

# 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.

### IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

A total of 40 notifications on Agriculture, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Food Technology, Health Care Technology, Packaging and Distribution of Goods etc., from Brazil, Kenya, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

We are glad to be of service to you!

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (17 — 23 August 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/710/Add.2</a>	Tobacco products - Addendum <i>The Resolution - RDC number 226, 30 April 2018, which establishes technical requirements and procedures to be observed in the market authorization of tobacco processed and in the procedures for smoking products derived from tobacco - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/710/Add.1 - was changed by the RDC 299, 12 August 2019.</i>	—
FISHING AND FISH BREEDING	BRAZIL	22/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/906</a>	Ornamental fish <i>The notified regulation opens a 30-day period for public consultation on the draft of a technical regulation that aims to define the requirements, criteria and standards to exploitation of native or exotic fish from continental, marine and estuarine waters for ornamental or aquarium purposes.</i>	20 September 2019

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TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/852</a>	Tobacco products  <i>Enlarging combined health warning (text and pictures) to 75% of the front and back of cigarette packages</i>	60 days from date of notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	22/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1519</a>	Cigarette packages and advertisements  <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is issuing a proposed rule to establish new required cigarette health warnings for cigarette packages and advertisements.</i>	15 October 2019
<b>CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY</b>					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	22/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1386/Add.4</a>	Chemical substances - Addendum  <i>EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 145 chemical substances which are the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs).</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1517</a>	Chemical substances  <i>EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 17 chemical substances which are the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs). This action would require persons to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or processing of any of these 17 chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this proposed rule.</i>	13 September 2019
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1518</a>	Hazardous materials  <i>This rulemaking responds to numerous petitions for rulemaking submitted by the regulated community that request PHMSA address a variety of provisions, including but not limited to those addressing packaging, hazardous communication, and incorporation by reference documents.</i>	15 October 2019
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	HONG KONG, CHINA	23/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/HKG/51</a>	Energy efficiency labelling  <i>To update the energy efficiency grading standards for single package type room air conditioners, compact fluorescent lamps and dehumidifiers, revise the energy efficiency grading calculation examples of the three above-mentioned products, televisions and storage type electric water heaters, in its</i>	60 days from notification

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<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS</b>					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	22/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/855</a>	Children's product  <i>Concentration of Nitrosamines and Nitrosatable substances have been included in safety criteria of children's product used in mouth.</i>	60 days from date of notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS	UNITED STATES	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/107/Add.4</a>	Cigarette lighters - Addendum  <i>As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announces a submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), requesting an extension of approval for a collection of information associated with testing and recordkeeping requirements in regulations implementing the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters, approved previously under OMB Control No. 3041-0116.</i>	16 September 2019
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	22/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1441/Add.2</a>	Appliances, consumer products, commercial/ industrial equipment - Addendum  <i>On 13 February 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") to update and modernize the Process Rule ("Process Rule NOPR") . On 26 July 2019, DOE published a notice of data availability ("NODA") regarding national energy savings estimates from past DOE energy conservation standards rulemakings that were used in support of the NOPR and requested comments on these data.</i>	30 August 2019
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UNITED STATES	22/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1520</a>	Residential gas furnaces and boilers  <i>The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) is considering developing a rule to address the risk of injury and death associated with carbon monoxide (CO) production and leakage from residential gas furnaces and boilers. This advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) initiates a rulemaking proceeding under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA).</i>	18 October 2019
<b>ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	JAPAN	23/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/558/Add.2</a>	Light bulbs and lighting equipment - Addendum  <i>Revisions to the Cabinet Order for Enforcement of the Act on the Rational Use of Energy and the Ordinance of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry for Enforcement of the Act on the Rational Use of Energy were published on 3 April 2019 and 12 April 2019.</i>	—

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PLASTICS AND RUBBER INSULATING MATERIALS	KENYA	19/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/895</a>	Pressure sensitive adhesive tape  <i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for pressure sensitive adhesive cellulose, plasticized PVC (polyvinyl chloride) unplasticized PVC, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene tapes used in packaging. This standard does not apply to tapes with adhesives on both surfaces.</i>	13 October 2019
<b>FOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHILE	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/495</a>	Foods for weight control  <i>The notified text seeks to update and bring into line with the Codex Alimentarius the paragraph contained in the Food Health Regulations which regulates food for weight control.</i>	60 days from notification
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	GUATEMALA	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/GTM/97/Add.1</a>	Butter, processed cheese, mozzarella cheese, evaporated milk and condensed milk - Addendum  <i>The final date for comments on the Regulations has been changed to 17 September 2019.</i>	17 September 2019
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MEXICO	23/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/235/Add.6</a>	Habanero chilies - Addendum  <i>The publication of the DRAFT Procedure for the Evaluation of the Conformity of the Official Mexican Standard NOM-189-SCFI-2017, Havana's Chile the Yucatan Peninsula - Specifications and test methods, published on February 21, 2018.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/899</a>	Active pharmaceutical ingredients  <i>This draft resolution establishes guidelines for authorization of suppliers related to the Technical Regulation for Good Practice of Distribution and Fractioning of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API).</i>	21 October 2019
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/900</a>	Active pharmaceutical ingredients  <i>This draft resolution establishes criteria for certification of Good Manufacturing Practice for international companies that manufacture Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) .</i>	21 October 2019
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/901</a>	Biological products  <i>This draft resolution proposes an initiative for</i>	21 October 2019

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				<i>the revision of the Resolution - RDC number 49, 20 September 2011, which establishes post-market authorization alterations of biological products.</i>	
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/902</a>	Biological products  <i>This draft resolution proposes an initiative for the revision of the Resolution - RDC number 49, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, which establishes post-market authorization alterations of biological products.</i>	21 October 2019
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/903</a>	Biological products  <i>This draft resolution proposes a revision of the Resolution - RDC number 50, 20 September 2011, which disposes on stability studies of biological products.</i>	4 October 2019
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/904</a>	Active pharmaceutical ingredients  <i>This draft resolution proposes the changing of the Resolution - RDC number 200, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and of the RDC number 73, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, for the submission of the Dossier for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) in the market authorization and post-market authorization of medicines, respectively.</i>	21 October 2019
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/905</a>	Active pharmaceutical ingredients  <i>This draft resolution proposes the establishment of the Dossier for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) and of the Adequacy Charter of the Dossier for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient.</i>	21 October 2019
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY	CHILE	22/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/496</a>	Sports food and food supplements  This proposal aims to update and harmonize with the Codex Alimentarius, the articles of the Sanitary Regulations of the Foods (RSA) that regulate the so-called "Food for athletes" and the "Food Supplements", within the framework of public policies on nutrition and food in the country.	60 days from notification
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	22/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1464/Add.1</a>	Mammography quality standards - 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.</i>	18 September 2019

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	ITALY	23/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ITA/35</a>	ICT products and services  <i>The Guidelines collect technical-administrative recommendations, best practices and operational tools (with examples to facilitate their use) to ensure, within the procedures for the procurement of IT goods and services of public administrations, the compliance of the latter with adequate security levels.</i>	11 November 2019
<b>METALLURGY</b>					
STEEL PIPES AND TUBES FOR SPECIFIC USE	PHILIPPINES	20/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PHL/222</a>	Steel-black and hot-dipped zinc-coated (galvanized) longitudinally welded steel pipes  <i>This DAO prescribes Technical Regulations for Mandatory PS Licensing Scheme for steel-black and hot-dipped zinc-coated (Galvanized) longitudinally welded steel Pipes (For Ordinary Uses) products covered by Philippine National Standard (PNS) 26:2018 and its future amendments, whether locally manufactured or imported.</i>	60 days from notification
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	PHILIPPINES	20/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PHL/223</a>	Hot-dip metallic-coated and pre-painted galvanized steel sheets for roofing  <i>This DAO prescribes the Technical Regulations for Mandatory PS Licensing Scheme of Hot-dip Metallic-Coated and Pre-painted Galvanized Steel Sheets for Roofing products covered by the particular Philippine National Standard (PNS) and their future amendments, whether locally manufactured or imported.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA</b>					
NOISE EMITTED BY MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/853</a>	Noise-generating construction machinery  <i>A Partial Amendment of the Enforcement Rule of the Noise and Vibration Control Act.</i>  <i>Main contents: Operation standards of noise-generating construction machineries (Attachment 18-2)</i>  <i>Newly-developed standards for generators and concrete cutters to control noise generating construction machinery.</i>	60 days from date of notification
<b>NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES</b>					
MATHEMATICS	UGANDA	22/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/1106</a>	School type geometry sets  <i>This Draft Uganda Standard covers the requirements of school type geometry sets, namely, Grade 1.</i>	60 days from notification

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<b>PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS</b>					
SACKS. BAGS	KENYA	19/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/893</a>	<p>Hermetic bags for storage of dried food commodities, derived products and seeds made from woven polypropylene</p> <p><i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for hermetic bags for storage of dried food commodities, derived products and seeds. This standard covers hermetic bags whose outer bags are made from woven polypropylene.</i></p>	13 October 2019
CANS. TINS. TUBES	KENYA	19/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/894</a>	<p>Portable rigid plastic hermetic silos used for storage of dry food commodities, derived products and seeds</p> <p><i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for portable rigid plastic hermetic silos used for storage of dry food commodities, derived products and seeds where controlled conditions of moisture and oxygen is a requirement.</i></p>	13 October 2019
CANS. TINS. TUBES	KENYA	19/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/896</a>	<p>Bottles for carbonated and non carbonated drinks</p> <p><i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for Glass bottles used for packaging of carbonated and non-carbonated drinks. This standard does not cover glass containers used in pharmaceutical industry.</i></p>	13 October 2019
<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/448/Add.2</a>	<p>Pressurized portable containers and pressurized transportable containers - Safety in warehouses - Addendum</p> <p><i>The delegation of Mexico hereby advises that Mexican Official Standard NOM-011-ASEA-2019, Warehouses for the distribution of and facilities for the retailing of liquid petroleum gas in pressurized portable containers and pressurized transportable containers, has been published in the Official Journal, and will enter into force 120 calendar days after publication in the Official Journal.</i></p>	—
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
TRANSMISSIONS, SUSPENSIONS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	19/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/386</a>	<p>Automobile light alloy disc wheels</p> <p><i>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection is proposing to expand the product scope of automobile light alloy disc wheels to be subject to mandatory inspection to cover those with diameters more than 18 inches.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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<b>RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES</b>					
TYRES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	21/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/854</a>	<p>Tyres</p> <p><i>Act: a Partial Amendment of the Enforcement Rule of the Noise and Vibration Control Act.</i>  <i>Main contents: Reporting and labelling systems of tyre noise level (Article 39-2 and 39-6, Attachment 14-2 and 14-4)</i></p>	60 days from date of notification
TYRES	MEXICO	19/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/457</a>	<p>Domestic and imported retreaded radial and diagonal tyres for cars, vans, light trucks, bu [...]and lorries related to heading</p> <p><i>The notified text establishes the safety requirements and test methods for domestic and imported retreaded radial and diagonal tyres for cars, vans, light trucks, buses and lorries marketed in the United Mexican States.</i></p>	12 October 2019
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
MOBILE SERVICES	FRANCE	23/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/FRA/191</a>	<p>Active radio equipment of 5G mobile networks operated by vital telecom operators</p> <p><i>For security and national defense purposes, the draft law introduces a control system prior to any activity to exploit certain equipment 5G networks. Operators will have to apply authorization to the Prime Minister. This will be decided within two months to from receipt</i></p>	—
TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	MALAYSIA	20/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MYS/95</a>	<p>Internet protocol version 6 (IPv6) equipment compliance</p> <p><i>This Technical Code defines the core technical functions, the category of equipment and compliance requirement for communications equipment to be IPv6 compliant and will be used for the compliance approval (type approval) process. The specifications cover hardware and software with respect to the functions of the Terminal/Host, Network Element (NE) and Network Security Element (NSE).</i></p>	60 days from notification