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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 proposed 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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Notifications on Agriculture, Clothing, Construction Materials and Building, Electrical Engineering, Food and Beverages etc. from the European Union, Israel, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (19 - 25 August 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	MÉXICO	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/369	Totoaba (Totoaba macdonaldi) <i>It is mandatory for natural persons and Morals engaged in activities for commercial and non-commercial purposes, Parts and derivatives of totoaba (Totoaba macdonaldi) in the United Mexican States.</i>	N.A.
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/724	Urea fertilizer <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for urea fertilizer grade.</i>	60 days from notification
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/725	Ammonium sulphate nitrate fertilizer <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for ammonium sulphate nitrate (ASN) fertilizer.</i>	60 days from notification
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/726	Calcium ammonium nitrate fertilizer <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for calcium ammonium nitrate (CAN) fertilizer.</i>	60 days from notification

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FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/727	Monoammonium phosphate fertilizers, diammonium phosphate fertilizers <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and tests methods for Monoammonium phosphate (MAP) and Diammonium phosphate (DAP) fertilizers.</i>	60 days from notification
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/728	Potassium chloride fertilizer, muriate of potash fertilizer <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for potassium chloride (muriate of potash), fertilizer.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICALS					
CHEMICAL LABORATORIES, LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	COLOMBIA	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/COL/226	Breath meters <i>The technical and metrological requirements for Alcoholometers, alcoholometers or evidential alcohol sensors that are used in all activities of an expert nature, judicial or administrative, aimed at determine the blood alcohol concentration, through the measurement of alcohol in expired air the draft resolution contains: Object; Area of application; Definitions; Requirements Technical and metrological; Breathalyzer labeling; Instructions for use; Seals Electronic products; Testing and testing; Documents for demonstration of conformity; Prohibition of marketing and use of the breathalyzer; Inspection and surveillance authority and control; Phase of metrological control of in-service breathalyzers; Overcoming Metrological verification; No overcoming of metrological verification; Seals of security; Obligations of the holder of the evidential alcohol meter in service; Transience in the metrological control of in-service breathalyzers; Penal regime; Regime Transition and Effectiveness. Annex 1, "Model Declaration of Conformity for Breathalyzers, Ethometers and / or evidential alcohensores".</i>	23 November 2017
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/722	Quasi-drugs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To add liquid and gel form as mosquito repellent. To improve on instructions for use and dosage of mosquito repellent. 	60 days from notification
CLOTHING					
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/711	School clothing <i>This part of DUS 1687 specifies the general requirements for the materials, workmanship, packing, care-labelling, marking and inspection of school clothing.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/712	Blazers <i>This part of DUS 1687 covers the requirements for the materials, the sizes and make of school blazers for boys and girls.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/713	School clothing - Trousers and shorts <i>This part of DUS 1687 specifies the materials, cut, make and trim of trousers and shorts.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/714	School clothing - Shirts <i>This part of DUS 1687 specifies the materials, cut, make and trim of shirts for boys and girls.</i>	60 days from notification

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CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/715	School clothing - Dresses, tunics and gyms <i>This part of DUS 1687 specifies the materials, cut, make and trim of girls' dresses, tunics and gyms.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/716	School clothing - Girls' slacks and skirts <i>This part of DUS 1687 specifies the materials, cut, make and trim of girls' slacks and skirts.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/717	School clothing - Knee-high stockings and ankle socks <i>This part of DUS 1687 covers the requirements for two types of knee-high stockings and two types of ankle socks for school wear.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/718	School clothing - Jerseys and cardigans <i>This part of DUS 1687 covers the requirements for the materials, size, and make of school jerseys and cardigans.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/719	School clothing - Briefs <i>This part of DUS 1687 covers the requirements for the materials for, and the sizes and make of school briefs for girls.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/720	School clothing - Tracksuits <i>This part of DUS 1687 covers the requirements for the materials, size and make of tracksuits.</i>	60 days from notification
CLOTHES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/721	School clothing - Athletic wear <i>This part of DUS 1687 covers the requirements for the materials, size and make of athletic wear made from woven or knitted fabrics (or both) .</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CEMENT, GYPSUM, LIME, MORTAR	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	21/08/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/992	Hydraulic links and related products <i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i>	60 days from notification
CERAMIC TILES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	21/08/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/993	Bricks, tiles, ceramics, sanitary ware and related products <i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i>	60 days from notification
LIFTS, ESCALATORS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	21/08/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/995	Elevators used in buildings and installations <i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i>	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SPORTS					
HOME ECONOMICS IN GENERAL	CANADA	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/531	<p>Corded window coverings</p> <p><i>The current Corded Window Covering Products Regulations, made under the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act, would be repealed and replaced with the proposed Regulations that specify requirements for construction, performance, labelling and other information, without reference to the national standard.</i></p> <p><i>The proposed Regulations would restrict the length of accessible cords and the size of loops that can be created to help eliminate the risk of strangulation. The proposed Regulations would require that any cord that can be reached must be too short to wrap around a one-year-old child's neck (i.e. not more than 22 cm in length) or form a loop that can be pulled over a one-year-old child's head (i.e. not more than 44 cm in perimeter) . Cords that cannot be reached would have to remain unreachable throughout the useful life of the product.</i></p> <p><i>Further to the above-mentioned restrictions, the proposed Regulations would require a warning on the product, packaging, instructions, and on associated advertisements that speak to the hazards and specifications outlined above, with instructions to immediately remove the product should those hazards become present.</i></p>	21 October 2017
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
PLUGS, SOCKET-OUTLETS, COUPLERS	ISRAEL	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/950	<p>Plugs and socket-outlets</p> <p><i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 32 part 1.1. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 60884-1 - Edition 3.2: 2013-02, with the following changes that appear in the Hebrew section:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Changes the standard's scope as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Narrows the standard's scope to apply to plugs and fixed or portable socket-outlets with a rated voltage greater than 50 V but not exceeding 250V and a rated current not exceeding 16A. The products removed from this standards scope will be included in the future standard SI 32 part 1.2;</i> o <i>Removes from the standard's scope the second phrase "The rated current is limited to 16 A maximum for fixed socket-outlets provided with screwless terminals";</i> o <i>This standard applies also to: plugs that are part of a cord sets, plugs and portable plugs that are part of a cord extension sets, including plugs and portable socket outlets with one or few outlets, and to plugs and socket-outlets which are a component of an appliance;</i> o <i>The scope was extended to apply also to permanent plugs that include one device such as: switch, fuse or USB supply;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Adds new definitions to paragraph 3;</i> • <i>Removes the ratings requirements for 32A detailed in Table 1 of paragraph 6;</i> • <i>Prohibits the use of equipment type 0 and type 01 as specified in Israel mandatory standard SI 900 part1;</i> • <i>Adds new marking requirements to paragraph 8 for wires with nominal cross section of 2.5mm² and according to this amends paragraphs 12.2 and 23.2;</i> 	60 days from notification

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces the first section of paragraph 9.1 and provides a new Table 201, that provides new dimensions for the accessories according to figures 203-212; Adds new requirements to paragraph 10 dealing with protection against electric shock. 	
OTHER STANDARDS RELATED TO LAMPS	ISRAEL	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/951	<p>Double-capped LED lamps</p> <p>The requirements of the existing standard, SI 62776, dealing with the safety specifications of double-capped LED lamps designed to retrofit linear fluorescent lamps, shall be declared mandatory.</p> <p>The standard adopts the international standard IEC 62776 - edition 1.0: 2014-12 and specifies the safety and interchangeability requirements, and the exchange operation together with the test methods and conditions required to show compliance of double-capped LED lamps with G5 and G13 caps, intended for replacing fluorescent lamps with the same caps, having a rated power up to 125 W and a rated voltage up to 250 V. In addition the standard's Hebrew section adds new marking requirements both for the lamp itself and for its instruction manual.</p> <p>This declaration is in line with the mandatory standardization objectives to protect human health and safety.</p>	60 days from notification
LUMINAIRES	ISRAEL	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/952	<p>Floodlights</p> <p>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 20 part 2.5 that specifies the requirements for floodlights for use with electrical light sources on supply voltages not exceeding 1,000V. This revised standard adopts the International Standard IEC 60598-2-5 - Edition 3.0: 2015-08, which introduces new requirements for the glass breaking test. In addition, the standard's Hebrew section changes the normative references.</p>	60 days from notification
LAMP CAPS AND HOLDERS	ISRAEL	24/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/954	<p>Lampholders for tubular fluorescent lamps and starterholders</p> <p>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 60400 dealing with lampholders and starterholders for tubular fluorescent lamps. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 60400 - Edition 7.2: 2014-06. This revision includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous Hebrew edition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes from paragraph 7.3 dealing with marking the requirement to add to the instruction the allowable angle of displacement of the pair of holders; Removes from paragraph 18.1 some of the resistance to stress tests. 	60 days from notification
FUSES AND OTHER OVERCURRENT PROTECTION DEVICES	ISRAEL	24/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/955	<p>Circuit-breakers for a.c. and d.c. operation</p> <p>Revision of the Mandatory Standard 60898 part 2 dealing with circuit-breakers for a.c. and d.c. operation. This revised standard adopts the International Standard IEC 60898-2 Edition 2.0: 2016-08 with a few changes as indicated in the Hebrew section.</p> <p>Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply for a period of 1 year from publication in Israel Official Gazette. During this time product may be tested according to the old or the new revised standard.</p>	60 days from notification

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FUSES AND OTHER OVERCURRENT PROTECTION DEVICES	ISRAEL	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/956	<p>Electrical circuit-breakers</p> <p><i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 61009 part 1 dealing with electrical circuit-breakers. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard IEC 61009-1 Edition 3.2: 2013-09. This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete revision of EMC sequences, including the new test T.2.6, already approved in IEC 61543; • Clarification of RCDs current/time characteristics reported in Tables 2 and 3; • Revision of test procedure for IΔn between 5A and 200A; • Tests for the use of RCBOs in IT systems; • Testing procedure regarding the 6mA d.c. current superimposed to the fault current; • Improvement highlighting RCDs with multiple sensitivity; • Some alignments with IEC 60898-1. <p><i>In addition, paragraph 4.4 of the standard's Hebrew section prohibits the use of AC Type overcurrent circuit-breakers with sensitivity of up to 30mA in Israel.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, AND SAFETY					
PROTECTION AGAINST FALLING AND SLIPPING	EUROPEAN UNION	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/501	<p>Construction products</p> <p><i>This draft delegated act under the Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 establishes the system to be applied for assessing and verifying constancy of performance of anchor devices used for construction works and intended to prevent persons from falling from a height or to arrest falls from a height, in relation to their essential characteristics.</i></p>	60 days from notification
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	JAPAN	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/564	<p>Dust respirators</p> <p><i>The Ordinance on Examination of Machines and Other Equipment, and related Notification are to be partially amended to place Negative/positive pressure powered air purifying respirator with filtering device to dust respirator as the dust respirator with breath assisting device.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	AUSTRALIA	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/AUS/105	<p>Air Conditioners and heat pumps</p> <p><i>Proposed changes to the energy efficiency regulations for air conditioners are set out in Items One to Four below.</i></p> <p><i>One: Adopt a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) methodology for rating air conditioner energy efficiency.</i></p> <p><i>Two: Adopt a Zoned Energy Rating Label to replace the existing Energy Rating Label, and report Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratings.</i></p> <p><i>Three: Changes to MEPS requirements</i></p> <p><i>Four: Minor changes. Resolve some minor technical issues with air conditioner regulations.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/719/Add.1	Beverage, wine and grape product - Addendum <i>This Ordinance extends the final date to make comments on the Draft Technical Resolution (Portaria) n° 51, 7 April 2017, concerning the labelling of beverages, wine and grape derivatives, by email:rotulagem.bebida@agricultura.gov.br and, revokes the Ordinance 55, 18 October 2002 (Instrução normativa n° 55, de 19 de outubro de 2002) .</i>	30 September 2017
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	SWITZERLAND	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/224	Organic products <i>The ordinances shall be amended in order to facilitate the processing of the import certificates in the Trade Control & Expert System of the European Union (TRACES) . The Federal Office for Agriculture shall be authorized to recognize and withdraw organic control bodies. Moreover, some minor technical modifications and the adaptation of a few administrative procedures are foreseen.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDIA	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/IND/61	Food products <i>The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Import) Amendment Regulations, 2017 deals with the clause related to expiry of product at the time of port clearance and sanitary export certificate.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDIA	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/IND/62	Food products <i>Draft Food Safety and Standards (Third Party Food Safety Auditing) Regulations, 2017 detailing the procedure for recognition of Auditing Agency and process for conducting food safety audits, audit monitoring, audit reporting and management requirement.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
SYRINGES, NEEDLES AND CATHETERS	ISRAEL	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/953	Medical syringes and needles <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 1268 part 6, dealing with the colour coding for identification of hypodermic needles for single use. This draft standard revision adopts the International Standard ISO 6009: Fourth edition: 2016-0-01. The major change introduced in this new revised draft standard is that it establishes a colour code for the identification of single-use hypodermic needles of designated range of 0.18mm (34 Gauge) to 3.4mm (10 Gauge) .</i>	60 days from notification
WOUND DRESSINGS AND COMPRESSES	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/722	Sanitary towels, reusable sanitary towels <i>This Draft Uganda Standard prescribes the requirements and test methods for reusable sanitary towels (including reusable panty liners) for external use. This Standard does not apply to disposable sanitary towels for which there is a different Uganda Standard.</i>	60 days from notification

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PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
WAXES, BITUMINOUS MATERIALS AND OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	UGANDA	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/729	<p>Illuminating candles</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, test and sampling methods for candles suitable for illuminating purposes. This working draft Uganda standard does not cover decorative (ornamental) candles.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	21/08/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/990	<p>Cars spare parts</p> <p><i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i></p>	60 days from notification
TRUCKS AND TRAILERS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	21/08/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/991	<p>Trailers and half trailers</p> <p><i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i></p>	60 days from notification
BODIES AND BODY COMPONENTS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	21/08/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/994	<p>Front and rear and side barriers for trucks and trailers</p> <p><i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i></p>	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ADHESIVES	VIET NAM	23/08/2017	G/TBT/N/VNM/104	<p>Wood adhesives</p> <p><i>This draft technical regulation specifies quality requirements to be met by wood adhesives products and goods which are produced domestically, imported and made available in Vietnam. This draft technical regulation does not apply to wood adhesives products and goods which are imported to be used as samples for testing, exhibition goods, goods temporarily imported for re-export, transit goods.</i></p>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELEVISION RECEIVERS	MALAYSIA	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/MYS/75	<p>DTT active indoor antenna</p> <p><i>This Technical Code has been developed to specify the minimum requirements for Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) active indoor antenna (DTT active indoor antenna) for the optimum reception of Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT) signal in the frequency range of 470 MHz - 742 MHz, Ultra High Frequency (UHF) during pre-Analogue Switch Off (ASO) and in the frequency range of 470 MHz - 694 MHz (UHF) during post-ASO.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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RECEIVING AND TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT	MALAYSIA	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/MYS/76	LTE user equipment <i>This Technical Code outlines the minimum requirements for user equipment that is designed or intended for use in connection with a Long Term Evolution (LTE) public mobile telecommunication service in Malaysia.</i>	60 days from notification
TELEVISION RECEIVERS	MALAYSIA	25/08/2017	G/TBT/N/MYS/77	Terrestrial free to air set top box receivers, integrated digital television or personal video recorders <i>This Technical Code outlines the minimum broadcast middleware requirements for Malaysia. The middleware outlined here is based on Hybrid broadcast broadband Television (HbbTV) which is an international open standard specification for video delivery via internet-capable TVs, set-top boxes, and multiscreen devices. This Technical code is the First revision and replacing the previous document "Middleware Profile for Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcast Service (SKMM MTSFB TC G002:2013)".</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	21/08/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/996	Textile products <i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types)</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE FABRICS	UGANDA	22/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/723	Disposable adult absorbent products <i>This draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and test methods for disposable adult absorbent products for managing incontinence including adult diapers, adult briefs, adult underpads (inserted in pants) and others.</i>	60 days from notification