

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 notified 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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A total of 31 notifications on Agriculture, Chemicals, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology etc., from the European Union, India, Tanzania, the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (23 - 29 March 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND BREEDING	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ARE/410/Add.1	Sharks and shark fins - Addendum <i>With reference to Ministerial Decree No. 43 of 2019 on the Regulation of the fishing and trade of sharks, the importation of shark fins in all its forms will be banned from 1 March 2019, excluding shark fins imported for scientific research purposes and with the approval of the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment.</i>	—
AGRICULTURE	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/370	Organic agricultural products <i>In accordance with Paragraph 3 of Article 12 and Paragraph 1 of Article 15 of the Organic Agriculture Promotion Act, the Agriculture and Food Agency is proposing "Certification Standard for Organic Agricultural Products and In-conversion Agricultural Products and Allowable Substances in their Production, Processing, Packaging, Distribution, and Sale."</i>	60 days from notification

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AGRICULTURE	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/371	Organic agricultural products <i>In accordance with Paragraph 3, Article 12 of the Organic Agriculture Promotion Act, the Agriculture and Food Agency is proposing the "Categories and Items of Organic Agricultural Products and In-conversion Agricultural Products" that are covered by certification activities.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	EUROPEAN UNION	28/03/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/650	Cosmetics <i>This draft Commission Regulation proposes the authorisation of a new preservative ingredient - Hydroxyethoxyphenyl Butanone (HEPB) - in rinse off, oral care and leave-on cosmetic products at a maximum concentration of 0.7%.</i>	60 days from notification
INORGANIC CHEMICALS IN GENERAL	ISRAEL	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ISR/1035	Drain opener for domestic use <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 2250 part 1, dealing with the safety, packaging and marking requirements of drain openers.</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/KOR/819	Cosmetics <i>The amendments seek to:</i> 1) <i>establish new standards for natural cosmetics as stated below.</i> A. <i>The title of the regulation changed from "Standards for Organic Cosmetics" to "Standards for Natural and Organic Cosmetics".</i> B. <i>The definitions for "Natural ingredients" and "Natural origin ingredients" are newly established.</i> C. <i>New standards are established for allowed ingredients, composition of ingredients, manufacturing process, package materials, etc. of natural cosmetics.</i> D. <i>Method for determination of proportion of natural origin content is newly included.</i> 2) <i>make modifications to the existing standards on organic cosmetics as stated below.</i> A. <i>The method for determination of proportion of organic content is clarified.</i> B. <i>The scope of other ingredients allowed in organic cosmetics would be expanded.</i> C. <i>The processes allowed for processing ingredients would be expanded.</i> D. <i>More substances for cleaning would be allowed for use.</i>	60 days from the date of notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CHILE	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/CHL/391/Add.1	Self-ballasted LED lamps for general lighting services - Addendum <i>The Republic of Chile hereby advises that the Electricity and Fuel Board (SEC) safety analysis and/or test protocol for electrical products notified on 23 February 2017 in document</i>	

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				<i>G/TBT/N/CHL/391 has been approved under SEC Exempt Resolution No. 26.788 of 13 December 2018 and will enter into force on 30 July 2019.</i>	
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY	EUROPEAN UNION	28/03/2019	G/TBT/N/EU/649	Substances <i>The draft Implementing Regulation provides clarifications regarding the calculation of tonnage in registering substances, the applicability of reduced REACH registration requirements and the continuing obligations of existing registrants of phase-in substances (i.e. substances that were already on the market at the time of the adoption of REACH) to jointly update their registration dossiers after 1 June 2018.</i>	60 days from notification
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	HUNGARY	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/HUN/34	Building products, fire extinguishing technology products, electrical equipment, flammabl[...] stible liquids, gases and melts <i>The proposal amends Decree 54/2014. (XII. 5.) of the Ministry of Interior on the National Fire Protection Regulations. Adjusted to the European Fire Protection Requirements, it does not contain any regulations included in European standards that have been implemented in Hungary. The draft is structured the following way: 1. Classification by fire hazard and risk. 2. General structural requirements. 3. Protection against fire spread. 4. Construction requirements depending on designation. 5. Evacuation. 6. Requirements ensuring the intervention of firefighting units. 7. Protection against heat and smoke. 8. Protection against explosion. 9. Electrical and lighting protection equipment. 9. In-built fire protection systems. 10. Rules of use, revision.</i>	17 June 2019
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	THAILAND	26/03/2019	G/TBT/N/THA/537	Air-conditioners <i>The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed a new mandatory standard on air-conditioner: Safety Requirement (TIS 1529 - 25XX (20XX)) .</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS, OILSEEDS	INDIA	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/IND/89	Claims made on edible vegetable oils <i>The Draft Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2019 deals with the claims made on edible vegetable oils.</i>	60 days from notification

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FOOD ADDITIVES	TANZANIA	26/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/254	Food additives - Aspartame <i>This draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for food grade aspartame.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	TANZANIA	27/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/255	Baker's yeast <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for baker's yeast.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	TANZANIA	27/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/256	Baking powder <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements and methods for sampling and test of baking powder.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	TANZANIA	27/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/257	Food additives <i>This Tanzania Standard applies to the labelling of food additives sold as such whether by retail or other than by retail, including sales to caterers and food manufacturers for the purpose of their business. This standard also applies to food processing aids.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	TANZANIA	27/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/258	Food additives - Food grade saccharin <i>This Draft Tanzania standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for food grade saccharin.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	TANZANIA	27/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/259	Food additives - Food grade sucralose <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for food grade sucralose.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	TANZANIA	28/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/260	Still table wine <i>This Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for still table wine prepared from grapes or other fruits</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	TANZANIA	28/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TZA/261	Beer <i>This Tanzania standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for beer.</i>	60 days from notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	UGANDA	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1040	Beef <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements for grading system of the whole cattle carcasses which are fit for human consumption at the abattoir. It applies to all categories of cattle.</i>	60 days from notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	UGANDA	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1041	Minced meat <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for minced meat intended for use as food or as an ingredient in foods.</i>	60 days from notification

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COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	UGANDA	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1042	Roasted coffee beans and roasted ground coffee <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for roasted coffee beans and roasted ground coffee. This standard applies to decaffeinated roasted ground coffee.</i>	60 days from notification
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	UGANDA	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/UGA/1043	Instant (soluble) coffee <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for Instant (soluble) coffee. This standard applies to decaffeinated instant coffee.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	URUGUAY	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/URY/27/Rev.1	All wine products - Revision <i>Implementation of the requirement that, as part of the import procedure, a certificate be submitted for all wine products attesting that the shipment contains no percentage of exogenous water.</i>	30 days from the date of notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	SOUTH AFRICA	28/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ZAF/214/Add.1	Agricultural products - Addendum <i>Regulations relating to the protection of Geographical Indications used on agricultural products intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa has been published and shall come into operation 6 months after the date of publication thereof.</i>	—
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/339/Add.1	Pharmaceutical products - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Regulation for the Notification of Drug Patent Linkage Agreements" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/339 on 12 October 2018, was promulgated on 6 March 2019. The date of entry into force of the regulation is yet to be determined.</i>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	26/03/2019	G/TBT/N/TPKM/372	Medical devices <i>In view of the wide range of scientific fields involved in medical equipment and the complication of medical devices in terms of their varieties, items and components resulted from innovation of technology, the Ministry of Health and Welfare is proposing amendment to Annex 1 to Article 3 of the "Regulations for Governing the Management of Medical Device" in order to clarify the classification description and intended use situations as well as to harmonize with international regulatory trends. Considering a transition period is necessary for manufacturers to comply with the new requirements, amendment to Article 8 of the Regulation is also proposed.</i>	60 days from notification

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	VIET NAM	26/03/2019	G/TBT/N/VNM/92/Add.1	<p>Potential unsafe products and goods - Addendum</p> <p><i>Please be advised that the Circular No.04/2018/TT-BTTTT dated 8 May 2018 specifying the List of potential unsafe products and goods management responsibility of Ministry of Information and Communications notified by the notification G/TBT/N/VNM/92 of 12 October 2016 is planned to be replaced by a new proposed Circular.</i></p> <p><i>The new proposed replacement to the Circular No.04/2018/TT-BTTTT was circulated in notification G/TBT/N/VNM/139, making the notification G/TBT/N/VNM/92 null and void.</i></p>	—
METALLURGY					
STEELS	INDIA	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/IND/90	<p>Steel and steel products</p> <p><i>This Order seeks to ensure conformity to essential requirements listed in the Table 2 for the specified products Stampings/ laminations/ cores of Transformers (with or without winding) . The Order read together with ITC (HS), 2017 Schedule 1 - Import Policy (General Notes Regarding Import Policy) applies to domestic production as well as imports. The Order also makes it mandatory for all manufacturers /importers of Stainless Steel Pipes and Tubes as given in the Table 2 of the order that Stainless Steel Pipes and Tubes shall be accompanied with the test certificate of the stainless steel products specified in the corresponding Indian Standard given in the column (2) of the Table 1. Further, no person shall manufacture, store for sale, sell, distribute or import any such products given in the Table 2, which do not conform to the requirements specified in Table 2.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/ARG/359	<p>Used motor vehicles</p> <p><i>Replaces the regulation of Article 7 paragraph f) of the Decree No. 110/1999 for its updating and unification. In this sense, it defines the "automotive vehicles with special characteristics of use" and determines the universe of goods that may be imported under paragraph f) of Article 7 of the Decree No. 110/99 and its amendments.</i></p> <p><i>The National Directorate of Industry is empowered to dictate the measures complementary and clarifying that are necessary in order to make operational the Forecasts planned.</i></p>	Not Applicable

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC)	VIET NAM	25/03/2019	G/TBT/N/VNM/138	<p>Electromagnetic compatibility</p> <p><i>This draft National technical regulation is based on ETSI EN 301 489-52 V1.1.0 (2016-11) . This draft National technical regulation specifies technical requirement on EMC for User Equipment (UEs) and ancillary equipment operated on mobile networks. This draft National technical regulation does not cover technical requirements related to antenna port and emissions from the enclosure port of radio equipment.</i></p>	60 days from notification