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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, Electrical Engineering, Food and Beverages, Health Care, Road Vehicles etc. from Chile, the European Union, Mexico, Tanzania, the United States of America 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 (21 - 27 January 2017)

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AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	BRAZIL	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/676/Add.1	Animal products - Addendum <i>This Ordinance set the guidelines for the registration of products of animal origin and must be made by domestic manufacturers registered or related to Federal Inspection Service (Serviço de Inspeção Fedral - SIF) and by foreign producers and should be performed by the Department of Product Inspection of Animal Origin of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Agriculture, Livestock and Supply - DIPOA/SDA/MAPA.</i>	--

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HORTICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	BOTSWANA	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BWA/60	<p>Walk-behind and hand-held lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers</p> <p><i>This International Standard deals with the safety of electric powered walk-behind and hand-held lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers, with cutting element(s) of non-metallic filament line or freely pivoting non-metallic cutter(s), with a kinetic energy of not more than 10 J each, used by a standing operator for cutting grass, their rated voltage not being not more than 250 V for a.c. or 50 V d.c.</i></p> <p><i>In this standard, hand-held and walk-behind lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers are referred to collectively as trimmer(s).</i></p> <p><i>So far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by trimmers which are encountered by all persons in the normal use and reasonably foreseeable misuse of the trimmers.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 101 Attention is drawn to the fact that in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities.</i></p> <p><i>This standard does not apply to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scissor type or lawn trimmers and lawn edge trimmers with cutting means other than those described above; - self-propelled lawn trimmers or lawn edge trimmers; - lawn trimmers or lawn edge trimmers which do not have a distance of at least 600 mm between the cutting means control and the cutting head; - battery-powered trimmers fitted with batteries that have to be removed for charging. <p><i>NOTE 102 Requirements for tools with this type of battery can be found in Annexes K and L of IEC 60745-1.</i></p> <p><i>EMC and environmental aspects, except noise, have not been considered in this standard.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 103 The method of calculating the kinetic energy for the purposes of this standard is given in 22.103.</i></p>	60 days after notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CANADA	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/513	<p>Tobacco products</p> <p><i>Bill S-5 proposes to amend the Tobacco Act to regulate vaping products as a class of products separate from tobacco products.</i></p>	26 March 2017

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				<p><i>The Tobacco Act would be renamed the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act and would include provisions to protect youth from nicotine addiction and tobacco use; allow adults to access vaping products as likely less harmful alternatives to tobacco; and, generally, to protect the health of Canadians. The Bill also extends the current authorities of the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act to apply to all vaping products without therapeutic claims; vaping products with therapeutic claims would continue to be regulated under the Food and Drugs Act.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Definitions: The Bill includes a definition for vaping products (with and without nicotine) which would cover a range of vaping devices (e.g., electronic or pressurized devices) and substances (e.g., liquids) .</i> <i>• Access by youth: The Bill proposes to ban vaping product sales to persons under 18. Measures are also proposed to require age verification at delivery for vaping products from online sales. Additional measures to prevent youth access (i.e. ban on vending machines) would be applied to both vaping and tobacco products. The Bill also proposes to include regulatory authorities to prescribe, by future regulations, how many vaping devices or how much vaping liquid is to be contained in a package.</i> <i>• Flavours and ingredients: The Bill proposes to prohibit the promotion of a vaping product referencing specific flavour descriptions (e.g. confectionary and soft drink flavours) . Regulatory authority is proposed to prohibit additional flavours through a schedule to the Act based on emerging data and industry innovation. The proposed legislation would also prohibit certain ingredients because they suggest health benefits (e.g. vitamins) or vitality (e.g. caffeine) .</i> <i>• Promotion: Provisions specific to vaping products would restrict certain types of promotion of vaping products. Lifestyle promotion (i.e. associated with an exciting way of life) would be prohibited, except in cases where it only reaches adults (e.g. in bars) . The legislation proposes to prohibit the offering of vaping product for free. As well, it proposes to prohibit the promotion of vaping products</i> 	

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				<p><i>Brand preference (e.g. logos, price) and information-based advertising (e.g. ingredients) would be permitted everywhere, as long as it is not appealing to youth.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Labelling: The Bill includes regulation making authority for vaping products to require that information be displayed on packages and products (e.g. health warnings, nicotine concentration) . Details would be set out in future regulations.</i> • <i>Disclosure to the Minister and Public Disclosure: The Bill includes regulation-making authority to require that manufacturers and importers of vaping products regularly submit information to the minister of Health Canada on devices and components, substances and ingredients, sales, promotion and research. The proposed legislation would require the Minister, manufacturers and importers to make public certain information on tobacco and vaping products as prescribed by regulations. Details would be set out in future regulations.</i> • <i>Health and Safety: The Bill proposes to amend the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act so that electrical, mechanical, and toxicological hazards posed by vaping products without therapeutic claims, could be addressed by this Act. The safety as well as quality and efficacy of vaping products with therapeutic claims would continue to be addressed under the Food and Drugs Act.</i> • <i>Plain and Standardize Packaging of Tobacco Products: The Bill would support the implementation of comprehensive plain and standardized packaging requirements for tobacco product packages and tobacco products. Details would be set out in future regulations. The Bill would also clarify that the Trade-marks Act and common law would continue to apply.</i> 	
AGROCHEMICALS • PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/449	<p>Pesticides - Residues - Sulfuryl fluoride</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance sulfuryl fluoride is amended as follows: Existing authorised plant protection products containing sulfuryl fluoride should be used in food business premises where internal procedures in place ensure that foodstuffs</i></p>	60 days from notification

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				<p>present during fumigation are marketed only where they comply with the existing maximum residue levels. Monitoring data of the atmospheric concentration of sulfuryl fluoride should be submitted every five years.</p> <p>This decision only concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide.</p>	
FERTILIZERS	TANZANIA	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TZA/45	<p>Nitrate nitrogen</p> <p>This Standard prescribes a method for the determination of nitrate nitrogen in fertilizers.</p>	60 days after circulation by WTO secretariat
AGRICULTURAL • AGRICULTURAL MACHINES, IMPLEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT	TANZANIA	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TZA/46	<p>Dry beans</p> <p>This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for dry common beans (<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.) intended for human consumption. The standards also prescribe the packaging and labelling requirements.</p>	60 days after circulation by WTO secretariat
FERTILIZERS	TANZANIA	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TZA/47	<p>Fertilizers - Mono-ammonium phosphate and di-ammonium phosphate (MAP & DAP)</p> <p>AFDC 10 (4087) P3 Fertilizers - Mono-Ammonium Phosphate and Di-Ammonium Phosphate (MAP & DAP) - Specification (4 pages, in English)</p>	60 days after circulation by WTO secretariat
FERTILIZERS	TANZANIA	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TZA/49	<p>Potassium sulphate (sulphate of potash)</p> <p>This Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for potassium sulphate (sulphate of potash) fertilizer. The standards also prescribe the packaging and labelling requirements.</p>	60 days after circulation by WTO secretariat
FERTILIZERS	TANZANIA	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TZA/50	<p>Potassium chloride (muriate of potash)</p> <p>This Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for potassium chloride (muriate of potash) fertilizer. The standards also prescribe the packaging and labelling requirements.</p>	60 days after circulation by WTO secretariat
FARMING AND FORESTRY	UNITED STATES	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1118/Add.2	<p>Organic livestock and poultry - Addendum</p> <p>The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is amending the organic livestock and poultry production requirements by adding new provisions for livestock handling and transport for slaughter and avian living conditions;</p>	--

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				<p>and expanding and clarifying existing requirements covering livestock care and production practices and mammalian living conditions.</p> <p><i>DATES: Effective Date: This rule becomes effective 20 March 2017.</i></p> <p><i>Implementation Dates: This rule will be fully implemented 20 March 2018. There are two exceptions:</i></p> <p>1) Organic egg operations that are certified before 20 March 2020 need to implement the outdoor access requirements by 21 March 2022. Organic egg operations that become certified after 20 March 2020 need to comply with the outdoor access requirements in order to obtain certification.</p> <p>2) Organic broiler operations must fully implement the indoor space requirements by 20 March 2020.</p>	
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1266	<p>Finished smokeless tobacco products</p> <p>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing a tobacco product standard that would establish a limit of N-Nitrosornicotine (NNN) in finished smokeless tobacco products. FDA is taking this action because NNN is a potent carcinogenic agent found in smokeless tobacco products and is a major contributor to the elevated cancer risks associated with smokeless tobacco use. Because products with higher NNN levels pose higher risks of cancer, FDA finds that establishing a NNN limit in finished smokeless tobacco products is appropriate for the protection of the public health.</p>	10 April 2017
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
ON-BOARD • ON-BOARD EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTS	UNITED STATES	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1256/Corr.1	<p>Enhanced flight vision systems - Corrigendum</p> <p>In rule document 2016-28714 appearing on pages 90126-90177 in the issue of Tuesday, 13 December 2016, make the following correction:</p> <p>On page 90174, in the third column, in the 18th through 22nd line, paragraph (iii) should read Sec. 91.176(b)(3)(iii) [Corrected] "(iii) At 100 feet above the touchdown zone elevation of the runway of intended landing and below that altitude, the flight visibility must be sufficient for one of the following visual references to be distinctly visible and identifiable to the pilot without reliance on the EFVS--"</p>	--

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CHEMICALS					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN GENERAL	COSTA RICA	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CRI/164	Hazardous chemicals <i>Technical Specifications of the Label Proposal Energy Efficiency for Instantaneous Hot Water Production Artifacts Domestic, using gaseous fuels (water heaters). This specification includes the scope and field of application, energy efficiency ranges, label design and location in which the label must be fixed.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
CHEMICALS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC DISINFECTION PURPOSES	ECUADOR	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/288/Add.1	Labelling of pesticides for domestic use - Addendum <i>By means of this Addendum No. 1, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 258 "Labelling of pesticides for household use", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/288 of 27 October 2014, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 16 293 of 27 July 2016 of the Under-Secretariat for Quality of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 827 of 26 August 2016.</i>	--
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/249/Add.1	Personal care and cosmetics pr[...]g plastic microbeads - Addendum <i>The Environmental Protection Administration intends to notify the following proposed changes to the draft of "Restrictions on the Manufacture, Import, and Sale of Personal Care and Cosmetics Products Containing Plastic Microbeads (Draft)" notified on 14 October 2016:</i> 1. To add "facial scrub" to the scope. 2. To move the date of implementation forward to an earlier date. <i>For manufacturers and importers, the requirements would be effective on 1 January 2018; for vendors, the requirements would be effective on 1 July 2018.</i>	30 days from the date of notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1226/Add.1	Chemical substances - Addendum <i>EPA is withdrawing significant new use rules (SNURs) promulgated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for two chemical substances, which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) .</i>	--

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				<i>EPA published these SNURs using direct final rulemaking procedures, which requires EPA to take certain actions if a notice of intent to submit an adverse comment is received. EPA received notices of intent to submit adverse comments regarding the SNURs identified in this document. Therefore, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule SNURs identified in this document, as required under the direct final rulemaking procedures.</i>	
CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS					
WATER • WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	CHILE	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/358/Add.1	Hot Water Storage (Thermo) - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Protocol of Analysis and / or Safety Tests of electrical products of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), notified on April 28, 2016, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 358, it is reported that this has been issued on October 17, 2016, through Resolution Ex. No. 15,657 of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), which will enter into force on March 31, 2017.</i>	--
HEATING • WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	CHILE	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/387	Instant domestic hot water production devices using gaseous [...] fuels (water heaters) <i>Technical Specifications of the Label Proposal Energy Efficiency for Instantaneous Hot Water Production Artifacts Domestic, using gaseous fuels (water heaters). This specification includes the Scope and field of application, energy efficiency ranges, label design and location in which the label must be fixed.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT					
REFRIGERATING • DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	BOTSWANA	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BWA/56	Domestic refrigerating appliances <i>This International Standard deals with the safety of the following appliances, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances, 480 V for other appliances and 24 V d.c. for appliances when battery operated.</i>	60 days after notification

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				<p>- refrigerating appliances for household and similar use;</p> <p>- ice-makers incorporating a motor-compressor and ice-makers intended to be incorporated in frozen food storage compartments;</p> <p>- refrigerating appliances and ice-makers for use in camping, touring caravans and boats for leisure purposes.</p> <p>These appliances may be operated from the mains, from a separate battery or operated either from the mains or from a separate battery.</p> <p>This standard also deals with the safety of ice-cream appliances intended for household use, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase and 480 V for other appliances.</p> <p>It also deals with compression-type appliances for household and similar use, which use flammable refrigerants.</p> <p>This standard does not cover features of the construction and operation of those refrigerating appliances which are dealt with in other IEC standards.</p> <p>Refrigerating appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - refrigerating appliances used in staff kitchen areas in shops, offices and other working environments, - refrigerating appliances used in farm houses and by clients in hotels, motels and other residential type environments. - refrigerating appliances used in bed and breakfast type environments, and - refrigerating appliances used in catering and similar non-retail applications are within the scope of this standard. <p>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safety without supervision or instruction;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - children playing with the appliance. <p>NOTE 1 Attention is drawn to the fact that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary; 	

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				<p>- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities and similar authorities.</p> <p>NOTE 2 This standard does not apply to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - appliances intended to be used in the open air; - appliances designed exclusively for industrial purposes; - appliances intended to be used in locations, where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas); - appliances incorporating a battery intended as a power supply for the refrigerating function; - appliances assembled on site by the installer; - appliances with remote motor-compressors; - motor-compressors (IEC 60335-2-34); - commercial dispensing appliances and vending appliances (IEC 60335-2-75); - commercial refrigerators and freezers used for the display of food products, including beverages, for retail sale (IEC 60335-2-89); - commercial ice-cream appliances. 	
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	BOTSWANA	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BWA/57	<p>Room heaters</p> <p>This International Standard deals with the safety of electric room heaters for household and similar purposes, their rated voltage being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.</p> <p>NOTE 101 Examples of appliances that are within the scope the scope of this standard are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - convector heaters; - fan heaters; - liquid-filled radiators; - panel heaters; - radiant heaters; - tubular heaters; - ceiling mounted heat lamp appliances. <p>For extraction fans of ceiling mounted heat lamp appliances, IEC 60335-2-80 is applicable as far as is reasonable.</p> <p>Appliances not intended for normal household use but which nevertheless may be a source of danger to the public, such as appliances intended to be used by layman in shops, in light industry and on farms, are within the scope of this standard.</p>	

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				<p><i>As far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by appliances that are encountered by all persons in and around the home. However, in general, it does not take into account persons (including children) whose physical, sensory or mental capabilities; or lack of experience and knowledge prevents them from using the appliance safely without supervision or instruction</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>children playing with the appliance.</i> <p><i>NOTE 102 Attention is drawn to the fact that</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;</i> - <i>in many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities;</i> - <i>for appliances intended to be used in the presence of combustible dust, for example in barns or stables, additional requirements may be necessary.</i> <p><i>NOTE 103 This standard does not apply to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>appliances intended exclusively for industrial purposes;</i> - <i>appliances intended to be used where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);</i> - <i>heaters that are built into air conditioners (IEC 60335-2-40);</i> - <i>clothes dryers and towel rails (IEC 60335-2-43);</i> - <i>heaters for saunas (IEC 60335-2-53);</i> - <i>thermal-storage room heaters (IEC 60335-2-61);</i> - <i>heating appliances for breeding and rearing animals (IEC 60335-2-71);</i> - <i>foot warmers and heating mats (IEC 60335-2-81);</i> - <i>flexible sheet heating elements for room heating (IEC 60335-2-96);</i> - <i>heated carpets;</i> - <i>central heating systems;</i> 	
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	CHILE	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/354/Add.1	<p>Heating pads, bed heaters, blankets - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Protocol of Analysis and / or Safety Tests of electrical products of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), notified on 7</i></p>	

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				<i>G / TBT / N / CHL / 354, it is reported that this has been issued on October 17, 2016, through Resolution Ex. N ° 15.662 of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), which will enter into force on December 31, 2017.</i>	
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
INSULATING • INSULATING GAS- ES	BOTSWANA	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BWA/59	<p>Insulating gases</p> <p><i>This part of IEC 60947 applies to switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units to be used in distribution circuits and motor circuits of which the rated voltage does not exceed 1000 V a.c. or 1500 V d.c.</i></p> <p><i>The manufacturer shall specify the type, ratings and characteristics according to the relevant standard of any incorporated fuses.</i></p> <p><i>This part does not apply to equipment coming within the scope of IEC 60947-2, IEC 60947-4-1 and IEC 60947-5-1; however, when switches and fuse-combination units coming into the scope of this part are normally used to start, accelerate and/or stop an individual motor they shall also comply with the additional requirements given in Annex A.</i></p> <p><i>The requirements for single pole operated three pole switches are included in Annex C. Auxiliary switches fitted to equipment within the scope of this part shall comply with the requirements of IEC 60947-5-1.</i></p> <p><i>This part does not include the additional requirements necessary for electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 1 Depending on its design, a switch (or disconnector) can be referred to as a rotary switch (disconnector), cam-operated switch (disconnector), knife-switch (disconnector), etc.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 2 In this part, the word switch also applies to the apparatus referred to in French as commutateurs, intended to modify the connections between several circuits and inter alia to substitute a part of a circuit for another.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE 3 In general, throughout this part switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units will be referred to as equipment.</i></p> <p><i>The object of this part is to state</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the characteristics of the equipment;</i> • <i>the conditions with which the equipment shall comply with reference to</i> 	60 days after notification

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> operation and behaviour in normal service; operation and behaviour in case of specified abnormal conditions, e.g. short circuit; dielectric properties; the tests for confirming that these conditions have been met and the methods to be adopted for these tests; the information to be marked on the equipment or made available by the manufacturer, e.g. in the catalogue. 	
ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES	CHILE	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/366/Add.1	<p>Junction boxes or distribution boxes for fixed electrical installations for domestic use - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile announces that the protocol for analyzing and / or testing the safety of a product Directorate-General for Electricity and Fuels (SEC), notified on 15 July 2016, in document G / TBT / N / CHL / 366, was published on 21 November 2016 in the Special Resolution (Resolución Exenta) No. 16.215 of the SEC entering into force on 31 December 2017.</i></p>	--
GALVANIC CELLS AND BATTERIES	CHILE	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/381/Add.1	<p>Mobile Chargers (Switched Fonts) - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Protocol of Analysis and / or Safety Tests of gas products of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), notified on 25 November 2016, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 381, it is reported that this has been Issued on December 26, 2016, by means of Exempt Resolution No. 16,677 of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), which will enter into force on March 31, 2018.</i></p>	--
CONDUITS FOR ELECTRICAL PURPOSES	CHILE	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/382/Add.1	<p>Pipes, non-metallic, for underground electrical installations - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Protocol of Analysis and / or Safety Tests Electrical product of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), notified on 25 November 2016, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 382, it is reported that this has been Issued on December 26, 2016, by means of Exempt Resolution No. 16,674 of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), which will enter into force on December 31 2017.</i></p>	--

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LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/874/Add.8	General service lamps - Addendum <i>On 17 March 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) proposing standards for general service lamps (GSLs) pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended. DOE responds to comments received on the NOPDDA in this final rule and adopts a revised definition of GSL and other supplemental definitions. The effective date of this rule is 1 January 2020.</i>	--
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/874/Add.9	General service lamps - Addendum <i>On 17 March 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) proposing standards for general service lamps (GSLs) pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended. In this final rule DOE responds to comments received on the October 2016 NOPDDA regarding IRLs and amends the definition of GSL. The effective date of this rule is 1 January 2020.</i>	--
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
PROTECTION AGAINST EXCESSIVE PRESSURE	KAZAKHSTAN	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KAZ/11	Equipment operating under excess pressure <i>Draft amendments to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Safety of Equipment Operating under Excess Pressure" envisages (i) establishment of new terms, (ii) clarification of certain provisions of the Technical Regulation on the basis of the results of the application of the Technical Regulation.</i>	20 March 2017
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1175/Add.1	Ferroalloys emissions - Addendum <i>This action sets forth the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) final decision on the issues for which it announced reconsideration on 12 July 2016, that pertain to certain aspects of the 30 June 2015, final amendments for the Ferroalloys Production source category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) . The EPA is amending the rule to allow existing facilities with positive pressure baghouses to perform visible</i>	--

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				<p>emissions monitoring twice daily as an alternative to installing and operating bag leak detection systems (BLDS) to ensure the baghouses are operating properly. In addition, this final action explains that EPA is maintaining the requirement that facilities must use a digital camera opacity technique (DCOT) method to demonstrate compliance with opacity limits. However, this final action revises the rule such that it references the recently updated version of the DCOT method. In this action, the EPA also explains that no changes are being made regarding the rule provision that requires quarterly polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) emission testing for furnaces producing ferromanganese (FeMn) with an opportunity for facilities to request decreased compliance test frequency from their permitting authority after the first year. Furthermore, in this action, the EPA is denying the request for reconsideration of the PAH emission limits for both FeMn and silicomanganese (SiMn) production furnaces.</p>	
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS					
PRESSURE VESSELS	CHILE	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/363/Add.1	<p>Welded aluminium cylinders for liquefied petroleum gases (LPG), for [...] on forklifts - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Protocol of Analysis and / or Safety Tests of gas products of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), notified on 15 July 2016, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 363, it is reported that this has been issued on November 14, 2016, through Resolution Exempt No. 16,077 of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), which will enter into force on November 2, 2017.</i></p>	--
PUMPS	CHILE	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/365/Add.1	<p>Motor pumps the liquid fuels - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Protocol of Analysis and / or Safety Tests of products of liquid fuels of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), notified on 15 July 2016, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 365, Was issued on October 27, 2016, by means of Exempt Resolution No. 15.829 of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), which will enter into force on November 2, 2017.</i></p>	--

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VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR- CONDITIONERS	UNITED STATES	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1062/Add.2	Fans - Addendum <i>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including ceiling fans. EPCA also requires the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to periodically determine whether more-stringent standards would be technologically feasible and economically justified, and would save a significant amount of energy. In this final rule, DOE amends the energy conservation standards for ceiling fans. It has determined that the amended energy conservation standards for these products would result in significant conservation of energy, and are technologically feasible and economically justified.</i>	--
PIPELINE COMPONENTS AND PIPELINES	UNITED STATES	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1261	Pipes, fittings, fixtures <i>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to make conforming changes to existing drinking water regulations based on the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act of 2011 (RLDWA) and the Community Fire Safety Act of 2013 (CFSA) . Section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) prohibits the use and introduction into commerce of certain plumbing products that are not lead free. The RLDWA revised the definition of lead free to lower the allowable maximum lead content from 8.0 percent to a weighted average of 0.25 percent of the wetted surfaces of plumbing products and established a statutory method for calculating lead content. In addition, the RLDWA created exemptions from the lead free requirements for plumbing products that are used exclusively for nonpotable services as well as for other specified products. The CFSA further amended section 1417 to exempt fire hydrants from these requirements. EPA proposes to establish new requirements to assure that individuals purchasing, installing or inspecting potable water systems can identify lead free plumbing materials. Specifically, EPA proposes to establish labelling requirements to differentiate plumbing products that</i>	17 April 2017

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				<i>meet the lead free requirements from those that are exempt from the lead free requirements and to require manufacturers to certify compliance with the lead free requirements. These proposed requirements would reduce inadvertent use of non-lead free plumbing products in potable use applications and, consequently, reduce exposure to lead in drinking water and associated adverse health effects.</i>	
PUMPS	UNITED STATES	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1263	Dedicated-purpose pool pumps <i>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), as amended, sets forth a variety of provisions designed to improve energy efficiency. Part C of Title III establishes the "Energy Conservation Program for Certain Industrial Equipment." The covered equipment includes pumps. In this document, DOE proposes amended energy conservation standards for dedicated-purpose pool pumps identical to those set forth in a direct final rule published elsewhere in the Federal Register. If DOE receives an adverse comment and determines that such comment may provide a reasonable basis for withdrawing the direct final rule, DOE will publish a notice withdrawing the direct final rule and will proceed with this proposed rule.</i>	8 May 2017
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/315/Add.1	Wines - Addendum <i>Alcoholic beverages - Wines According to Resolution No. 19 - E / 2017 National Institute of Vitiviculture (INV), Replaces Figure 6 of the Annex to Resolution No. 10 - E / 2017 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 315).</i>	--
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	BAHRAIN	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/467/Corr.1	Canned fruits - Corrigendum <i>Please note that Item 1 should read: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN</i>	--
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CANADA	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CAN/394/Rev.2	Food intended for human consumption - Revision <i>As notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/394 (19 July 2013), and revised in G/TBT/N/CAN/394/Rev.1 (6 June 2014) the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is consolidating federal food inspection regulations in Canada.</i>	21 April 2017

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				<p>The new regulatory framework will incorporate existing commodity-based regulations into a single, more outcome-based regulation.</p> <p>The proposed Regulations would establish three key food safety elements: licensing, traceability, and safety requirements related to the preparation of food and preventive control plans. These elements would apply to all food that is imported, or prepared for export or inter-provincial trade.</p> <p>In developing the proposed Regulations, the Government of Canada has consulted broadly with both domestic and international stakeholders. Canada welcomes comments on this proposal. Responses received as a result of this consultation will be considered in finalizing the regulations.</p>	
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHILE	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/378/Add.1	<p>Foodstuffs - Addendum</p> <p>The Government of Chile reports that it notified on November 25, 2016 the "Modification of Health Regulations, Supreme Decree No. 977/96 of the Ministry of Health, which regulates the provisions of Law No. 20,869 of 2015 on food advertising." That an extension to the deadline for comments is made until February 10, 2017.</p>	--
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHILE	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/379/Add.1	<p>Foodstuffs - Addendum</p> <p>The Government of Chile reports that it notified on November 25, 2016, the "Regulatory Project On the graphic and communicational characteristics that the message that promotes Healthy lifestyle habits to be used in mass media advertising, indicates the article 110 bis of the Sanitary Regulation of the Foods, Supreme Decree n ° 977/96 of the Ministry of Health, which regulates the provisions of Law No. 20,606 of 2012, on Advertising of Food.</p>	10 February 2017
FOOD ADDITIVES	EUROPEAN UNION	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/448	<p>Food additives - Ferrous bisglycinate and calcium phosphoryl oligosaccharides</p> <p>This draft Commission Delegated Regulation concerns authorization of the addition of ferrous bisglycinate, as a source of iron to processed cereal-based food and baby food, and calcium phosphoryl oligosaccharides, as a source of calcium to food for special medical purposes, in the future in line with EFSA's relevant scientific opinions.</p>	60 days from notification

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MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	KENYA	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/548	Fermented camel milk <i>It specifies the requirements and methods of test and sampling for "Suusa" a fermented camel milk product.</i>	28 February 2017
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	KENYA	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/549	Raw whole camel milk <i>The standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for raw whole camel milk.</i>	28 February 2017
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	KENYA	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KEN/550	Pasteurized camel milk <i>It specifies requirements and methods of test and sampling for pasteurized liquid camel milk offered for sale and intended for human consumption.</i>	28 February 2017
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	KUWAIT	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/349/Corr. 1	Canned fruits - Corrigendum <i>Please note that Item 1 should read: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN</i>	--
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	OMAN	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/289/Corr. 1	Canned fruits - Corrigendum <i>Please note that Item 1 should read: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN</i>	--
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	QATAR	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/463/Corr. 1	Canned fruits - Corrigendum <i>Please note that Item 1 should read: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN</i>	--
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/694/Add.1	Health functional food products - Addendum <i>The text of the parent notification G/TBT/N/KOR/694 is attached to this notification: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/TBT/KOR/16_5108_00_x.pdf</i>	--
FOOD ADDITIVES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/703	Labelling standard and method for relative comparison of Sodium content <i>The main proposed establishment of "Labelling standard and method for relative comparison of Sodium content" is as follows:</i>	60 days from notification

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				<p><i>For labelling purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the reference sodium values of classified food for relative comparison • Establish the labelling items and labelling method (including labelling design) • Establish the interval and procedure for the re-evaluation of reference sodium values 	
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/969/Corr. 1	<p>Canned fruits - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>Please note that Item 1 should read: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN</i></p>	--
BEVERAGES	SPAIN	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ESP/36	<p>Cider</p> <p><i>It establishes the norm of the different categories of Cider and cider processed and marketed in Spain, without prejudice to the established in the mutual recognition clause. This project responds to the need to update the regulation on food quality of the Spanish sidrero sector. The standard incorporates novel products, already existing in the market but not defined so far, and updates the definitions of products existing ones. In addition, it updates the analytical methods applicable taking into account advances produced by technological innovation. The main aspects are the incorporation of new products according to the reality of the market, the updating of the composition requirements, as well as such as updating the requirements of food information provided to the consumer (including the legal name) and the analytical methods applicable to these products.</i></p>	60 days after the date of notification
PULSES • CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	27/01/2017	G/TBT/N/TZA/48	<p>Maize grains</p> <p>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for maize grains of varieties grown from common maize grains, <i>Zea Mays indentata L.</i>, and/or <i>Zea mays indurata L.</i>, or their hybrids intended for human consumption. The standard also prescribes the packaging and labelling requirements.</p>	60 days after circulation by WTO secretariat

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FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/353/Corr.1	Canned fruits - Corrigendum <i>Please note that Item 1 should read: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN</i>	--
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	UNITED STATES	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1166/Add.1	Catfish and catfish products - Addendum <i>This Notice informs the public that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will not proceed with the development of voluntary U.S. Standards for Grades of Catfish and Catfish Products at this time.</i>	--
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1262	Organic food <i>This proposed rule would address recommendations submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) following their October 2015 meeting. These recommendations pertain to the 2017 Sunset Review of substances on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) . Consistent with the recommendations from the NOSB, this proposed rule would remove eleven substances from the National List for use in organic production and</i>	20 March 2017
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	UNITED STATES	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1264	Meat and poultry products <i>Consistent with the recent changes that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) finalized, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend the nutrition labeling requirements for meat (including fish of the order Siluriformes) and poultry products to better reflect the most recent scientific research and dietary recommendations and to improve the presentation of nutrition information to assist consumers in maintaining healthy dietary practices. FSIS is proposing to update the list of nutrients that are required or permitted to be declared; provide updated Daily Reference Values (DRVs) and Reference Daily Intake (RDI) values that are based on current dietary recommendations from consensus reports; and amend the labeling requirements for foods represented or purported to be specifically for children under the age of 4 years and pregnant women and lactating</i>	20 March 2017

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				<i>and establish nutrient reference values specifically for these population subgroups. FSIS is also proposing to revise the format and appearance of the Nutrition Facts label; amend the definition of a single-serving container; require dual-column labeling for certain containers; and update and modify several reference amounts customarily consumed (RACCs or reference amounts) . Finally, FSIS is proposing to consolidate the nutrition labeling regulations for meat and poultry products into a new Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part.</i>	
BEVERAGES	UNITED STATES	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1265	Hard cider <i>The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) implements changes made to the definition of "hard cider" in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015. The modified definition broadens the range of wines eligible for the hard cider tax rate. TTB is amending its regulations to reflect the modified definition of hard cider effective for products removed on or after 1 January 2017, and to set forth new labelling requirements to identify products to which the hard cider tax rate applies. The new labelling requirements include both a one-year transitional rule and a new labelling requirement that takes effect for products removed on or after 1 January 2018. The text of the regulations in that temporary rule published elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register serves as the text of the proposed regulations.</i>	24 March 2017
FRUITS. VEG-ETABLES	YEMEN	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/69/Corr.1	Catfish and catfish products - Addendum <i>This Notice informs the public that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will not proceed with the development of voluntary U.S. Standards for Grades of Catfish and Catfish Products at this time.</i>	--
GLASS AND CERAMICS					
BUILDING • GLASS IN BUILDING	MEXICO	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/305/Add.1	Safety glass used in construction - Addendum <i>The purpose of this Addendum is to notify Members of the comments made by firms and institutions during the public consultation period for draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-146-SCFI-2015: Glass products - Safety glass used in construction - Specifications and test methods, published in the Official Journal on 19 April 2016.</i>	--

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HEALTH CARE					
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/705	Medicines <i>This Draft Resolution establishes requirements for post-authorization procedures of notification, identification and qualification of degradation products in medicines established on the technical regulation (RDC) N° 53/2015.</i>	22 February 2017
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	ECUADOR	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/325/Add.1	Medical devices - Addendum <i>By means of this Addendum No. 1, the Republic of Ecuador advises that the "Substitute Technical and Sanitary Regulation on the sanitary registration and control of medical devices for human use and of the establishments that manufacture, import, dispense, sell or market such devices", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/325 of 3 May 2016, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 26 of 12 December 2016 of the National Agency for Sanitary Regulation, Control and Surveillance (ARCSA), published in Official Journal No. 921 of 12 January</i>	--
SERVICES • HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/326/Add.1	Natural processed products for medicinal use - Addendum <i>By means of this Addendum No. 1, the Republic of Ecuador advises that the "Substitute Technical and Sanitary Regulation on the sanitary registration and control of processed natural products for medicinal use and of establishments that manufacture, store, distribute or market such products", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/326 of 3 May 2016, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 23 of 7 October 2016 of the National Agency for Sanitary Regulation, Control and Surveillance (ARCSA), published in Official Journal No. 891 of 28 November 2016.</i>	--
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	MÉXICO	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/349	Medical Care Equipment <i>The development of technologies and new materials in medical equipment, has made significant progress, determined the production and availability of furniture, equipment and instruments with quality and safety standards for patients, users and establishments for outpatient medical care.</i>	Sixty calendar days after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation (01/20/17).

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				<p><i>In this context, the infrastructure and equipment of such establishments should be directly related to the type of services offered, professional and technical personnel in the health area responsible for the operation thereof have the knowledge, skills and skills needed to used properly, safely and efficiently. It is important to note that this standard is not a list or catalog of furniture and equipment, but also does not represent a limiting instrument for medical care, but rather constitutes a base or platform. From the minimum, the gradual improvement of facilities for care medical outpatient, through the incorporation and replacement of furniture, similar equipment and instruments or equivalent and, where appropriate, by superior technology and point in the various areas and services of medicine.</i></p>	
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/935/Add.1/Corr.1	<p>Orthopaedic devices - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>In rule document 2016-31670 beginning on page 96366 in the issue of Friday, 30 December 2016, make the following correction: On page 96372, in the second column, in the 25th, 51st, and 67th lines, and in the third column, in the tenth line, "June 28, 2018" should read "July 1, 2019".</i></p>	---
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1260	<p>Medical diagnostic equipment</p> <p><i>The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board or Board) is issuing accessibility standards for medical diagnostic equipment. The standards for medical diagnostic equipment (MDE Standards) contain minimum technical criteria to ensure that medical diagnostic equipment, including but not limited to, examination tables, examination chairs, weight scales, mammography equipment, and other imaging equipment used by health care providers for diagnostic purposes are accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities. The MDE Standards will allow independent entry to, use of, and exit from the equipment by individuals with disabilities to the maximum extent possible. The MDE Standards do not impose any mandatory requirements on health care providers or medical device manufacturers. However, other agencies, referred to as enforcing authorities in the MDE Standards, may issue regulations or adopt policies that require health care</i></p>	---

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				<i>providers subject to their jurisdiction to acquire accessible medical diagnostic equipment that complies with the MDE Standards.</i>	
MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING					
HAND-OPERATED TOOLS	BOTSWANA	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/BWA/58	<p>Hand-held motor-operated electric tools</p> <p><i>This part of IEC 60745 deals with the safety of hand-held motor-operated or magnetically driven electric tools, the rated voltage of the tools being not more than 250 V for single-phase a.c. or d.c. tools, and 440 V for three-phase a.c. tools. So far as is practicable, this standard deals with the common hazards presented by hand-held tools which are encountered by all persons in the normal use and reasonably foreseeable misuse of the tools. Tools with an electric heating element are within the scope of this standard. They should also comply with relevant parts of IEC 60335. Requirements for motors not isolated from the supply, and having basic insulation not designed for the rated voltage of the tools, are given in Annex B. Requirements for rechargeable battery-powered motor-operated or magnetically driven tools and the battery packs for such tools are given in Annex K. Those for such tools that are also operated and/or charged directly from the mains or a non-isolated source are given in Annex L. Handheld electric tools, hereinafter referred to as tools, which can be mounted on a support or working stand for use as fixed tools without any alteration of the tool itself, are within the scope of this standard. Requirements for such supports or working stands are given in Annex M.</i></p> <p><i>This standard does not apply to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>hand-held tools intended to be used in the presences of explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);</i> - <i>hand-held tools used for preparing and processing food;</i> - <i>hand-held tools for medical purposes (IEC 60601);</i> - <i>hand-held tools which are covered by IEC 60335-2-45.</i> <p><i>For hand-held tools intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary.</i></p> <p><i>For hand-held tools intended to be used in tropical countries, special requirements may be necessary.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE Attention is drawn to the fact that in many countries, additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour, the national water supply authorities, etc. This</i></p>	60 days after notification

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MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS					
FLEXIBLE DRIVES AND TRANSMISSIONS	MEXICO	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/348	Comprehensive and flexible connection used in GAS LP utilization facilities <i>This Draft Standard establishes definitions, specifications, requirements, test methods and procedure for the evaluation of the compliance for the integral and flexible connection of LP Gas installations.</i>	Sixty calendar days after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation (01/23/17)
RAILWAY ENGINEERING					
RAILWAY ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	KAZAKHSTAN	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KAZ/12	High-speed railway transport and its infrastructure <i>Draft amendments No. 1 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Safety of High-Speed Railway Transport" (TR CU 002/2011) specifies the term "innovative product", the scope of application and certain provisions of the Technical Regulation and brings it in compliance with the Treaty on Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014.</i>	20 March 2017
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/17/Add.2	Pollutant Emissions from Land-Based Mobile Sources - Addendum <i>By means of this Addendum No. 2, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Amendment No. 1 to Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 017 "Control of pollutant emissions from land-based mobile sources", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/17/Add.1 of 29 August 2008, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 16 529 of 30 December 2016 of the Under-Secretariat for the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 919 of 10 January 2017.</i>	--
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ECUADOR	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/17/Add.3	Pollutant Emissions from Land-Based Mobile Sources - Addendum <i>By means of this Addendum No. 3, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Amendment No. 2 to Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 017 "Control of pollutant emissions from land-based mobile sources", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/17/Add.1 of 29 August 2008, was issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 002 of 10 January 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 920 of 11 January 2017.</i>	--

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ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	JAPAN	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/544	Road transport <i>Introduction of new provisions regarding revocation of the type approval granted illegally</i>	60 days from date of circulation
GLAZING AND WIPER SYSTEMS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	26/01/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/704	Windshield washer fluid for automobiles <i>A draft revision for Safety Certification Criteria for Windshield Washer Fluid for Automobiles Notice has been revised as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Safety requirements for windshield washer fluid for automobile has been revised as follows</i> • <i>Ethanol should be the major ingredient for windshield washer fluid for automobile (No methanol)</i> • <i>Any ingredient with a minimum of 1 percent should be labelled</i> • <i>The relevant documents (ingredients and the product formula) has been filed at Certification body</i> <i>For consumer products subject to the self-regulatory safety confirmation, manufacturers or importers are required to confirm safety by reporting to safety certification body with attachment of test and inspection body certificates from testing laboratories and inspection bodies designated by models of the products before product release or clearance through the customs to identify whether they conform to the safety criteria.</i>	60 days from notification
VEHICLES • SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	25/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1197/Add.1	Off-highway recreational vehicles (OHRVs) - Addendum <i>The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is granting the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") its request for an authorization of its amendments to its Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle regulation ("OHRV Amendments") . The OHRV Amendments establish new evaporative emission standards and test procedures for 2018 and subsequent model year OHRVs. The California OHRV category encompasses a wide variety of vehicles, including off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles ("ATVs"), off-road sport and utility vehicles, sand cars, and golf carts. This decision is issued under the authority of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or "Act") .</i>	20 March 2017

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COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1198/Add.1	<p>On-highway heavy-duty vehicles - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is granting the California Air Resources Board's ("CARB's") request for a waiver of Clean Air Act preemption for its On-Highway Heavy-Duty Vehicle In-Use Compliance program ("In-Use Regulation") . EPA is also confirming that CARB's amendments to its 2007 and Subsequent Model Year On-Highway Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles regulation ("2007 Amendments") and CARB's amendments to its Truck Idling requirements ("Truck Idling Amendments") are within the scope of previous waivers issued by EPA. The In-Use Regulation establishes a manufacturer-run in-use compliance program using portable emission measurement systems ("PEMS") . The 2007 Amendments specify the NOX emission standard for heavy- and medium-duty diesel engines to two significant figures and provide manufacturers the option to certify chassis-certified diesel vehicles within the phase-in compliance provisions of the 2007 and Subsequent Model Year On-Highway Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles regulation. The Truck Idling Amendments exempt armored cars and workover rigs (a mobile self-propelled rig used to perform remedial operations on producing oil or gas wells to restore or increase well production) from the new engine requirements of the preexisting California Truck Idling regulation. This decision is issued under the authority of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or "the Act") .</i></p>	--
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	MEXICO	23/01/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/326/Add.1	<p>Radiocommunications systems - Addendum</p> <p><i>The purpose of this Addendum is to notify Members of the comments made by firms and institutions during the public consultation period for draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2016: Products. Spread-spectrum radiocommunications systems - Frequency-hopping and digital modulation radiocommunications equipment operating in the bands 902-928 MHz, 2400-2483.5 MHz and 5725-5850 MHz - Specifications and testing methods, published in the Official Journal on 13 September 2016.</i></p>	--

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TESTING					
NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING	MEXICO	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/347	<p>Industrial radiography equipment</p> <p><i>In industrial radiography, devices are used that allow for the use of sealed radioactive sources emitting gamma radiation. In order to ensure that these devices function properly during the taking of x-rays, the work container and related equipment must comply with the notified Standard.</i></p>	60 calendar days from 19 January 2017.
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
FURS • LEATHER AND FURS	ITALY	24/01/2017	G/TBT/N/ITA/28	<p>Leather, hide, fur and products manufactured from hide, leather, fur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft article, which will seek inclusion in the draft law of the next "European Law" currently being prepared laying down provisions for the fulfilment of the obligations arising from Italy's membership in the European Union, consists of 27 paragraphs. • The first three paragraphs identify the subject of the provisions, the definitions of the terms "leather", "coated leather", "fur" and "bonded leather", and refer to Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 for definitions relating to economic operators. • Paragraph 4 excludes the application of the article, as a whole, to the products defined by Directive 94/11/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 March 1994 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to labelling of the materials used in the main components of footwear for sale to the consumer, transposed by the Decree of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Craft Trades of 11 April 1996. • Paragraph 5 stipulates that the definitions in paragraph 2 can be adapted to take any technical changes into consideration, by decree of the Minister for Economic Development. • Paragraph 6 provides for a ban on the placing and making available on the market of materials and products manufactured with such materials, which use the terms "leather", "hide", "full-grain leather", "coated leather", "coated hide", "fur" and "bonded leather" (even in a language other than English) if they do not correspond to the terms defined in paragraph 2. The same terms are prohibited even if used as adjectives, nouns or suffixes and prefixes for other words, and all terms that have similarities with the definitions referred to in paragraph 2 but with a different composition from the definitions indicated therein are further prohibited. 	30 March 2017

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 7 introduces a labelling or marking obligation, only for those who make use of the terms identified and defined in paragraph 2, on the materials or products placed or made available on the market. • Paragraph 8 assigns responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained on the labelling, marking or in the commercial document to the manufacturer or importer. • Paragraph 9 confers to the distributor the task of verifying the presence of the labelling or marking in the event of the occurrence of the conditions laid down by this article. • Paragraph 10 establishes the characteristics of the labelling and marking and the method of application. • Paragraph 11 introduces a derogation from the obligation of the presence of labelling or marking on products, in the case in which the materials and products manufactured with such materials are contracted out to operators forming part of the supply chain, allowing for the use of the accompanying commercial document in place of labelling or marking. • Paragraph 12 stipulates the obligation to include reference to the materials defined in paragraph 2 on the labelling, even when they are part of a manufactured product made up of other materials of a different nature. • However, paragraph 13 excludes the obligation referred to in paragraph 12 for all textile products defined by Regulation (EU) No 1007/2011 containing non-textile parts of animal origin and governed in accordance with Article 12 of the same Regulation. • Paragraph 14 establishes the principle of mutual recognition for materials and products manufactured with such materials, manufactured or marketed in another Member State of the European Union or in Turkey or in an EFTA Member State, which is party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA) . • Paragraphs 15 to 25 lay down, in full, the system of penalties to counteract infringements of the provisions of the article. • Paragraph 26 provides for the possibility of the disposal of stocks of products already labelled and placed on the market before the entry into force of the article, in accordance with the existing provisions. • Finally, paragraph 27 repeals Law No 1112 of 16 December 1966, indicating that the provisions of the article, since regarded as a technical regulation, have been notified to the European Commission in accordance with Directive (EU) 2015/1535 and to the World Trade Organisation in accordance with the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade in force from 1 January 1995 for possible adaptations to the text resulting from the outcome of the above notifications. 	