT/N/PAN/94, has been postponed until 30 June 2019 for importation and until 30 December 2019 for marketing without a label.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	CHILE	18/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/253/Add.2	Portable Fire Extinguishers - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile reports that in relation to the Regulation that establishes safety requirements and labeling of portable fire extinguishers, of the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism, notified February 7, 2014, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 253, and its respective Addendum 1, it is reported that has been published in the Official Gazette on January 16, 2019, Decree No. 151 of the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism, with modifications to its Decree No. 44 of 2015.</i>	—

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PIPES AND FITTINGS OF OTHER MATERIALS	FINLAND	14/01/2019	G/TBT/N/FIN/70	Water fittings for water installations of buildings <i>Decree issues the minimum requirements in Finland for type approval of water fittings for supply and distribution of drinking water and domestic hot water located in the building and property.</i>	60 days from notification
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	PANAMÁ	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/PAN/90/Add.1	Air conditioners - Addendum <i>The Republic of Panama hereby advises that, pursuant to Resolution No. 151 of 20 December 2018, the entry into force of draft Technical Regulation No. 104-2016 of the Directorate-General for Standards and Industrial Technology-Panamanian Commission for Industrial and Technical Standards (DGNTI-COPANIT): Energy efficiency and labelling of split type, free flow, ductless air conditioners with variable refrigerant flow, notified on 11 January 2017 in document G/TBT/N/PAN/90, has been postponed until 30 June 2019 for importation and until 30 December 2019 for marketing without a label.</i>	—
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	PANAMÁ	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/PAN/91/Add.1	Air-conditioners - Addendum <i>The Republic of Panama hereby advises that, pursuant to Resolution No. 151 of 20 December 2018, the entry of force of draft Technical Regulation No. 101-2016 of the Directorate-General for Standards and Industrial Technology-Panamanian Commission for Industrial and Technical Standards (DGNTI-COPANIT): Energy efficiency and labelling of central, package and split-type air -conditioners, notified on 3 February 2017 in document G/TBT/N/PAN/91, has been postponed until 30 June 2019 for importation and until 30 December 2019 for marketing without a label. Central, package and split-type air-conditioners using inverter technology are excluded.</i>	—
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/ARE/455	[...]a for special medical purposes <i>This standard concerns infant formula, follow on formula and formula for special medical purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/ARE/456	[...]sed as supplements for infants <i>This standard concerns processed cereal-based foods and other foods processed as supplements for infants starting from the age of six months. It does not apply to infant formulas.</i>	60 days from notification

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PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	BAHRAIN	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BHR/559	[...]la for special medical purposes <i>This standard concerns infant formula, follow on formula and formula for special medical purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	BAHRAIN	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BHR/560	[...]sed as supplements for infants <i>This standard concerns processed cereal-based foods and other foods processed as supplements for infants starting from the age of six months. It does not apply to infant formulas.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	KUWAIT	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/447	[...]la for special medical purposes <i>This standard concerns infant formula, follow on formula and formula for special medical purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	KUWAIT	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/KWT/448	[...]sed as supplements for infants <i>This standard concerns processed cereal-based foods and other foods processed as supplements for infants starting from the age of six months. It does not apply to infant formulas.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	OMAN	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/OMN/392	[...]la for special medical purposes <i>This standard concerns infant formula, follow on formula and formula for special medical purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	OMAN	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/OMN/393	[...]sed as supplements for infants <i>This standard concerns processed cereal-based foods and other foods processed as supplements for infants starting from the age of six months. It does not apply to infant formulas.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	QATAR	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/QAT/557	[...]la for special medical purposes <i>This standard concerns infant formula, follow on formula and formula for special medical purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	QATAR	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/QAT/558	[...]sed as supplements for infants <i>This standard concerns processed cereal-based foods and other foods processed as supplements for infants starting from the age of six months. It does not apply to infant formulas.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/SAU/1100	[...]la for special medical purposes <i>This standard concerns infant formula, follow on formula and formula for special medical purposes.</i>	60 days from notification

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PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/SAU/1101	[...]sed as supplements for infants <i>This standard concerns processed cereal-based foods and other foods processed as supplements for infants starting from the age of six months. It does not apply to infant formulas.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	YEMEN	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/YEM/160	[...]la for special medical purposes <i>This standard concerns infant formula, follow on formula and formula for special medical purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	YEMEN	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/YEM/161	[...]sed as supplements for infants <i>This standard concerns processed cereal-based foods and other foods processed as supplements for infants starting from the age of six months. It does not apply to infant formulas.</i>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	BURUNDI	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BDI/14	Toffee <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for toffee</i>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	BURUNDI	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/BDI/15	Chewing gum <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for chewing gum.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	CANADA	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/575	Vodka <i>The federal vodka standard under the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR) regulates what inter-provincially traded or imported products can be labelled as vodka. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency intends to implement amendments to modernize the vodka compositional standard and is seeking feedback on the proposed changes to the Food and Drug Regulations.</i>	15 March 2019
POULTRY AND EGGS	MÉXICO	17/01/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/308/Add.6	Eggs and egg products - Addendum <i>Please be advised of the publication of an amendment to point 15 of Mexican Official Standard NOM-159-SSA1-2016: Products and services. Eggs and egg products. Sanitary provisions and specifications. Test method, published on 16 January 2018.</i>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/353	Imported foods and related products <i>Food products to which the prior release notice is issued are not allowed to be moved, consumed or sold before the import permission is granted. However, there were more violating cases recently.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>With a view to reinforcing the responsibilities of importers, the Ministry of Health and Welfare intends to amend Articles 7, 19 and 20 of the Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products.</i>	
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
VETERINARY MEDICINE	JAPAN	18/01/2019	G/TBT/N/JPN/618	Veterinary biologics except in vitro diagnostics <i>The Ministerial Ordinances "Regulatory Rules for Veterinary Medicinal Products" and "Manufacturing Quality and Quality Control of Veterinary Pharmaceutical Products" to introduce new quality control measures for veterinary biologics by the government.</i>	60 days from notification
METALLURGY					
STEELS FOR REINFORCEMENT OF CONCRETE	INDONESIA	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/IDN/16/Add.2	Zinc coated steel sheet - Addendum <i>Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 37/M-IND/PER/2/2012 has been replaced by Regulation of Minister of Industry No. 14 Year 2018 concerning Mandatory Implementation of Indonesia National Standard for Concrete Steel Bar dated 28 May 2018. This regulation will be coming into force on 12 (twelve) months after promulgation.</i>	—
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT, PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	15/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/231	Legally controlled measuring instruments <i>Measuring instruments used to monitor activity limits and concentration of effluents from nuclear facilities, nuclear raw material mining or processing facilities, radioactive waste processing plants and from the processing or application of radioactive materials, and also used to determine environmental radiation exposure due to effluents - measuring instruments for continuous monitoring of radioactive aerosols, including transuranic aerosols in gaseous effluents from nuclear facilities - are placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as legally controlled measuring instruments following type approval and initial verification pursuant to Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended. This legislation contains national metrological regulation of type approval and verification of these measuring instruments.</i>	25 February 2019
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	15/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/232	Legally controlled measuring instruments <i>Measuring instruments used to monitor activity limits and concentration of effluents from nuclear facilities, nuclear raw material mining or processing facilities, radioactive waste processing plants and from the processing or application of radioactive materials, and also used to determine environmental radiation</i>	25 February 2019

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				<i>exposure due to effluents - measuring instruments for continuous monitoring of radioactive iodine in gaseous effluents from nuclear facilities - are placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as legally controlled measuring instruments following type approval and initial verification pursuant to Act No. 505/1990 on metrology, as amended. This legislation contains a national metrological regulation for the type approval and verification of these measuring instruments.</i>	
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	15/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/233	Electricity meters <i>Electricity meters are placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic in accordance with Directive 2014/32/EU (the Measuring Instruments Directive - MID) following conformity assessment or (in areas outside the MID's scope) as legally controlled measuring instruments following type approval and initial verification pursuant to Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended. This legislation contains a national metrological regulation of type approval of these measuring instruments and subsequent verification of instruments placed on the market either specified in the MID or Act No 505/1990 on metrology.</i>	25 February 2019
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	15/01/2019	G/TBT/N/CZE/234	Class 1 and 2 sound level meters, bandwidth filters, measurement microphones <i>Class 1 and 2 sound level meters, bandwidth filters and measurement microphones are placed on the market and put into use in the Czech Republic as legally controlled measuring instruments following type approval and initial verification pursuant to Act No 505/1990 on metrology, as amended. This legislation contains national metrological regulation of type approval and verification of these measuring instruments.</i>	25 February 2019
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	16/01/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/354	Children's raincoats <i>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection is proposing to adopt the most recent version of standard, CNS 15503 "General requirements for safety of children's products," published on 18 October 2018, as the inspection standard for children's raincoat. In this revised version, among all the changes, DMP and DEP are deleted from the scope of restricted phthalates, which reduces the number of restricted phthalates from 8 to 6 (DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP, and DNOP) and the sum of the total mixture of them cannot be over 0.1% (wt/wt) .</i>	60 days from notification