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Website: www.bps.dti.gov.ph 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, Chemicals, Civil Engineering, Food and Beverages, Road Vehicles Engineering etc. from Argentina, Brazil, Jamaica, Kenya, 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 <u>bps@dti.gov.ph</u>

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Product Sector	Country	Date	TBT Notification	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for
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PLANT GROWING	KENYA	23/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/KEN/575</u>	Plant growing This Regulation provides guidelines on citation, interpretation, scope and purpose of the Regulations and application of fibre crops.	11 June 2017
PLANT GROWING	KENYA	23/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/KEN/576</u>	Plant growing The purpose of these regulations is to give guidelines to the Horticulture industry and provide for the: a) Application, processing procedure and forms; b) conditions for registration of produce dealers and horticulture nursery operators; c) contracts between produce dealers and horticulture producers; and d) such other matters as may be deemed necessary for affecting these Regulations.	11 June 2017
PLANT GROWING	KENYA	23/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/KEN/577</u>	Plant growing This Regulation provides guidelines on citation and commencement, interpretation, application and purpose of the Regulation of food crops.	11 June 2017

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PLANT GROWING	KENYA	23/05/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/580	Plant growing	11 June 2017
				The purpose of this Regulation is to provide guidelines on pyrethrum growing, licensing and marketing.	
PLANT GROWING	KENYA	23/05/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/584	Plant growing	11 June 2017
				The purpose of these Regulations is to provide guidelines to the nuts and oil crops industry and provide for: The application processing procedures and forms; The conditions for registration and licencing of produce and product dealers and nursery operators; The recommendation of general industry agreements or contracts between produce dealers and nuts and oil crops producers; The compliance with quality and safety standards; The harvesting, processing and marketing of nuts and oil crops; The filing of statistical returns; The imposition and administration of levies; such other matters as may be deemed necessary for effecting these Regulations.	
			CHEMICALS		
AGENTS • SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	JAMAICA	22/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/JAM/60</u>	Surface active agents This document specifies the specification for	13 July 2017
				synthetic laundry detergent powder. It specifies the chemical and physical requirements identifying maximum and minimum permissible limits of key parameters. It also covers essential ingredients, test methods and requirements for packaging, labelling and sampling.	
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	PARAGUAY	22/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/PRY/93</u>	Mixture of anhydrous ethanol with naphthas Establish the mixture of anhydrous Ethanol with naphthas of 85 And 90 octane, by a percentage of at least 17% (seventeen percent), by volume And not more than 25% (twenty-five per cent), by volume, up to 15 June 2017. Establish the mixture of the anhydrous Ethanol with the naphthas of 85 and 90 octanes, in a Percentage of at least 24% (twenty-four percent), by volume and at the most Of 25% (twenty-five percent), by volume, starting June 2017. Mixture of anhydrous ethanol with 95 octane naphtha, by	_
				a percentage of at least 24% (twenty-four percent), and not more than 25% (twenty-five percent), in volume.	
EXPLOSIVES. PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS	UGANDA	24/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/685</u>	Commercial blasting explosives This draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, tests methods and sampling of emulsion explosives.	60 days from notification
	I	1	CIVIL ENGINEERI	,	
ROAD EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	24/05/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/720	Signalling and lighting systems	Not applicable
AND INSTALLATIONS				Ordinance establishing mandatory features and technical specifications of signalling and lighting systems and their devices applicable to cars, vans, utility vehicles, vans, trucks, tractors, buses, minibuses, trailers and semi-trailers newly manufactured, national or imported. It revokes on 1 January 2023, Resolutions CONTRAN: N. 227, 9 February 2007; N. 294, 17 October 2008; N. 383, 2 June 2011; N. 436, of 20 February 2013, and Annex B of Resolution CONTRAN N.561, 15 October 2015.	

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION	JAMAICA	22/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/JAM/59</u>	Aggregates for concrete	28 June 2017
MATERIALS				This document specifies the requirements for naturally occurring sand, gravel and stone, crushed or uncrushed, intended for use in the production of concrete for normal constructional purposes.	
	DC	DMESTIC AND	COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, E	ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS	
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	22/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/TPKM/274</u>	Baby walkers CNS 13035 has been adopted as the inspection standard for the baby walkers since 1984. On 10 September 2013, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) updated the CNS 13035, which is one of the inspection standards in order to enhance consumer protection. The newly revised version of CNS 13035 requires toys attached to baby walkers to comply with CNS 4797 and play trays of baby walkers to comply with CNS 15503, which limits the total amount of the 8 kinds of Phthalates (DMP, DEP, DEHP, DBP, BBP,	60 days from notification
				DINP, DIDP and DNOP) and 8 kinds of heavy metals (Sb, As, Ba, Cd, Cr, Pb, Hg and Se).	
	1	1	ELECTRICAL ENGINE		
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	24/05/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/297/Add.7	Low Voltage Products - Addendum It is reported that, by Resolution No. 390-E /	-
				2017 of the Ministry of Commerce, Resolution SC-207-E / 2017 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 297 / Add.6), both as amended and amended. Supplementary to SC Resolution 171/2016 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 297 / Add.5) "Regime for the mandatory certification of compliance with the essential requirements of Safety for low voltage electrical products that are marketed in the country. " Likewise, the related and / or related regulations are adapted.	
		FLUID	SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS	S FOR GENERAL USE	
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	NEW ZEALAND	23/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/NZL/78</u>	 Air-conditioners Proposed changes to the current regulatory requirements for air conditioners are set out in Items One to Four below. Note: that Australia will adopt the same changes through making amendments to the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards (Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps) Determination 2013 (https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2013L01672) under the Greenhouse Energy Minimum Standards (GEMS) Act 2012. One: Adopt a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) methodology for rating air conditioner energy efficiency, by incorporating the following Australia/New Zealand Standards into regulation: AS/NZS 3823.4.1:2014 Performance of electrical appliances - Air conditioners and heat pumps - Part 4.1: Air-cooled air conditioners factor (ISO 16358-1:2013, MOD) - Including Amendment 1, 2017 AS/NZS 3823.4.2:2014 Performance of electrical appliances - Air conditioners and heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - testing and calculating methods for seasonal performance factors - Cooling seasonal performance factors - Cooling seasonal performance factor A.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - part 4.2: Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - testing and calculating methods for seasonal performance factors - Cooling seasonal performance factors - Cooling heat pumps - testing and calculating methods f	

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	Symbol	 Heating seasonal performance factor (ISO 16358-2:2013, MOD) - Including Amendment 1, 2017 ASINZS 3823.1.5:2015 Performance of electrical appliances - Air conditioners and heat pumps - Part 1.5: Non-ducted portable air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Testing and rating for performance. Note: the Standards ASINZS 3823.4.1:2014 and ASINZS 3823.4.2:2014 listed above are based on Parts 1 and 2 of ISO 16358:2013 Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps Testing and calculating methods for seasonal performance factors but they make use of local climate data. Amendments to these Standards were published in May 2017, to include more realistic operational hours (at the request of industry). The three Standards listed above will supplement the following test standards that currently apply under New Zealand regulation: ASINZS 3823.1.1:2012: Performance of electrical appliances - Airconditioners and heat pumps - Testing and ariting for performance (ISO 5151:2010, MOD) ASINZS 3823.1.2:2012: Performance of electrical appliances - Airconditioners and heat pumps - Testing and rating for performance (ISO 153253:2011, MOD) ASINZS 3823.1.4:2012 Performance of electrical appliances - Airconditioners and heat pumps - Testing and rating for performance (ISO 15042:2011, MOD) ASINZS 3823.1.4:2012 Performance of electrical appliances - Airconditioners and heat pumps - Part 1.4: Multiple split-system airconditioners and air-to-air heat pumps - Sesting and rating for performance (ISO 15042:2011, MOD) ASINZS 3823.3:2020 Performance of electrical appliances - Airconditioners and heat pumps - Part 3: Calculation of performance for minimum energy performance for minimum energy Rating Label, and, (for products not required to display a label to replace the existing Energy Rating Label, and, (for products our requires to display a label in place of the existing Energy Rating Label, and (ifor products not req	

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Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title Noise test requirements: Non-ducted split systems: indoor and outdoor noise levels Ducted units (both split and unitary units): outdoor noise levels only. Non-ducted unitary units (e.g. window/wall units): indoor and outdoor noise levels. Single and double duct 'portable' unitary units that sit wholly within the conditioned space: indoor noise levels only. Multi-split systems: outdoor noise level of single outdoor units, based on the representative combination used for registration. Changing the SEER degradation coefficient: The degradation coefficient from AS/NZS 3823.4 will be fixed at the default value of 0.25. Measurement of non-operative power: Non-operative power (e.g. standby) for the MEPS metric will change to the weighted average power consumption (Pia) of AS/NZS 3823.4. H2 and H3 testing: Air enthalpy tests or a shorter calorimeter room test will be accepted for H2/H3 (2°C/-7°C) tests for all air conditioners. Use of default SEER values: Fixed speed products will be able to use the default values for the 29°C cooling test and variable speed products will be allowed to use the fixed speed test points. Certifying test results for >30 kW products: Eurovent, and AHRI certification and regional adoptions of ISO test standards will be able to be used. Simulation testing of >30 kW products: Simulation software that can be demonstrated to yield equivalent results to a physical test will be able to be used. Maximum cooling test: Will no longer be a requirement for labelled products.	Final Date for Comments
				Rating commercial products: Products may be rated on either a commercial or domestic	
			FOOD AND BEVERA	operating basis. GES	
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	22/05/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/694/Add.2	Wheat and corn flours enriched with iron and folic acid - Addendum	-
				This addendum aims at informing that the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) issued the Resolution RDC N° 155, 5 May 2017, which changes the Ministerial Order SVS/ MS N° 29, 13 January 1998, and approves the Technical Regulation on special-purpose foods to regulate wheat and maize flours for iron-restricted diets, notified as G/TBT/N/ BRA/694.	
GENERAL METHODS OF	BRAZIL	22/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/BRA/718</u>	Food products	9 June 2017
TESTS AND ANALYSIS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS				This Draft Resolution establishes criteria for the issuance of Food Export Sanitary Certificate, within the framework of the National Health Surveillance System. The Food Export Sanitary Certificate is a document issued by the National Sanitary Surveillance System responsible for the licensing of the manufacturer of the food product that will be exported, to exclusively attend sanitary requirements of food importing countries manufactured in Brazil. It is issued on a voluntary request from the exporting company, valid for 4 months from the date of issue.	

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				In the absence of models established by the importing country, the model established in the Annex to this Ministerial Order shall be adopted. To meet specific demands, information may be added to the model of Food Export Sanitary Certificate established in the annex, provided that its format and minimum content are not decharacterized. The National Health Surveillance System shall request from the exporting company information on the requirements established by the importing country and the existence of specific models of Food Export Sanitary Certificate required by the sanitary authority of the importing country. Only the information that is within the competence of the National Sanitary Surveillance System must be included in the Food Export Sanitary Certificate. Laboratory analysis and other costs for exporting food are the responsibility of the exporting company. This resolution comes into force on the date of its publication.	
BEVERAGES	BRAZIL	24/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/BRA/719</u>	Beverage, wine and grape product This Draft Technical Resolution approves the rules regarding the labeling of beverages, wine, and grape derivatives. It revokes the Ordinance 55, 18 October 2002 (Instrução Normativa Nº 55, de 18 de outubro de 2002).	19 July 2017
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	COSTA RICA	22/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/CRI/167</u>	Alcoholic drinks The purpose of this technical regulation is to establish Definitions of the terms used in the Alcoholic Beverage Industry, as well as the Classification of these, for purposes of product designation and labeling. NOTE: The alcoholic strength indicated in each of the definitions does not represent levels Such levels are the sole power of the Ministry of Health and Health policy established by it.	30 days from notification With regard to the amendment specified in paragraph 3 of this notification.
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	KENYA	23/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/KEN/578</u>	Coffee and coffee substitutes In Exercise of the powers conferred by Section 40 of the Crops Act, 2013 the Cabinet Secretary, in consultation with the Authority, makes regulations which are cited as the Coffee (General) Regulations, 2016 and shall come into operation on such date as the Cabinet Secretary may, by notice in the Gazette, appoint.	11 June 2017
TEA	KENYA	23/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/KEN/579</u>	Tea This Regulation provides guidelines on how to establish a commercial Tea nursery.	11 June 2017
TEA	KENYA	23/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/KEN/581</u>	Herbal and fruit infusions This Kenya standard specifies requirements and methods of analysis and sampling for of herbal and fruit infusions. Any use for medicinal purposes is not within the scope of this standard.	5 June 2017
TEA	KENYA	23/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/KEN/582</u>	Orthodox Tea This Kenya Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test of orthodox teas (non-aerated, aerated, semi aerated and purple) of the species Camellia sinensis (Linneaus) O. Kuntze. This standard does not apply to flavoured teas and decaffeinated orthodox teas.	5 June 2017

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TEA	KENYA	23/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/KEN/583</u>	Purple tea This Kenya Standard specifies the parts of Camellia sinensis (Linneaus) O. Kuntze suitable for making purple tea for consumption as a beverage and the chemical requirements used to indicate that tea from that source has been produced in accordance with good production practice. This standard does not apply to flavoured teas and decaffeinated purple teas.	
POULTRY AND EGGS	UGANDA	24/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/UGA/684</u>	Edible eggs in shell This draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of test for edible eggs-in-shell fit for human consumption and for use in the food and/or non-food industries. Eggs may be from any domesticated poultry.	60 days from notification
	1		HEALTH CARE TECH	1	
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	22/05/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/707/Add.1	Pharmaceutical products - Addendum The Draft Resolution n° 311/2017, notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/707, was adopted as a final text, published as ANVISA Resolution - RDC n° 157, 11 May 2017.	_
	1		PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUT		
STORING. WAREHOUSING	MEXICO	22/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/MEX/357</u>	Land storage facilities for oil companies This Official Mexican Emergency Standard applies in throughout the national territory and is mandatory for all Regulated persons responsible of Design, Construction, Pre-Startup, Operation and Maintenance of Facilities for the Storage, Reception and Delivery of Petroleum, Additives and Biofuels, except for Liquefied Petroleum Gas.	
			ROAD VEHICLES ENG	NEERING	
CYCLES	ARGENTINA	23/05/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/151/Add.16	Bicycles - Addendum Please be advised that Joint Resolution No. 28 -E/2017 of the Secretariat of Trade and Secretariat of Industry and Services amends the mandatory certification system in respect of essential safety requirements for the placing of new bicycles on the market, established pursuant to Resolution No. 220/2003 of the former Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SICPyME) (G/TBT/N/ARG/151), following the inclusion in this system of electric power-assisted cycles (EPACs).	
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	23/05/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/32/Add.14	Motor vehicles - Addendum By means of this Addendum No. 14, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Amendment No. 3 to the fourth revision (4R) of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 034 "Minimum safety requirements for motor vehicle parts", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/32/ Add.11 of 1 November 2016, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 175 of 19 April 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 1011 of 22 May 2017.	

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ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	22/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/SAU/983</u>	Top loading road tankers that carry high elevated temperatures materials This standard covers the design, construction, inspection, testing, and maintenance of Top Loading road tankers that carry high elevated temperatures materials.	60 days from notification
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PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	ARGENTINA	24/05/2017	<u>G/TBT/N/ARG/294/Add.4</u>	All products subject to certification schemes - Addendum By Resolution No. 247-E / 2017 and No. 390-E / 2017, both of the SECRETARIAT OF COMMERCE were substitutes Articles 1 and 2 of SC Resolution No. 282/2014 and extends its entry into effective until June 1, 2017. Resolution SC No. 282/2014 is amending Resolution SClyM N° 431/1999 (G / TBT / Notif. 99/375) complementary to Resolution SClyM No. 123/1999 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 294 / Add.3). The aforementioned in the first term was without effect, in fact, until the re-establishment of the validity of the Resolution ex SClyM N° 431/1999 provided by the SC Resolution No. 75/2016 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 294 / Add.2).	_