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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, Chemicals, Environment, Health Protection and Safety, Health Care Technology and Road Vehicles Engineering etc. from Brazil, the European Union, Switzerland, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, 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 (22 - 28 July 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	BRAZIL	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/727	<p>Agrochemical products</p> <p><i>Revision of Technical and administrative procedures for licensing the importation of agrochemical products, technical products and the like.</i></p> <p><i>It exempts the products covered by the technical regulation from pre-embarkment authorization. The objective of this review is to update and to modernize these procedures with a view to facilitate international trade.</i></p> <p><i>It revokes Ordinance 19, 8 July 2013 (Instrução Normativa MAPA/SDA N° 19, de 08 de Julho de</i></p>	Not applicable

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PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	25/07/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/495	<p>Iprodione</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance iprodione is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. Existing authorised plant protection products containing iprodione will be withdrawn from the market. The non-approval is based on the first evaluation of the substance for use as a pesticide active substance in the EU under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009. The substance was formerly approved under Directive 91/414/ EEC. 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. However, following non-approval, separate action may be taken on MRLs and if so a separate notification will be made in accordance with SPS procedures.</i></p>	60 days from notification
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	BRAZIL	25/07/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/726	<p>Personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes</p> <p><i>This Draft Resolution provides for amendment and inclusion of labelling for personal hygiene products, cosmetics and perfumes, and establishes the rules for coexistence of more than one final art (label) for the same product.</i></p> <p><i>The coexistence of more than one final approved labelling art is permitted in a single product registration or registration-free product notification, provided that the requirements of this Resolution are met. All final arts (labels) that the company intends to market must be in the product registration petition or registration-free product notification.</i></p> <p><i>The labelling elements that may differ in more than one final art for the same product or which may be changed with immediate implementation are:</i></p> <p><i>I - colours;</i></p> <p><i>II - figures and images that do not have technical purpose, suggestion of way of use or suggestion of properties of the product;</i></p> <p><i>III - references to commemorative dates;</i></p> <p><i>IV - other names that do not change the name of the product;</i></p> <p><i>V - promotional statements;</i></p> <p><i>VI - manufacturer information and the technical responsible; and</i></p> <p><i>VII - final arts that specifically meet the programs of the Ministry of Health.</i></p>	19 August 2017

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				<p><i>This draft resolution also establishes other provisions about procedures regarding labelling changes for cosmetics, perfumes and personal hygiene products.</i></p> <p><i>This Resolution revokes the Resolution RDC n° 131, 5 December 2016.</i></p>	
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	EUROPEAN UNION	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/496	<p>Substances recently classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic and reproductive toxicants</p> <p><i>This draft Commission Regulation proposes to include within the scope of entries 28 to 30 of Annex XVII to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 the substances listed below, with the effect of restricting their placing on the market or use for supply to the general public as substances on their own, as constituents of other substances or in mixtures and to impose the requirement to mark packaging with the label "restricted to professional users". This is consequent on the recent classification of these substances as CMR category 1A or 1B under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures, as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/776.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	24/07/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1013/Add.3	<p>Chemical substances - Addendum</p> <p><i>This determination of acceptability expands the list of acceptable substitutes pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program. This action lists as acceptable additional substitutes for use in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector and the cleaning solvents sector.</i></p>	—
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	CHILE	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/166/Add.1	<p>Calefones - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Republic of Chile hereby informs that in relation to the Protocol of Analysis and / or Product Testing of gas for the efficient use of energy, notified on April 1, 2011, under the symbol G / TBT / N / CHL / 166, it is reported that by means of Exempt Resolution No. 18.863 of Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (SEC), issued on June 2, 2017, Extends the entry into force as of December 31, 2017, of the mentioned Protocol.</i></p>	—
INTERIOR LIGHTING	THAILAND	25/07/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/60/Rev.1/Add.1	<p>Electric thermo pots - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Electric Thermo Pots: Safety Requirements (TIS 2062-2558(2015)) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute,</i></p>	—

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				<i>notified under G/TBT/N/THA/60/Rev.1, was adopted on 9 July 2017 and will enter into force after 120 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (7 November 2017) .</i>	
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS					
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	CHILE	25/07/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/122/Add.1	Gas fired domestic cooking appliances - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile hereby advises that the entry into force of the Analysis and/or test protocol for the energy efficiency of gas products, notified on 1 April 2010 in document G/TBT/N/CHL/122 , has been postponed until 30 September 2017, pursuant to Exempt Resolution No. 18.863 of the Electricity and Fuel Board (SEC) of 2 June 2017.</i>	–
TOYS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/270/Add.1	Toys for children under 14 years of age - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Legal Inspection of Toys," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/270 on 11 April 2017, was promulgated on 18 July 2017 and will come into effect on 1 January 2018.</i>	–
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY					
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	CHINA	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1213	Helmets for motorcyclists <i>This implementation rule specifies the scope, certification model, major process of certification, general requirements for certification, Certificates, use of compulsory product certification mark, charge, etc. of helmets for motorcyclists.</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
DOMESTIC SAFETY	CHINA	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/CHN/1214	Electrically heating blankets, pads and similar flexible heating appliances <i>This implement rule includes the scope , certification model, major process of certification, general requirements for certification, Certificates, use of compulsory product certification mark, Charge, etc. of household and similar equipment products, in which electrically heating blankets, pads and similar flexible heating appliances are newly added products.</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat

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FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/262/Add.1	Food products containing cordyceps militaris - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that "the use restrictions of Cordyceps militaris and warning label requirements of Cordyceps militaris products," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/262 on 19 January 2017, was promulgated on 26 July 2017 and came into effect on the date of announcement.</i>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	TURKEY	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/63/Add.1	Agricultural products intended to be marketed as organic - Addendum <i>"Regulation on Organic Farming Principles and Practices" has been amended in order to comply with amendments in the EU legislation (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/673 of 29 April 2016 amending Regulation (EC) No 889/2008 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products with regard to organic production, labelling and control) and resolve the problems faced at the implementation phase.</i>	—
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
WOUND DRESSINGS AND COMPRESSES	SWITZERLAND	24/07/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/220	Medicinal products <i>The revision contains e.g. the new requirements for the application for a market authorization which have been introduced with the latest revision of the TPA (Therapeutic Products Act) adopted on 18 March 2016.</i>	60 days from notification
WOUND DRESSINGS AND COMPRESSES	SWITZERLAND	24/07/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/221	Medicinal product <i>Partial revision of the Ordinance on the Authorization of Medicinal Products (AMZV) . In the AMZV the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products describes in detail the information and documentation that must be provided as part of an application for a marketing authorization. The ordinance applies both to human and to veterinary medicines outlining the elements of the authorization that need to be supported by scientific evidence. It also describes the requirements for labelling and package inserts.</i>	60 days from notification
WOUND DRESSINGS AND COMPRESSES	SWITZERLAND	24/07/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/222	Medicinal products <i>Partial revision of the Ordinance on the Simplified Authorization Procedure and the Notification Procedure for Medicinal Products (VAZV) .</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>The VAZV contains the essential implementing provisions for the Articles 14 and 15 of the Therapeutic Products Act (TPA) . The VAZV includes rules regarding admission and simplified authorization of medicinal products as so-called orphan drugs (important drugs for rare diseases: Art. 14 para. 1 let. f TPA) . It also outlines rules on the simplified authorization procedure for medicinal products with known active pharmaceutical ingredients, hospital exemptions, and drugs manufactured by using a formula recognized by the Swiss Federal Agency for Therapeutic Products.</i>	
WOUND DRESSINGS AND COMPRESSES	SWITZERLAND	24/07/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/223	Medicinal products <i>With the recent revision of the Therapeutic Products Act (TPA, Stage 2), the legislative body is improving, amongst other things, the population's access to medicinal products. Due to this recent legislative changes and based on the adapted Art. 14 and 15 of the TPA, the ordinance describes the requirements for simpler access opportunities for various medicinal products used in complementary medicine. For several herbal, homeopathic and anthroposophic medicinal products as well as for some traditionally used Asiatic medicines the documentation requirements are reduced. For certain categories (with a low scientific risk profile), the marketing authorization procedure is reduced to a simple notification process. In separate annexes of the ordinance, the active substances allowed as components of those medicinal products are listed.</i>	60 days from notification
MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT					
LIFTING EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/610/Add.3	Vehicle platform lift - Addendum <i>This document aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology/Inmetro issued Ordinance 205, 17 July 2017, published in the Brazilian Official Journal, part I, N° 137, page 56/57, 19 July 2017, in order to reword article number 4 from the Ordinance 164/2015 (G/TBT/N/BRA/610/Add.1) and to inform that, within 90 (ninety) days from the date of the publication of this Ordinance, technical requirements will be published that shall be met by manufactures of devices and other equipment that are an alternative to vehicle lift platforms. Noncompliance with the requirements shall subject the offender to the penalties provided in Law number 9.933, 20 December, 1999.</i>	—

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PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
FUELS	UNITED STATES	24/07/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1302	<p>Renewable fuel</p> <p><i>Under section 211 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to set renewable fuel percentage standards every year. This action proposes the annual percentage standards for cellulosic biofuel, biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel that apply to gasoline and diesel transportation fuel produced or imported in the year 2018. Relying on statutory waiver authority that is available when projected cellulosic biofuel production volumes are less than the applicable volume specified in the statute, the EPA is proposing volume requirements for cellulosic biofuel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel that are below the statutory applicable volumes, and lower than the 2017 requirements. In this action, we are also proposing the applicable volume of biomass-based diesel for 2019.</i></p>	31 August 2017
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	BRAZIL	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/319/Add.4	<p>Vehicles of road characteristics for collective transport of passengers - Addendum</p> <p><i>This addendum aims at informing that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (Inmetro), issued Ordinance N° 205, 17 July 2017, approving Conformity Assessment Procedures adjustments for vehicle lift platform for access to public urban and road transport, by rewording articles 1 and 2 of Ordinance number 269, 2 June 2015, to set some technical requirements for dealing with bus access by disable people while the technical requirements necessary for the certification of devices and other equipment that are alternative to vehicle lift platform, have not yet been established.</i></p>	—
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	JAPAN	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/563	<p>Road trucking vehicles</p> <p><i>Protector seats shall be mounted near by the emergency exit in order to ensure safe driving of infant-carrying vehicle.</i></p>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	28/07/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/282	<p>Low-power radio-frequency devices</p> <p><i>The Ministry of Transportation and Communications intends to amend the "Table of Frequency Allocation," previously published on 22 February 2017, by adding frequencies for the use of low-power IoT equipment, low-power radio beacon in seaside, wireless</i></p>	40 days from notification

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				<p>radio frequency identification system and mobile broadband business. The proposed amendments are made based on international technology standards so as to facilitate market development and meet the demands of consumers. The amendments are summarized below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To revise the disabled frequency band by adding newly announced frequency band for mobile broadband business to the "Table of Frequency Allocations." 2. To add 920 MHz-925 MHz and 926 MHz-928 MHz frequency band for the use of IoT equipment and radio beacon in seaside, and amend the frequency band for wireless radio frequency identification system. 	
WOOD TECHNOLOGY					
WOOD, SAWLOGS AND SAWN TIMBER	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	25/07/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/720	<p>Timber products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide on the requirements for application, required documents, designation procedure of Foreign Inspection Agency. • Regulate Evaluation Team and Evaluation Criteria for the Evaluation of Inspection Capacity. • Regulate the approval of amendments in designated matters and revocation of designation. 	60 days from notification