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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 54 notifications on Construction Materials and Building, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food Technology, Health Care Technology, Services, Company Organization, Management and Quality, Administration, Transport, Sociology, etc., from Brazil, Burundi, China, Jamaica, 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (18—24 December 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	CHINA	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1640	Frozen bovine semen This document specifies the technical requirements, sampling, test methods, inspection rules, judgment rules, signs, labelling and accompanying documents, packaging, storage and transportation of frozen bovine semen	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CEMENT. GYPSUM. LIME. MORTAR	JAMAICA	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/JAM/106	Portland cement (ordinary and rapid-hardening) This standard specifies the requirements for chemical and physical properties, sampling, labelling and packaging	21 February 2022

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CEMENT. GYPSUM. LIME. MORTAR	JAMAICA	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/JAM/107	Blended hydraulic cements This standard specifies the requirements for two classes of blended hydraulic cements for both general and specific applications	21 February 2022
TERRACOTTA BUILDING PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1/Add.1	Ceramic plates for coating - Addendum Inmetro, issued Ordinance No. 484, 8 December 2021 that consolidates metrological technical regulation for quantitative control of ceramic plates for coating	-
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	CHINA	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1425/Add.1	Student's articles - Addendum Main contents of the amendment sheet: Add "GB / T 33345 determination of short chain chlorinated paraffins in electronic and electrical products gas chromatography-mass spectrometry" to "2 normative references"	-
TOYS	UKRAINE	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/211	Toys Draft Resolution provides for enhancing level of toys safety, in particular those containing allergic aromatic substances that may pose a threat to children's health	31 January 2022
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	CHINA	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1647	Submersible motor-pumps This document specifies the energy efficiency grades, energy efficiency limits and test methods of submersible motor-pumps	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1691/Add.2	Consumer product exposure warnings - Addendum Proposed Amendments to Article 6 Clear and Reasonable Warnings - Short Form	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/896/Add.4	Clothes washers - Addendum The Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("EPCA"), as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including commercial clothes washers ("CCWs")	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1802/Add.1	Emissions of greenhouse gases and other harmful air pollutants - Addendum Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review; Extension of Comment Period	-
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1816	Renewable fuel The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to set standards every year to implement nationally applicable renewable fuel volume targets	4 February 2022

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FIRE-FIGHTING	CHINA	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1642	Gas driven fixed water supply equipment used for fire-protection This document stipulates terms and definitions, classification, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, labelling and operating instructions, packaging, transportation and storage of gas driven fixed water supply equipment used for fire-protection	60 days from notification
FIRE-FIGHTING	CHINA	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1643	Automatic sprinkler system : dry pipe valves and accelerator This document specifies the classification and code, model preparation, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, labelling and operation instructions, packaging, transportation and storage of dry pipe valves and accelerators for an automatic sprinkler system	60 days from notification
HAND AND ARM PROTECTION	BRAZIL	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/583/Add.2	Protective gloves against biological agents - Addendum Inmetro, issued Ordinance No. 487, 8 December 2021 that consolidates the conformity assessment requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE) - protective gloves against biological agents which are not subject to the sanitary surveillance regime	-
HAND AND ARM PROTECTION	CHINA	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1641	Protective gloves against chemicals and micro-organisms This document specifies the terms, definitions, technical requirements, test methods, labelling and information of chemical and microbial protective gloves	60 days from notification
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	CHINA	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1644	Helmets for motorcyclists and electric bicyclists This document specifies terms and definitions, types, shape and dimensions, technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, markings, packaging, transportation and storage of the helmets for motorcyclists and electric bicyclists	60 days from notification
OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	CHINA	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1645	Personal fall protection equipment : guided type fall arrester including a rigid anchor line This document specifies the technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, permanent marking, the information supplied by the manufacturers for the guided type fall arrester including a rigid anchor line	60 days from notification
OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	CHINA	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1646	Personal fall protection equipment : retractable type fall arrester This document includes technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, marking and information supplied by the manufacturer of the retractable type fall arrester	60 days from notification
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	BRAZIL	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/549/Add.3	Respiratory protective devices - Addendum Inmetro, issued Ordinance No. 491, 10 December 2021 that consolidates the conformity assessment requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE) - semifacial filtering part for particles	-

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FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	BRAZIL	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/964/Add.3	Air conditioners - Addendum Inmetro, issued Public Consultation No. 23, 13 December 2021 that proposes to amend the conformity assessment requirements for air conditioners, approved by Inmetro Ordinance No. 269 of 22 June 2021	-
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	HONDURAS	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/HND/98/Add.1	Split air conditioners, free discharge and without air ducts - Addendum The Republic of Honduras reports that it notified on October 27, 2021 with the document G/TBT/N/HND/98, draft Central American Technical Regulation 23.01.80:21 Electrical Products. Split type air conditioners, free discharge and without air ducts Energy Efficiency Specifications	-
VESSELS AND CONTAINERS MOUNTED ON VEHICLES	JAMAICA	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/JAM/105	Low-pressure transportable gas containers This standard specifies requirements for the repair and rebuilding of low-pressure transportable gas containers and the subsequent testing of these transportable gas containers before re-use	21 February 2022
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD ADDITIVES	BURUNDI	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BDI/201	Mustard seed This draft standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and tests for seeds of white mustard (<i>Sinapis alba</i> or <i>Brassica hirta</i>), brown and yellow mustard (<i>Brassica juncea</i>) or black mustard (<i>Brassica nigra</i>)	60 days from notification
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	SOUTH AFRICA	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/ZAF/48/Rev.2/Add.1	Regulations relating to the labelling of alcoholic beverages - Addendum Amend the definition of cider to allow that 25 % of the composition may also be grape juice or an alcoholic fruit beverage derived solely from grape juice	-
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	BRAZIL	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/17/Add.2	Sticks made of wood applied to barbecue (meat) and paper clips - Addendum Inmetro, issued the Ordinance No. 483, 8 December 2021 that consolidates the metrological technical regulation for the indication of the nominal quantity of products clips for paper, staples for paper, handicrafts and industrial use, presented in bare sticks and sticks for barbecue	-
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MÉXICO	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/168/Add.4	Prepackaged fruit juices - Addendum The following communication, dated 20 December 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico	-

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SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	BURUNDI	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BDI/198	Cinnamon (<i>Cinnamomum zeylanicum</i> Blume) This draft standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for whole or ground (powdered) cinnamon which is the bark of the tree or shrub <i>Cinnamomum zeylanicum</i> Blume intended for human consumption	60 days from notification
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	BURUNDI	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BDI/199	Coriander seed (<i>Coriandrum sativum</i> L.) This draft standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for coriander seed (<i>Coriandrum sativum</i> L.), in the whole and ground (powdered) forms intended for human consumption	60 days from notification
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	BURUNDI	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BDI/200	Cumin (<i>Cuminum cyminum</i> L.) This draft standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and tests for cumin (<i>Cuminum cyminum</i> L.) intended for human consumption	60 days from notification
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	BURUNDI	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BDI/202	Curry powder This draft standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for curry powder, which is used as a flavouring material in the preparation of food	60 days from notification
GENERALITIES. TERMINOLOGY. STANDARDIZATION. DOCUMENTATION					
VOCABULARIES	UNITED STATES	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1639/Rev.1/Add.1	Showerheads - Addendum The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") to revise the current definition of "showerhead" adopted in the 16 December	-
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/258/Add.6	Gloves - Addendum Inmetro issued Ordinance No. 485, 8 December 2021 that consolidates the conformity assessment requirements for surgical and not surgical procedural gloves, under the health surveillance regime, of natural rubber, and mixed natural/synthetic rubber	-
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/296/Add.4	Isolating rubber gloves - Addendum Inmetro, issued the Ordinance no. 486, 8 December 2021 that consolidates the conformity assessment requirements for personal protective equipment (PPE) - rubber insulating gloves	-
STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION	CHINA	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1452/Add.1	Disinfection products - Addendum Main contents of the amendment sheet: 1.8.1 b) the lower limit of font size height is added, and 7.1 h) the warning statement and corresponding requirements for anti-bacterial products and 8.3 c) examples are completed	-
STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION IN GENERAL	CHINA	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1650	Medical devices This document specifies requirements for the development, validation and routine control of the ethylene oxide sterilization process for medical devices in both the industrial and health care facility settings, and it acknowledges the similarities and differences between the two applications	60 days from notification

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STERILIZING EQUIPMENT	China	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1648	Large steam sterilizers This document specifies the types, requirements and test methods for large steam sterilizers	60 days from notification
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
INFORMATION CODING	CHINA	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1649	Specialized cybersecurity products This document specifies the security function requirements, self-security requirements and security assurance requirements of specialized cybersecurity products	60 days from notification
MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT					
LIFTING EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/610/Add.6	Vehicle platform lift - Addendum Inmetro, issued Public Consultation No. 22, 13 December 2021 that proposes the cancellation vehicle lifting platforms manufactured to be installed on vehicles with road characteristics conformity assessment regulation	-
METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	CHILE	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/CHL/517/Add.1	Steel structures - Addendum Steel Structures - Part 2: Member Design cold-formed steel structural	-
PAPER TECHNOLOGY					
TISSUE PAPER	JAMAICA	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/JAM/104	Toilet tissue This standard applies to toilet tissue in single-ply and two-ply roll form, made of virgin or recycled fibre or any mixture of the two	21 February 2022
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
BODIES AND BODY COMPONENTS	MÉXICO	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/467/Add.1	Rear fenders for vehicles with gross vehicle weight of design exceeding 4 536 kg - Addendum The final document regarding the Official Mexican Standard is published NOM-014-SCT-2-2021, Technical Specifications and Test Methods of Rear Fenders for vehicles with gross vehicle weight of design greater than 4 536 Kg.	-
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	BRAZIL	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1288	Low voltage electrical devices Inmetro Ordinance No. 497 consolidates technical regulation for low Voltage electrical devices	-
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1287	Vehicular axis Inmetro Ordinance No. 496 consolidates technical quality regulation and conformity assessment requirements for vehicular axis	-

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SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/618/Rev.1	Automatic commercial ice makers - Revision The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedure for automatic commercial ice makers ("ACIMs"; "ice makers") to update incorporated references to the latest version of the industry standards	22 February 2022
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1790/Add.1	Marine engineering - Addendum The Coast Guard proposes to incorporate by reference updated marine engineering standards and eliminate outdated or unnecessarily prescriptive regulations in Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) subchapter F	20 December 2021
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1799/Add.1	Cooking products - Addendum The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is extending the public comment period	-
ROAD TRANSPORT	MÉXICO	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/481/Add.1	Autotanks intended for the motor transport of hazardous substances, materials and waste - Addendum The following communication, dated 20 December 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico	-
TESTING					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1481/Rev.1	Small electric motors and electric motors - Revision The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the existing scope of the DOE test procedures consistent with related industry changes for nomenclature and test procedure developments	15 February 2022
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1815	Circulator pumps Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comment	18 February 2022
NO TITLE					
CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS	UNITED KINGDOM	20/12/2021	G/TBT/N/GBR/45	Construction products These regulations will be made under the Building Safety Bill (once it has received Royal Assent) and will extend the existing regulatory framework to cover all construction products placed on the market in the UK	60 days from notification
CONTAINER-HAULER FOR ROAD VEHICLES AND TWISTLOCK FOR CONTAINER VEHICLE (VPC)	BRAZIL	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/881/Add.1	Container-hauler for road vehicles and twistlock for container vehicle (VPC) - Addendum Inmetro, issued Ordinance No. 494, 10 December 2021 that consolidates the technical quality regulation and the conformity assessment requirements for container vehicles and container fixing devices	-

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ENERGY CONSUMER PRODUCTS, SMALL, MEDIUM AND LARGE POWER TRANSFORMERS	UKRAINE	21/12/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/212	Energy consumer products, small, medium and large power transformers The draft Resolution amends the current regulations of Ukraine on the requirements of ecodesign for energy-consuming products, small, medium and large power transformers	60 days from notification
MEDICINAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS	AUSTRALIA	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/AUS/136	Medicinal cannabis products The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is seeking comment on a package of reforms in relation to the manufacturing, labelling and packaging requirements for Medicinal Cannabis Products made available in Australia or supplied to Australians	20 February 2022
SMOKED TOBACCO PRODUCTS	NEW ZEALAND	22/12/2021	G/TBT/N/NZL/109	Smoked tobacco products The Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan proposes that the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 (the Act), be amended to introduce new requirements for smoked tobacco products	60 days from notification