

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 41 notifications on Environment. Health protection. Safety, Food technology, Health care technology, Packaging and distribution of goods, Road vehicles engineering, etc., from Argentina, Brazil, China, European Union, United States, 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 (13-19 June 2020)

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AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	18/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1551/Add.4	Vaping products - Addendum <i>Implements provisions of the Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems which take effect 1 June 2020 and restricts the sale and use of all flavored tobacco products to smoking bars. Effective 12 June 2020.</i>	—

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AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHINA	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1426	Civil unmanned aircraft system (civil UAS) <i>This measure stipulates the safety requirements for production and manufacture of civil UAS.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BOL/17/Add.1	Cosmetics - Addendum <i>The Plurinational State of Bolivia announces, on behalf of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, a country members of the Andean Community, that the draft Andean Technical Regulations relating to microbiological technical specifications of cosmetic products, has been approved as "Andean Technical Regulations for Technical Specifications microbiological of cosmetic products".</i>	—
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BOL/17/Add.2	Cosmetics - Addendum <i>The Plurinational State of Bolivia announces, on behalf of Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, a country members of the Andean Community, that the Andean Technical Regulations relating to specifications microbiological techniques of cosmetic products, approved at by means of Decision No. 2120 was modified by Decision No. 2151 of the General Secretariat of the Andean Community.</i>	—
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
LIGHTING	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARE/475/Corr.1	Outdoor lighting products - Corrigendum <i>This regulation establishes requirements light sources with or without integrated control gear. The requirements also apply to light sources placed on the market in a containing product.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING	NEW ZEALAND	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/NZL/101	Building products <i>For building product information requirements, the Bill will require a minimum set of information for building products to support better and more efficient decision-making, and clarify responsibilities.</i>	31 August 2020

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
DISHWASHERS	ARGENTINA	19/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/374/Add.2	Dishwashers for household use - Addendum <i>It is reported that by Resolution N ° 156/2020 of the Secretariat of Internal Trade, the SCI Resolution N ° 834/2019, which established the "Performance Labeling or energy efficiency of household dishwashers "; notified under signature G/TBT/N/ARG/374/Add.1.</i>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/417	Infant bath seats <i>In response to the concerns raised by the public about the safety of infant bath seats due to incidents in recent years that resulted in severe injuries to infants, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) intends to regulate the safety and quality of infant bath seats.</i>	30 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	ARGENTINA	19/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/373/Add.2	Light-emitting diode (LED) lamps for general lighting services - Addendum <i>It is reported that by Resolution N ° 156/2020 of the Secretariat of Internal Trade, the SCI Resolution No. 795/2019, which established the "Performance Labeling or energy efficiency of LED lamps for general lighting "; notified under symbol G/TBT/N/ARG/373/ Add.1.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	16/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARE/476	Health protection products <i>The provisions of UAE Control scheme for health protection products shall be applied to the health protection products.</i>	60 days from notification
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	ARGENTINA	19/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/115/Add.2	Articles of personal protection - Addendum <i>This addendum announces the suspension of the SICyM Decision (Resolución) N ° 896/1999 and its modifications, means and elements of personal protection marketed in the country as well as the requirements of certification applicable to chin straps and mufflers, until October 1, 2020.</i>	—
DRINKING WATER	JAPAN	18/06/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/665	Water purifiers <i>The proposed partial revision of the Quality Labeling Rules for Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods includes following major changes: to exclude 1,1,1-Trichloroethane from the labeling item of water purification capacity.</i>	60 days from notification

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	18/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/305/Add.8	Clothes dryers, room air conditioners - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will hold a webinar to discuss and receive comments on the preliminary analysis it has conducted for purposes of evaluating energy conservation standards for room air conditioners (ACs). Written comments and information will be accepted on or before, 17 August 2020.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	18/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/963/Add.3	Commercial warm air furnaces - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a request for information (RFI) pertaining to the energy conservation standards for air-cooled commercial package air conditioning and heating equipment (ACUACs and ACUHPs) and commercial warm air furnaces (CWAFs). The comment period for the subject RFI, is hereby reopened and extended. Accordingly, DOE will accept written comments, data, and information in response to the RFI submitted no later than 1 July 2020.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	18/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1490/Add.1	Electric vehicle supply equipment - Addendum <i>Adopts rules to address consumer access to publicly available Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE). Effective 1 July 2020.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1626	Substances in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector and the foam blowing sector <i>Pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Significant New Alternatives Policy program, this action proposes to list certain substances in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector and the foam blowing sector.</i>	27 July 2020
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1627	Emissions from existing oil and natural gas sources <i>The purpose of this proposed rulemaking is to implement control measures to reduce VOC emissions from existing oil and natural gas sources in this Commonwealth.</i>	27 July 2020
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	16/06/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1628	Toxic chemical substances <i>EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances which are the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs).</i>	15 July 2020

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PUMPS	ARGENTINA	19/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/376/Add.2	<p>Electric water circulation pumps for domestic use - Addendum</p> <p><i>The purpose of this addendum is to announce the suspension under Decision (Resolución) n ° 156/2020 of the Internal Trade Secretariat, on the implementation of the Decision (Resolución) SCI N ° 800/2019 establishing the indication by labeling of yield or effectiveness energy of electric pumps for domestic use for the circulation of water of a power nominal electric between 0.18 kW and 5.5 kW, notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/ARG/376/Add.1.</i></p>	—
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/300/Add.2	<p>Algae - Addendum</p> <p><i>It is announced that the draft Joint Decision (Resolución Conjunta) amending the Argentine Food Code (Chapter XI Plant-based foods - Article 923b: red algae coralline (Phymatolithon calcareum (Pallas) or Lithotamnium calcareum established by the National Food Commission is subject to public consultation for a period of 30 days from the distribution of this notification.</i></p>	—
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	ARGENTINA	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/398	<p>Instant, soluble coffee, coffee powder extract and powder concentrate</p> <p><i>The Project, prepared by the National Commission of Food (CONAL) allows the use of flavorings/flavors other than coffee aroma/ flavor in products called soluble coffee, instant coffee, coffee powder extract and Concentrated coffee powder.</i></p>	30 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/723	<p>Health claims made on foods</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Regulation concerns the authorisation of one health claim made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health.</i></p>	60 days from notification
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS. FOOD ADDITIVES	UGANDA	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1211	<p>Dried chillies (whole and ground)</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements for dried chillies, Capsicum frutescens L./Capsicum annum, L. (LAL MIRCHI), as whole fruits (pods) or ground (powdered).</i></p>	60 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/870/Add.23	Guide to Good Manufacturing Practices for Medicinal Products of the Pharmaceutical Inspect[...]Co-operation Scheme - Addendum <i>The Resolution - RDC number 301, 21 August 2019 - which adopts the Guide to Good Manufacturing Practices for Medicinal Products of the Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (PIC/S) of 1 July 2018, was rectified.</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/870/Add.24	Guide to good manufacturing practices for medicinal products - Addendum <i>The Resolution - RDC number 301, 21 August 2019 - which adopts the Guide to Good Manufacturing Practices for Medicinal Products of the Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (PIC/S) of 1 July 2018, was rectified.</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/984/Add.1	Pharmaceutical products, active pharmaceutical ingredients, and healthcare products - Addendum <i>The Resolution - RDC number 346, 12 March 2020 - which establishes extraordinary and temporary criteria and procedure for Good Manufacture Practice Guidelines for market authorization and post-market registration amendments of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, medicines, and healthcare products due to the international public health emergency of the new coronavirus (Covid-19), was changed by the Resolution - RDC number 385, 12 May 2020.</i>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/469/Add.2	Electro-medical equipment and systems - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador announces, by means of the present Addendum n ° 2, the modification n ° 1 of the Ecuadorian technical regulations RTE INEN 186 (1R) "EQUIPOS Y SISTEMAS ELECTROMÉDICOS" (Electromedical equipment and systems).</i>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	19/06/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/901	Medical device <i>The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea is amending the "Enforcement Rule of the Medical Devices Act".</i>	60 days from notification

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PHARMACEUTICS IN GENERAL	NICARAGUA	18/06/2020	G/TBT/N/NIC/162	Medicines and biological and biosimilar products for human use <i>The purpose of this regulation is to establish the requirements for the Registration, Renewal and Modifications to the sanitary registry of Biological Products and Biosimilars for Human use, as well as the release of batches of Biological Products according to risk assessment.</i>	60 days from notification
METALLURGY					
STEEL WIRE, WIRE ROPES AND LINK CHAINS	ARGENTINA	19/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/340/Add.2	Steel wire ropes - Addendum <i>The purpose of this addendum is to announce the suspension under Decision (Resolución) n ° 156/2020 of the Internal Trade Secretariat, on the implementation of the Decision (Resolución) SC N ° 153/2018 establishing the technical requirements in terms of quality and safety that must respect the steel cables, notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/ARG/340/Add.1.</i>	—
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASUREMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND MAGNETIC QUANTITIES	ARGENTINA	19/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/368/Add.1	Alternating current electrical energy meters - Addendum <i>The purpose of this addendum is to announce the extension until December 31, 2020, under of Decision (Resolución) No. 138/2020 of the Secretariat for Internal Trade, on the implementation of the Decision (Resolución) SCI N ° 247/2019 approving the Technical Regulations and metrology relating to alternating current electrical energy meters.</i>	—
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
CANS. TINS. TUBES	ARGENTINA	19/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/336/Add.3	Flexible aluminum tubes for product packaging - Addendum <i>The purpose of this addendum is to announce the suspension by means of the Decision (Resolución) n ° 156/2020 of the Internal Trade Secretariat, on the implementation of the Decision (Resolución) SC n ° 3/2018 establishing the "Compulsory certification scheme applicable to cases flexible aluminum tubing for product packaging ", notified under the symbol G/TBT/N/ARG/336/Add.1.</i>	—

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SACKS. BAGS	OMAN	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/OMN/408	Polyethylene reusable shopping bags <i>This Ministerial decree obligating the Omani standard "Polyethylene Reusable Shopping Bags" and prohibiting the exporting of polyethylene bags with thickness less than 50 micrometres or any kind of single use plastic bags.</i>	60 days from notification
RAILWAY ENGINEERING					
RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK IN GENERAL	CHINA	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1429	Rolling stock gauge <i>This part specifies the rolling stock gauge of 1435mm standard gauge railway.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHINA	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1427	Road motor vehicle <i>This document specifies implementation rules for the management of road motor vehicle product series.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHINA	17/06/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1428	Road motor vehicle <i>This document specifies assessment method of new technology, new craft and new material for the market access of road motor vehicle product.</i>	60 days from notification
BODIES AND BODY COMPONENTS	MEXICO	16/06/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/467	Rear bumper for vehicles with a gross vehicle weight over 4,536 kg <i>The notified draft standard establishes the specifications relating to the dimensions and the structural strength of rear bumpers for road transport vehicles, of the type traditional bus or carrier truck, with a total gross vehicle weight at 4,536 kg.</i>	09 August 2020
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	MALAYSIA	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/MYS/102	Short range devices <i>This Technical Code was developed for the purpose of certifying communications equipment under the Communications and Multimedia (Technical Standards) Regulations 2000.</i>	60 days from notification

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TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	MALAYSIA	15/06/2020	G/TBT/N/MYS/103	Digital terrestrial television broadcast service receiver <i>This Technical Code is intended to specify the common test suite for Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcast Service Receivers for the purpose of certifying the devices under the Communications and Multimedia (Technical Standards) Regulations 2000.</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	ARGENTINA	19/06/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/309/Add.6	Textile products and footwear - Addendum <i>This addendum announces the suspension, until October 1, 2020, of the requirement to present the "Declaración Jurada de Composición de Productos" (Declaration under oath concerning the composition of products (DJCP)) established by Decision (Resolución) SC n ° 404/2016 and its modifications.</i>	—
	CZECH REPUBLIC	18/06/2020	G/TBT/2/Add.13	Implementation and administration of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade - Communication from [...] Burkina Faso - Addendum <i>In accordance with Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT), the Government of Burkina Faso informs the TBT Committee that it has adopted orders and decrees.</i>	—