

# 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.

### IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

A total of 42 notifications on Health Care Technology, Packaging and Distribution of Goods, Road Vehicles Engineering, Telecommunications, Audio and Video Engineering and Textile and Leather Technology etc., from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Tanzania, the United States, 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)

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## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (24 — 30 August 2019)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
FISHING AND FISH BREEDING	BRAZIL	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/906/Corr.1</a>	Ornamental fish - Corrigendum  <i>Please note that in the notification G/TBT/N/BRA/906 Item 4 should read: Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): HS 0301.10 - Ornamental fish</i>	—
FERTILIZERS	CHINA	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1349</a>	Toxic and harmful substance in fertilizers  <i>This standard specifies the terms and definitions, requirements, testing methods and inspection rules for toxic and harmful elements in fertilizers.</i>	60 days from notification

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<b>CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY</b>					
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	ARGENTINA	29/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/173/Add.7</a>	Cleaning products  <i>It is reported that through Provision No. 6665/2019 of the National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology update the ANMAT Provision No. 7292/1998 and its amendments regarding the registration of additive lavandine waters.</i>	—
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
LIFTS. ESCALATORS	ARGENTINA	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/305/Add.2</a>	Lifts and lift components - Addendum  <i>Please be advised that Annex II of Resolution No. 897/1999 of the former Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Mining concerning the procedures and deadlines for the certification of compliance with the essential safety requirements for lifts and/or their safety components has been replaced.</i>	—
CEMENT. GYPSUM. LIME. MORTAR	BOLIVIA	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BOL/10/Add.4</a>	Portland cement and pozzolanic cement - Addendum  <i>Ministerial Resolution No. 147.2019 of 20 August 2019 provides, as an exception, for the suspension of the submission of the certificates of compliance with the Technical Regulation "Portland Cement and Pozzolanic Cement" requested in Ministerial Resolution No. 261.2018 of 20 December 2018, for both domestic production and imports in the department of Pando in the Plurinational State of Bolivia until 31 December 2019.</i>	—
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS</b>					
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	INDIA	29/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/107</a>	Domestic gas stoves for use with liquefied petroleum gases  <i>Domestic Gas Stoves for use with Liquefied Petroleum Gases (Quality Control) Order, 2019</i>	60 days from notification
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	UNITED STATES	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1508/Add.2</a>	Clothes dryers - Addendum  <i>On 23 July 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") regarding proposals to amend the test procedures for clothes dryers and to request comment on the proposals and other aspects of clothes dryer testing.</i>	—

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<b>ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING</b>					
REFRIGERATING TECHNOLOGY	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/376/Add.1</a>	Water chilling packages using[...]r compression cycle - Addendum  <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Requirements on Minimum Energy Performance Standard and Energy Efficiency Rating Labelling and Inspection of Water Chilling Packages Using the Vapor Compression Cycle", as per <a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/376</a> on 13 May 2019, was promulgated on 20 August 2019 and will come into effect on 1 July 2020.</i>	—
<b>FOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/351/Add.3</a>	Wine - Addendum  <i>Please be advised that the products "natural grape soft drinks" and "grape soft drinks" have been incorporated into Article 17(m) of Resolution No. 31/2019 of the National Institute of Vitiviniculture.</i>	—
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MALAYSIA	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MYS/96</a>	Compounded hard liquor  <i>To amend Regulation 386A of the Food Regulations 1985 as follows:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To delete that Compounded Hard Liquor shall contain one or more types of spirits.</li> <li>2. To rephrase the provision for clarity purposes in which Compounded Hard Liquor shall contain ethyl alcohol from distillates of agricultural origin and it may contain spirit or ethyl alcohol from fermentation of agricultural origin or both.</li> <li>3. To insert new subregulation to allow the use of permitted sweetening substances and permitted flavouring substance.</li> <li>4. To amend the minimum volume of a glass bottle of Compounded Hard Liquor from 700ml to 350ml.</li> <li>5. To delete subregulation 386A(5) .</li> </ol>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MALAYSIA	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MYS/97</a>	Dealcoholised alcoholic beverage  <i>The new regulation prescribes the standard and labelling requirements for dealcoholized alcoholic beverage.</i>  <i>Consequential Amendment on Regulation 361 General Standard for Alcoholic Beverage following the insertion of the new regulation.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
MEDICAMENTS	ARGENTINA	29/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/190/Add.2</a>	Chemicals and chemical products  <i>It is reported that Decree No. 593/2019 of the National Executive Branch regulates Law No.</i>	—

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				26,045 that creates the National Registry of Chemical Precursors provided for in article 44 of the Law No. 23,737 and its amendments.	
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/870/Add.15</a>	<p>Guide to good manufacturing practices for medicinal products : reference and retention samples - Addendum</p> <p><i>The draft normative instruction regarding Complementary guidelines to the reference and retention samples of the draft resolution number 653, 24 May 2019 - previously notified through <a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/870</a> - was adopted as a final text, published as Normative Instruction number 48, 21 August 2019</i></p>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/901/Corr.1</a>	<p>Biological products - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>Please note that in the notification G/TBT/N/BRA/901 Item 5 should read:</i></p> <p><i>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Resolution number 687, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Published on D.O.U, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Language (s): Portuguese. Number of pages:10.</i></p>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/902/Corr.1</a>	<p>Biological products - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>Please note that in the notification G/TBT/N/BRA/902 Item 5 should read:</i></p> <p><i>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Normative Instruction number 686, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Published on D.O.U, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Language(s): Portuguese. Number of pages: 54.</i></p>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/903/Corr.1</a>	<p>Biological products - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>Please note that in the notification G/TBT/N/BRA/903 Item 5 should read:</i></p> <p><i>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Resolution number 685, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, published on D.O.U August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Language (s): Portuguese. Number of pages:9.</i></p>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	29/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/598</a>	<p>Prescription status of medicinal ingredients for human use : Epinephrine or its salts topical solution for hemostasis</p> <p><i>This Notice of Consultation provides an opportunity to comment on the proposal to add epinephrine or its salts topical solution for hemostasis when sold at a concentration equal to or greater than 1 mg/ ml (1:1000) to the Prescription Drug List (PDL) . Only the Human part of the PDL is proposed to be revised.</i></p>	26 October 2019

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MEDICAMENTS	COSTA RICA	29/08/2019	G/TBT/N/CRI/185	<p>Presence of gluten in drugs for human use</p> <p><i>This regulation aims to establish the amount of gluten from which it should be labeled with the legend established in the RTCA 11.01.02: 04 Pharmaceutical Products. Labeling of pharmaceutical products for use of humans.</i></p>	60 days from notification
LABORATORY MEDICINE	ECUADOR	29/08/2019	G/TBT/N/ECU/475	<p>Processed natural products for medical purposes</p> <p><i>The purpose of this Sanitary Technical Regulation is to establish the parameters of quality, safety and efficacy, under which the sanitary registration will be granted to natural products processed for medicinal use. In the same way set the criteria for carrying out the promotion, control, surveillance and sanction of said products.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	PERU	29/08/2019	G/TBT/N/PER/114	<p>Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices and Sanitary Products: Baby Items</p> <p><i>The purpose of this Regulation is to establish the regulatory provisions of Law No. 29459, Law on Pharmaceutical Products, Medical Devices and Health Products: Baby Items</i></p>	27 October 2019
<b>MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING</b>					
INDUSTRIAL ROBOTS. MANIPULATORS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/378/Add.2</a>	<p>Robots and robotic devices, an[...]ines for cold metal - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the implementation of "Registration of Safety Information for Robots and Robotic Devices, and Sawing Machines for Cold Metal under the Occupational Safety and Health Act" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/378/Add.1 on 11 July 2019, was suspended from 23 August 2019.</i></p>	—
<b>MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT</b>					
LIFTING EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/610/Add.4</a>	<p>Vehicle platform lift - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Ordinance lays down safety technical requirements to prevent accidents for transfer devices: Vehicle Transfer Seat - VTS and Vehicle Transfer Device - VTD, establishing criteria and procedures to assess the conformity of accessibility parameters in M3 category of vehicles with road characteristics for the transport of passengers. The conformity assessment mechanism is third-party certification.</i></p>	—

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<b>METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA</b>					
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	CZECH REPUBLIC	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/229/Add.1</a>	<p>Rotary-piston and velocity gas flow meters - Addendum</p> <p><i>Draft General Measure number: 0111-OOP-C031-18 laying down the metrological and technical requirements for legally controlled measuring instruments, including test methods for type approval and verification of the following legally controlled measuring instruments: 'rotary-piston and velocity gas flow meters', has been adopted.</i></p>	—
<b>PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS</b>					
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	TANZANIA	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/304</a>	<p>Glass bottles used for packaging of carbonated and non-carbonated drinks</p> <p><i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for Glass bottles used for packaging of carbonated and non-carbonated drinks.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	TANZANIA	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/305</a>	<p>Packaging ancillary materials : pressure sensitive adhesive tape</p> <p><i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for pressure sensitive adhesive cellulose, plasticized PVC (polyvinyl chloride) unplasticized PVC, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene tapes used in packaging. This standard does not apply to tapes with adhesives on both surfaces.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	TANZANIA	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/306</a>	<p>Woven polypropylene hermetic bags for storage of dried food commodities, derived products and seeds</p> <p><i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for hermetic bags for storage of dried food commodities, derived products and seeds. This standard covers hermetic bags whose outer bags are made from woven polypropylene.</i></p>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	TANZANIA	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/307</a>	<p>Portable rigid plastic hermetic silos used for storage of dry food commodities, derived products and seeds</p> <p><i>This Draft East African Standard specifies the requirements, methods of sampling and test for portable rigid plastic hermetic silos used for storage of dry food commodities, derived products and seeds where controlled conditions of moisture and oxygen is a requirement.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
LIQUID FUELS	CHILE	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/497</a>	Liquid fuels for marine use  <i>Proposed Supreme Decree "Establishes specifications of quality of liquid fuels for marine use. "This decree shall fix the specifications and requirements that marine fuels must meet use in diesel engines and boilers of boats.</i>	60 days from notification
FUELS IN GENERAL	KENYA	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/897</a>	Fuel oils  <i>This Kenya Standard prescribes requirements and test methods for fuel oils intended for oil-fired furnaces both for industrial and marine uses.</i>	9 October 2019
LUBRICANTS, INDUSTRIAL OILS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	KENYA	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KEN/898</a>	Base oils composed of hydrocarbons and intended for use in formulating products including a[...]otive and industrial lubricants  <i>This Kenya Standard covers the specifications and methods of test for base oils composed of hydrocarbons and intended for use in formulating products including automotive and industrial lubricants.</i>	9 October 2019
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	29/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/68/Add.5/Corr.1</a>	Motor vehicles - Corrigendum  <i>The corresponding text and link is added to the notification G / TBT / N / ARG / 68 / Add.5 which was omitted by mistake.</i>	—
CRASH PROTECTION AND RESTRAINT SYSTEMS	ARGENTINA	27/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARG/372</a>	Safety belts  <i>The notified draft text provides for the adoption of UNECE Regulation No. 16, or, alternatively, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) Nos 209 and 210.</i>	25 October 2019
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	INDIA	29/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IND/106</a>	Bicycles- retro reflective devices  <i>Bicycles- Retro Reflective Devices (Quality Control) Order, 2019</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRIC ROAD VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1442/Add.1</a>	Electric-powered vehicles - Addendum  <i>This final rule clarifies the direct contact protection requirements for high voltage connectors in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 305, "Electric-powered vehicles: electrolyte spillage and electrical shock protection."</i>	7 October 2019

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<b>RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES</b>					
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	UNITED STATES	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1521</a>	<p>Motor vehicle tires and rims</p> <p><i>This document proposes amendments to Federal Motor Vehicle Standard (FMVSS) No. 109 in response to a petition from the Tire and Rim Association to clarify the applicability of the FMVSSs to certain types of tires intended for use on trailers.</i></p>	20 September 2019
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	29/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/597/Corr.1</a>	<p>Radio apparatus used for radiocommunication (other than broadcasting) - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>Under Item 6, the links provided in G/TBT/N/CAN/597_(dated 26 August 2019) should read as below.</i></p> <p><i><a href="https://www.rabc-cccr.ca/news/sed-radio-standards-specification-rss-310-issue-5-licensed-exempt-radio-apparatus-category-ii-equipment/">https://www.rabc-cccr.ca/news/sed-radio-standards-specification-rss-310-issue-5-licensed-exempt-radio-apparatus-category-ii-equipment/</a> (English)</i></p> <p><i><a href="https://www.rabc-cccr.ca/fr/consultations-en-cours/isde-cahier-des-charges-sur-les-normes-radioelectriques-cnr%e2%80%915e-edition-appareils-radio-exempts-de-licence-materiel-de-categorie-ii/">https://www.rabc-cccr.ca/fr/consultations-en-cours/isde-cahier-des-charges-sur-les-normes-radioelectriques-cnr%e2%80%915e-edition-appareils-radio-exempts-de-licence-materiel-de-categorie-ii/</a> (French)</i></p>	—
MOBILE SERVICES	FRANCE	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/FRA/192</a>	<p>Active radio equipment for 5G mobile networks operated by telecom operators of vital importance</p> <p><i>For the purposes of security and national defence, the draft law introduces a preliminary monitoring measure for any activity involving the operation of certain radio equipment in 5G networks. Operators must send an authorisation request to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister will then make a decision within two months of receiving the completed request file.</i></p>	—
MOBILE SERVICES	FRANCE	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/FRA/193</a>	<p>Active radio equipment for 5G mobile networks operated by telecom operators of vital importance</p> <p><i>For the purposes of security and national defence, the draft law introduces a preliminary monitoring measure for any activity involving the operation of certain radio equipment in 5G networks. Operators must send an authorisation request to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister will then make a decision within two months of receiving the completed request file.</i></p>	—



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<b>TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY</b>					
TEXTILE FABRICS	TANZANIA	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/308</a>	Disposable baby diapers  <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements and test methods for disposable baby diapers.</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE FABRICS	TANZANIA	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/309</a>	Re-usable baby diapers  <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the requirements and test methods for re-usable baby diapers.</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE FABRICS	TANZANIA	28/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/310</a>	Reusable sanitary towels  <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the requirement and test methods for re-usable sanitary towels for external use.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>WOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
WOOD TECHNOLOGY PROCESSES	UNITED STATES	26/08/2019	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/827/Rev.3/Add.1</a>	Composite wood products - Addendum  <i>EPA is publishing this final rule to amend the formaldehyde standards for composite wood products regulation. EPA is publishing these amendments to address certain technical issues and to further align the final rule requirements with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Airborne Toxic Control Measures (ATCM) Phase II program.</i>	—