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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 55 notifications on Agriculture, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment and Sports, Electrical Engineering, Food Technology, Health Care Technology etc., from Egypt, the European Union, Macao, China, Ukraine, the 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 (14 - 20 September 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/228	Traditional cigarette alternatives : heated tobacco <i>This draft standard specifies the basic requirements and descriptive standards for heated tobacco.</i>	60 days from notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/9	Tobacco products <i>This Decision republishes the full text of the Smoking Prevention and Control Regime, which regulates the ingredients of tobacco products and the measurement thereof, as well as the labelling, packaging and selling of tobacco products; prohibits tobacco product packaging from using terms, names, trademarks, graphics or other signs implying that the tobacco</i>	—

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				<i>product is less harmful than other products; bans the selling of electronic cigarette and tobacco products intended for oral or nasal use; and prohibits the introduction or use of automatic cigarette vending machines.</i>	
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	THAILAND	18/09/2019	G/TBT/N/THA/555	Packaging of flavored tobacco products <i>The Ministerial Notification prescribes that any packs or cartons of tobacco and flavoured tobacco products manufactured or imported into the kingdom must have the following prescribed formats and characteristics without any text, image, symbol, mark, trademark, graphic, designed motif or pattern, or other elements besides those prescribed under this Notifications or the excise tax law.</i>	60 days from notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	THAILAND	18/09/2019	G/TBT/N/THA/556	Cigarette tobacco products <i>Tobacco product manufacturers or importers shall prepare and submit information related to cigarette tobacco products manufactured or imported for sale in the kingdom to the National Tobacco Products Control Board.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	16/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/681	Diisocyanates <i>This draft Regulation relates to a new entry of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006.</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1389/Add.4	Chemical substances - Addendum <i>EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 26 chemical substances which are the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) and deferring action on one chemical substance.</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1393/Add.3	Chemical substances - Addendum <i>EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 19 chemical substances which are the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . The chemical substances are subject to Orders issued by EPA pursuant to TSCA section 5(e) .</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	16/09/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1525	Chemical substances <i>Proposed rule - EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 6 chemical substances which are the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) .</i>	11 October 2019

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/224	<p>Electric storage water heaters</p> <p><i>This draft standard applies to electric storage water-heaters with a capacity up to 150 litres for household purposes that are electrically operated with one phase supply voltage up to 250 volt.</i></p>	60 days from notification
CONCRETE AND CONCRETE PRODUCTS	GRENADA	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/GRD/22	<p>Hollow concrete blocks</p> <p><i>The standard is the first revision of GDS 6: 1992 and replaces the existing GDS 6: 1992.</i></p> <p><i>This standard applies to hollow pre-cast concrete blocks made from a mixture of Portland cement, water and suitable aggregates and intended for use in loadbearing and non-loadbearing masonry walls of buildings.</i></p>	22 December 2019
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/12	<p>Flueless gas water heater</p> <p><i>Due to cases of carbon monoxide poisoning caused by misuse of flueless gas water heaters, this Decision prohibits import of flueless gas water heaters with a view to protecting the public health.</i></p>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/219	<p>Baby bouncers</p> <p><i>This draft standard specifies the minimum safety requirements and test methods for vertically suspended baby bouncers for domestic use, for children who can support their head unaided and up to a maximum weight of 12 kg.</i></p>	60 days from notification
CAMPING EQUIPMENT AND CAMP-SITES	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/221	<p>Outdoor furniture : seating and tables for camping, domestic and contract use</p> <p><i>This draft standard specifies the general safety requirements for outdoor seating and tables for camping, domestic and contract for use by adults, without regard to materials, design/ installation or manufacturing processes, it does not apply to seating for spectator facilities.</i></p>	60 days from notification
COOKWARE, CUTLERY AND FLATWARE	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/222	<p>Domestic enamelled cookware for use on top of a stove, cooker or hob</p> <p><i>This Draft standard specifies safety and performance requirements for items of domestic cookware for use on top of a stove,</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<i>cooker or hob. It is applicable to all cookware regardless of material or method of manufacture. It is also applicable to cookware intended for use both "on top" and "in oven".</i>	
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/231	Children's high chairs <i>This draft standard specifies the safety requirements for children's high chairs intended for children from 6 months to 36 months of age.</i>	60 days from notification
HOME ECONOMICS IN GENERAL	UKRAINE	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/UKR/152	Household combined washer-driers <i>The Draft of the Technical Regulation establishes requirements for the energy labelling and the provision of supplementary product information for household combined washer-driers.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UKRAINE	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/UKR/154	Space heaters and combination heaters <i>The Draft of the Technical Regulation establishes requirements for the energy labelling of space heaters and combination heaters with a rated heat output ≤ 70 kW, packages of space heater ≤ 70 kW, temperature control and solar device and packages of combination heaters ≤ 70 kW, temperature control and solar device.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UKRAINE	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/UKR/155	Space heaters and combination heaters <i>The Draft of the Technical Regulation establishes ecodesign requirements for the placing on the market and/or putting into service of space heaters and combination heaters with a rated heat output ≤ 400 kW, including those integrated in packages of space heater, temperature control and solar device or packages of combination heater, temperature control and solar device.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	ARGENTINA	18/09/2019	G/TBT/N/ARG/373	Light-emitting diode (LED) lamps for general lighting services <i>The notified text establishes the entry into force of the mandatory certification regime on the performance and energy efficiency labelling of household electrical products (SICyM Resolution No. 319/1999 and the amendments thereto), with regard to LED lamps for general lighting services.</i>	60 days from notification

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OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO LAMPS	EGYPT	18/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/3/Add.23	Chemical, textile and engineering products : control gear for fluorescent lamps - Addendum <i>This addendum concerns the notification of Draft of the Egyptian standard ES 3939 "Lamp control gear particular requirements for a.c. supplied electronic control gear for fluorescent lamps" (185 pages, in English) .</i>	–
INCANDESCENT LAMPS	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/225	Tungsten filament lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes <i>This draft standard specifies the safety and interchangeability requirements of tungsten filament incandescent lamps for general lighting service.</i>	60 days from notification
SWITCHES	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/226	Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations <i>This draft standard applies to manually operated general purpose functional switches, for alternating current (AC) only with a rated voltage not exceeding 440V with a rated current not exceeding 63A, intended for household and similar fixed electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors.</i>	60 days from notification
INCANDESCENT LAMPS	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/227	Tungsten halogen lamps for general lighting service <i>This draft standard specifies the safety and interchangeability requirements of tungsten halogen lamps for general lighting service.</i>	60 days from notification
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/14	Lights, domestic appliances, sound equipment and audio-visual equipment, information[...]nt, hand-held power tools, toys <i>This Decision sets out the safety standards recognized for products under the categories of lights, domestic appliances, sound equipment and audio-visual equipment, information technology equipment, hand-held tools, as well as toys.</i>	–
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
REFRIGERATING TECHNOLOGY	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/223	Condensing units for refrigeration : rating conditions, tolerances and presentation of manufacturer's performance data <i>This draft Standard specifies the rating conditions, tolerances and presentation of manufacturer's performance data for condensing units for refrigeration with</i>	60 days from notification

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ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/4	<p>Protective helmets for drivers and passengers of mopeds and motorcycles</p> <p><i>The Regulation establishes the requirements for the approval of models of protective helmets for drivers and passengers of mopeds and motorcycles by referencing relevant safety standards of China (GB 811-2010), Chinese Taipei (CNS 2396), Australia/New Zealand (AS/NZS 1698:2006), United Kingdom (BS 6658:1985), United States (Standard 218, Sub-part B, Chapter 571, Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations), Snell Memorial Foundation (Snell Standards 2010), Japan (JIS T 8133:2007) and the Economic Commission for Europe (E/ECE/324/E/ECE/TRANS/505/Rev.1/Add.21)</i></p>	—
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	16/09/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/550/Add.4	<p>Personal protective equipment - Addendum</p> <p><i>OSHA solicits comments concerning this proposal to extend the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements contained in the Personal Protective Equipment Standard for General Industry.</i></p>	—
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	18/09/2019	G/TBT/N/BRA/821/Add.2	<p>Nutrition labelling - Addendum</p> <p><i>The main objective of this regulation is to review the nutritional facts label requirements to facilitate the decision making by Brazilian consumers. Specific objectives include: (a) improving the visibility and readability of nutritional information; (b) reduce situations that can mislead consumers regarding nutritional composition; (c) facilitate nutritional comparison; (d) improve the accuracy of declared nutritional values; and (e) broaden the scope of nutritional information.</i></p>	—
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/13	<p>Locally originated or imported pre-packaged or non-prepackaged products, excluding n[...] strength by volume exceeding 5%</p> <p><i>This Administrative Regulation amends Decree-Law no. 50/92/M Labelling on Pre-packaged Foodstuffs Ordinance, notified on 19 December 1996 under G/TBT/Notif.96.450 and entered into force on 13 February 1993, with respect to the scope of application, definitions, instructions contained on labels, name of ingredients, printed labels and protection as well as sanctions.</i></p>	—

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MEXICO	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MEX/432/Add.1	Alcoholic beverages - Addendum <i>Conformity assessment procedure in respect of Mexican Official Standard NOM-199-SCFI-2017, Alcoholic beverages - Designations, physicochemical specifications, commercial information and test methods, published in the Official Journal on 30 October 2017.</i>	—
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	SLOVENIA	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/SVN/111	Slaughter carcasses, minced meat and meat preparations <i>The new Rules amended and supplemented the current Rules, will amend and supplement specific areas where, during the implementation of the current Rules, it proved necessary to facilitate and enable food business operators to comply with the legislation.</i>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	UGANDA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1114	Green coffee beans <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for green coffee beans. This standard applies to both Arabica (Coffea arabica L.) and Robusta (Coffea canephora) coffee.</i>	60 days from notification
PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE FOOD INDUSTRY	UKRAINE	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/UKR/153	Professional refrigerated storage cabinets <i>The Draft of the Technical Regulation establishes requirements for labelling and the provision of supplementary product information for professional refrigerated storage cabinets, including those sold for the refrigeration of foodstuffs and animal feed.</i>	60 days from notification
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	UNITED STATES	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1439/Add.1	Meats, prepared meats, meat products and other animal produce - Addendum <i>This final rule informs the public that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is amending its regulations to update a number of outdated administrative and organizational references, clarify agency action as it relates to the withdrawal or denial of service, update the official shields and grademarks associated with the grading service, and make reference to the use of instrument grading equipment as a means of determining official grades on beef and lamb carcasses.</i>	—
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	SOUTH AFRICA	16/09/2019	G/TBT/N/ZAF/232/Add.1	Processed meat products - Addendum <i>The compulsory specification for processed meat products (VC 9100) has been published</i>	—

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				<i>and will come into effect two months after date of publication, 8 August 2019.</i>	
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	SOUTH AFRICA	16/09/2019	G/TBT/N/ZAF/235/Add.1	Canned meat products - Addendum <i>The amendment of the compulsory specification for canned meat products (VC 8019) has been published and will come into effect six months after date of publication, 6 September 2019.</i>	—
GENERALITIES. TERMINOLOGY. STANDARDIZATION. DOCUMENTATION					
GRAPHICAL SYMBOLS	UNITED STATES	16/09/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/815/Add.2	Medical device and biological product labeling - Addendum <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) .</i>	—
GLASS AND CERAMICS INDUSTRIES					
CERAMIC PRODUCTS	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/230	Ceramic tableware <i>This draft standard specifies the performance requirements for ceramic tableware intended for domestic and hospitality use, where domestic and hospitality requirements differ, test methods for both are specified.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	ALBANIA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/ALB/93	Biological products <i>This draft decision establishes different regulations for the collection, packaging, transport and storage of biological products.</i>	45 days from notification
LABORATORY MEDICINE IN GENERAL	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/220	Medical analysis laboratories <i>This draft standard includes the minimum design, administrative and technical requirements for the establishment and operation of medical analysis laboratories.</i>	60 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/7	Radioactive pharmaceuticals, medicines, proprietary chinese medicines and traditional medicines <i>This technical instruction stipulates the packaging and container label specifications for radioactive pharmaceuticals entering the market of the Macao, China.</i>	—
MEDICAMENTS	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/8	Proprietary chinese medicines, traditional medicines	—

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				<p>1. This technical instruction stipulates the standards of micro-organism limits for proprietary Chinese medicines and traditional medicines.</p> <p>2. This Technical Instruction sets out the upper limits of heavy metals and toxic elements in traditional medicines.</p>	
PHARMACEUTICS	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/10	<p>Pharmaceuticals of bovine origin</p> <p>This Technical Instruction stipulates the information required for import of pharmaceuticals of bovine origin and their relevant requirements.</p>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/11	<p>Imported new pharmaceuticals containing new active pharmaceutical ingredients</p> <p>This Technical Instruction prescribes the documents that shall be submitted by pharmaceutical importers/exporters and wholesalers when applying for import of pharmaceuticals containing new active pharmaceutical ingredients.</p>	—
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
LIQUID FUELS	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/6	<p>Unleaded gasoline and light diesel oil for vehicles</p> <p>This Regulation requires unleaded gasoline and light diesel oil for vehicles, trading in the Macao SAR, to comply with the standards set out in it. Standards of the European Union and the People's Republic of China have been referenced for the parameters and limits.</p>	—
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/3	<p>Newly imported motorcycles (including mopeds) ; diesel vehicles; heavy-duty compress [...]les and newly imported vehicles</p> <p>The Decision upgrades the emission standard for imported new two- and three-wheeled motorcycles from China Stage II to China Stage III. Values and test procedures from the Japanese standard published on 28 October 2010 have also been applied.</p>	—
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	MACAO, CHINA	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MAC/5	<p>Motor vehicles and heavy passenger vehicles</p> <p>This Decision continues the prohibition of import of used motor vehicles, used chassis, used engines and heavy passenger vehicles into Macao, China, subject to exceptions specified in the Decision.</p>	—

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ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	19/09/2019	G/TBT/N/USA/1526	Hybrid and electric vehicles <i>This notice proposes to amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 141, Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles, to allow manufacturers of hybrid and electric vehicles (HEVs) to install a number of driver-selectable pedestrian alert sounds in each HEV they manufacture.</i>	1 November 2019
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	GRENADA	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/GRD/21	Pneumatic passenger tyres <i>The standard is the first revision of GDS 26: 1997 and replaces the existing GDS 26: 1997. This standard applies to new and used pneumatic passenger tyres.</i>	22 December 2019
SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
LAW. ADMINISTRATION	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	16/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MDA/53	Activity of national technical regulation with the provisions of the Agreement[...]e Organization (TBT Agreement) <i>The draft Government decision was elaborated for the purpose of adjusting the activity of national technical regulation with the provisions of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade of the World Trade Organization (TBT Agreement) .</i>	15 November 2019
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	16/09/2019	G/TBT/N/CAN/599	Wireless microphones, equipment operating in the maritime service and radio apparatus and [...]ent Technical Standards (BETs) <i>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada that the following have been published at Web site:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>RSS-123, Issue 4, Licensed Wireless Microphones sets out the certification requirements for wireless microphones.</i> • <i>RSS-181, Issue 2, Coast and Ship Station Equipment operating in the Maritime Service in the Frequency Range 1 605-28 000 kHz sets out certification requirements for equipment operating in the maritime service in the frequency range 1605-28000 kHz.</i> • <i>RSP-100, Issue 12, Certification of Radio Apparatus sets out the certification procedure for radio apparatus and broadcasting equipment that fall under Radio Standards Specifications (RSSs) and Broadcasting Equipment Technical Standards (BETs), respectively.</i> 	29 October 2019

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RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	SWITZERLAND	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/CHE/239	<p>Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment</p> <p><i>The Ordinance of the Swiss Federal Office of Communications on telecommunications installations (OOIT) specifies the basic technical requirements with regard to telecommunications installations set out by the Swiss Federal Council. It regulates the use of radio interfaces in Switzerland.</i></p>	20 December 2019
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIOVISUAL ENGINEERING	CHILE	16/09/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/487/Add.1	<p>External power supplies for computers (laptop and desktop) and tablet chargers using switch mode units - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Government of Chile advises that on 15 July 2019 the Electricity and Fuel Board (SEC) notified the "Safety analysis and/or test protocol (PE No. 8/9:2019) for electronic audio/video, information technology and communication technology equipment. External power supplies for computers and tablet chargers". Please be advised that the deadline for receiving comments on the notified proposal has been extended until 27 September 2019.</i></p>	—
WOOD TECHNOLOGY					
PLYWOOD	EGYPT	17/09/2019	G/TBT/N/EGY/229	<p>Plywood</p> <p><i>This draft standard specifies the requirements for determination of bonding quality class of plywood, block board, batten board, and laminboard, bonded with thermosetting resins, according to their intended end uses.</i></p>	60 days from notification
WOOD-BASED PANELS	MALAYSIA	20/09/2019	G/TBT/N/MYS/98	<p>Formaldehyde emission limit from wood based panels products</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation specifies requirements on formaldehyde emission limit for wood-based panel products such as fibreboard, particleboard and plywood.</i></p>	60 days from notification