

# WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS BULLETIN

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This publication seeks to provide cohesive information in a weekly basis on the foreign notifications of the WTO members under the TBT agreement on their 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.

### IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

A total of 25 notifications on Chemicals, Environment, Health Protection and Safety, Fluid Systems and Components for General Use, Food and Beverages, and Petroleum and Related Technologies etc. from Brazil, Ecuador, the European Union, Uganda, 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

We are glad to be of service to you!

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (21 - 27 October 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	26/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/EU/523</a>	Biocidal products - Cyanamide <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves cyanamide as an existing active substance for use in biocidal products of</i>	60 days from notification
<b>CHEMICALS</b>					
ALCOHOLS, ETHERS	UGANDA	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/775</a>	Industrial methylated spirit <i>This draft standard specifies requirements, test and sampling methods for industrial methylated spirit.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLS, ETHERS	UGANDA	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/776</a>	Methylated spirit <i>This draft standard specifies requirements, test and sampling methods for methylated spirit as a finished product suitable for general purpose disinfection and cleaning. This standard does not apply to industrial methylated spirits.</i>	60 days from notification

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PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1233/Add.3</a>	<p>Volatile organic compounds - Addendum</p> <p><i>Adopts rules to reduce the amount of volatile organic compounds (VOC) in consumer products and architectural and industrial maintenance (AIM) coatings sold in Connecticut as an effort to reduce the quantity of VOCs released to the atmosphere.</i></p>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1309</a>	<p>Chemical substances</p> <p><i>EPA is promulgating significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 29 chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) . The chemical substances are subject to consent orders issued by EPA pursuant to section 5(e) of TSCA. This action requires persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process any of these 29 chemical substances for an activity that is designated as a significant new use by this rule to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required with that determination.</i></p>	20 November 2017
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
LIFTS, ESCALATORS	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	26/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MDA/32</a>	<p>Elevator and spare parts for elevators</p> <p><i>The technical regulation provides requirements for manufacturers, installers, importers, authorized representatives, distributors, conformity assessment bodies, notifying body and market surveillance authority, with a description of the obligations of each participant in the supply chain, as well as the modules for assessing the conformity of elevators and components for lifts.</i></p>	60 days from notification
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SPORTS</b>					
TOYS	ECUADOR	26/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/330/Add.1</a>	<p>Decoders - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Ecuador announces and announces the Addendum 1 corresponding to the Regulation RTE INEN 161 Technician "Decoders for the Digital Terrestrial Television Standard ISDB-T International ", notified by means of the document identified with the symbol G / TBT / N / ECU / 330 of February 20, 2017. This Technical Regulation has been issued by Resolution No. 17 511 of September 28 2017, issued by the Undersecretary of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industries and Productivity, published in the Official Register No. 104 of October 20, 2017.</i></p>	—
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, AND SAFETY</b>					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	CANADA	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/507/Add.1</a>	<p>Ozone-depleting substances (ODSs) and hydrofluorocarbons</p> <p><i>The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/507 (dated 21 December 2016) were adopted 18 October 2017 as the Regulations Amending the Ozone-depleting Substances and Halocarbon Alternatives Regulations. These Regulations will come into force on 18 April 2018.</i></p>	—

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/424/Add.4</a>	Plants, plant products - Addendum  <i>The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 amended the Lacey Act to provide, among other things, that importers submit a declaration at the time of importation for certain plants and plant products. The declaration requirements of the Lacey Act became effective on 15 December 2008, and enforcement of those requirements is being phased in. In 2009, we initiated a blanket declaration pilot program for participants in U.S. Customs and Border Protection's expedited border release programs. In this notice, we are announcing the end of the blanket declaration pilot program and providing guidance on how participants in the program may continue to file declarations as required by the Lacey Act. The blanket declaration pilot program will end on 18 April 2018.</i>	—
<b>FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE</b>					
STATIONARY CONTAINERS AND TANKS	ECUADOR	24/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/5/Add.6</a>	Welded steel tanks and cylinders for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and accessories thereof - Addendum  <i>By means of this Addendum No. 6, the Republic of Ecuador advises that Amendment No. 2 to the third revision (3R) of Ecuadorian Standardization Institute Technical Regulation (RTE INEN) No. 008 "Welded steel tanks and cylinders for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and accessories thereof", notified in document G/TBT/N/ECU/5/Add.4 of 25 February 2015, has been issued pursuant to Resolution No. 17 510 of 28 September 2017 of the Under-Secretariat for the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in Official Journal No. 104 of 20 October 2017.</i>	—
PRESSURE VESSELS	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	26/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MDA/33</a>	Transportable pressure equipment  <i>The Government Decision has the purpose of ensuring the harmonization of the national legislation with EU legislation, as well as the safety of the placed equipment on the market.</i>	28 November 2017
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
FRUITS, VEGETABLES	BRAZIL	25/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/753</a>	Citrus fruit, fresh  <i>This Ordinance improves the main ordinance 48, 24 September 2013 (Instrução Normativa 48, de 24 de setembro de 2013) that establishes Production and Marketing Standards for Citrus Propagation Material - Citrus spp, Fortunella spp, Poncirus spp, and their hybrids, as well as their identity and quality patterns, with validity throughout the National Territory. It revokes Ordinance 168, 28 May 1984 (Portaria MAPA N° 168, de 28 de Maio de 1984) .</i>	Not applicable
POULTRY AND EGGS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	24/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/734</a>	Livestock products  <i>The main proposed amendments of the "Livestock Products Labelling Standards for Foods" ("the Standards") is as the following: 1. Require producers or the business owners who collect and sell to indicate the following information on the egg: a) Laying date</i>	60 days from notification

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				<p>b) Unique distinguishing number in accordance with animal breeding business licence issued under the Livestock Industry Act</p> <p>c) Production method mark according to Table 4 of the Standards (please refer to the below table for detail)</p> <p>Marking/Explanation: 1/Organic, 2/Free-range, 3/Barn, 4/Cage</p> <p>2. Revise definition of laying date to include the first 24 hours after eggs are laid as a laying date.</p>	
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	MÉXICO	24/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/376</a>	<p>Beef</p> <p>Applies to all those natural or legal persons who participate in the production-consumption chain, where production, processing, maquila, process, distribution, marketing, advertising, export, storage, and / or other industrial activities, which pretend to show that beef meets the characteristics that correspond to the classifications provided for in this Standard Mexican Official</p>	Sixty calendar days following, counted from the date of its publication in the Official Journal of the Federation, which was on October 20, 2017
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	URUGUAY	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/URY/21</a>	<p>Imported meat, meat products and by-products, and egg products</p> <p>The notified Resolution establishes the technical requirements for the registration of the labelling and monographs of the aforementioned imported products.</p>	Not applicable.
FRUITS, VEGETABLES	UNITED STATES	26/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1066/Add.2</a>	<p>Peanuts - Addendum</p> <p>This rule implements a recommendation from the Peanut Standards Board (Board) to revise the minimum quality and handling standards for domestic and imported peanuts marketed in the United States (Standards) . The Board advises the Secretary of Agriculture regarding potential changes to the Standards and is comprised of producers and industry representatives. This action relaxes the allowance for damaged kernels in farmers stock peanuts when determining segregation. This change increases the allowance for damaged kernels under Segregation 1 from not more than 2.49 percent to not more than 3.49 percent. The requirements for Segregation 2 are also adjusted to reflect this change. The Board recommended this change to align the incoming standards with recent changes to the outgoing quality standards and to help increase returns to producers.</p>	—
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	UNITED STATES	26/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1310</a>	<p>Pork carcasses</p> <p>The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is seeking public comment on revisions to the United States Standards for Grades of Pork Carcasses (pork standards) . The last revision to the pork standards occurred in 1985 and the standards no longer accurately reflect value differences in today's pork products. Modern pork production is characterized by products with improved color and higher marbling content, two factors that have been consistently identified by researchers as the main components affecting pork eating quality.</p>	22 December 2017

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FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	SOUTH AFRICA	26/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZAF/222</a>	<p>Fish and fishery products and canned meat products</p> <p><i>This regulation outlines the administrative regulatory requirements of fish and fishery products and canned meat products regulated under the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act, 2008 (Act No 5 of 2008) as amended through the Legal Metrology Act (Act No 9 of 2014), which are imported into the Republic of South Africa (RSA) .</i></p>	60 days from notification
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
IMPLANTS FOR SURGERY, PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS	BRAZIL	25/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/754</a>	<p>Medical devices and surgical implants</p> <p><i>This Draft Resolution provides for the mandatory inclusion of UDI / IMDRF standard barcode on traceability tags for cardiological stents, hip and knee implants.</i></p> <p><i>The mandatory inclusion of a UDI / IMDRF standard barcode as the technology for capturing, storing and transmitting data on the traceability tags of cardiac stents, hip and knee implants is established for the proper tracking and control to be performed within the scope of the National Registry of Implants - RNI.</i></p> <p><i>The bar code referred to in the caput of this article shall comply with the technical standards established by the International Technical Standards ISO and IMDRF, listed in the Annex to this Resolution, in order to ensure the reading by electronic data capture mechanisms throughout the chain of products, minimally during the life of the product.</i></p> <p><i>The arrangement of the bar code should not prejudice the visualization of the other information in the current legislation for traceability labels.</i></p> <p><i>The inclusion of the traceability labels containing the bar code in the consumer packaging shall be carried out by the holder of the registration or international manufacturer.</i></p>	11 December 2017
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY	SOUTH AFRICA	25/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ZAF/191/Rev.1</a>	<p>Chemical disinfectants - Revision</p> <p><i>This Compulsory Specification covers requirements for chemical disinfectants for use for disinfection purposes on inanimate surfaces. It also contains specific requirements for marking and information which needs to be supplied and the process for pre-market approval.</i></p>	60 days from notification
<b>NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES</b>					
NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES	PARAGUAY	26/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PRY/102</a>	<p>Phytosanitary products, fertilizers, amendments and related products with expired date.</p> <p><i>Regulate, extension of validity date, or withdrawal of Market circulation.</i></p>	The authorities of Paraguay they will respond to requests for documents and receive the pertinent comments, up to 30 days from the Notification

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<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
CRUDE PETROLEUM	UGANDA	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/777</a>	Crude oils  <i>This draft test methods cover the determination of nickel, vanadium, iron, and sodium in crude oils and residual fuels by flame atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) . Two different test methods are presented. Test Method A, Flame AAS is used to analyze a sample that is decomposed with acid for the determination of total Ni, V, and Fe. Test Method B, Flame AAS is used to analyze a sample diluted with an organic solvent for the determination of Ni, V, and Na. This test method uses oil-soluble metals for calibration to determine dissolved metals and does not purport to quantitatively determine nor detect insoluble particulates. Hence, this test method may underestimate the metal content, especially sodium, present as inorganic sodium salts.</i>	60 days from notification
CRUDE PETROLEUM	UGANDA	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/778</a>	Crude oils  <i>This draft test methods cover the determination of nickel, vanadium, and iron in crude oils and residual fuels by inductively coupled plasma (ICP) atomic emission spectrometry. Two different test methods are presented. Test Method A ICP is used to analyze a sample dissolved in an organic solvent. This test method uses oil-soluble metals for calibration and does not purport to quantitatively determine or detect insoluble particulates. Test Method B ICP is used to analyze a sample that is decomposed with acid.</i>	60 days from notification
EQUIPMENT FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS INDUSTRIES	UNITED STATES	23/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1250/Add.1</a>	Equipment for petroleum and natural gas industries - Addendum  <i>The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is announcing an additional opportunity for the public to comment on an interim final rule (IFR) titled: "Pipeline Safety: Underground Natural Gas Storage Facilities." PHMSA is reopening the comment period in response to a petition for reconsideration filed jointly by the American Gas Association, American Petroleum Institute, and the American Public Gas Association. By reopening the comment period, PHMSA is providing all interested parties with the opportunity to comment on the IFR and the merits and claims of the petition. PHMSA will consider all public comments and address the petition for reconsideration in the final rule.</i>	20 November 2017
<b>WOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
WOOD TECHNOLOGY PROCESSES	UNITED STATES	26/10/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/827/Rev.2/Add.1</a>	Composite wood products - Addendum  <i>EPA is taking direct final action on a revision to the formaldehyde standards for composite wood products final rule, published in the Federal Register on 12 December 2016. The revision will update multiple voluntary consensus standards that have been updated, superseded, or withdrawn since publication of the notices of proposed rulemaking on 10 June 2013 and will amend an existing regulatory provision regarding the correlation of quality control test methods.</i>	09 November 2017