



# 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

Notifications on Agriculture, Chemicals, Food and Beverages, Road vehicles engineering, Health care technology etc. from Canada, Mexico, Tanzania, 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)

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## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (25 February - 03 March 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	27/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/609</a>	Organic fertilizer <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for organic fertilizers.</i>	60 days from notification
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	27/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/610</a>	Inorganic foliar fertilizer <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for inorganic foliar fertilizers.</i>	60 days from notification
FERTILIZERS	UGANDA	27/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/611</a>	Magnesium sulphate fertilizer <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for magnesium sulphate fertilizer.</i>	60 days from notification

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CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	ECUADOR	27/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/331</a>	<p>Cosmetics, household hygiene products and hygiene products</p> <p><i>The draft Ecuadorian technical and sanitary standard for cosmetics, household hygiene products and hygiene absorbent products</i>  <i>Covers the following: purpose, scope, definitions, generalities, compulsory health notification (NSO), procedure and amendments, recognition, procedure for obtaining the compulsory health notification, amendment of the notification recognition of the compulsory health notification code, circulation of samples without commercial value, certificate of free sale and certificate export, operating permit, gift of cosmetics, products hygiene or personal hygiene products in case of emergency Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), Good Certification Procedure Manufacturing practices, inspection service fees and certification good manufacturing practices, notification of change on the certificate of good practices, recognition of the certificate of good manufacturing practice and monitoring and control.</i></p>	25 March 2017
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	28/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1276</a>	<p>Chemical substances</p> <p><i>As required under section 6(b)(4) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA is proposing to establish a process for conducting risk evaluations to determine whether a chemical substance presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment, without consideration of costs or other non-risk factors, including an unreasonable risk to a potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation, under the conditions of use. Risk evaluation is the second step, after Prioritization, in a new process of existing chemical substance review and management established under recent amendments to TSCA. This proposed rule identifies the steps of a risk evaluation process including scope, hazard assessment, exposure assessment, risk characterization, and finally a risk determination. EPA is proposing that this process be used for the first ten chemical substances to be evaluated from the 2014 update of the TSCA Work Plan for Chemical Assessments, chemical substances designated as High- Priority Substances during the prioritization process, and those chemical substances for which EPA has initiated a risk evaluation in response to manufacturer requests. The proposed rule also includes the required "form and criteria" applicable to such manufacturer requests.</i></p>	20 March 2017
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	28/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1277</a>	<p>Chemical substances</p> <p><i>As required under section 6(b)(1) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA is proposing to establish a risk-based screening process and criteria that EPA will use to identify chemical substances as either High-Priority Substances for risk evaluation, or Low-Priority Substances for which risk evaluations are not warranted at the time.</i></p>	20 March 2017

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				<i>The proposed rule describes the processes for identifying potential candidates for prioritization, selecting a candidate, screening that candidate against certain criteria, formally initiating the prioritization process, providing opportunities for public comment, and proposing and finalizing designations of priority. Prioritization is the initial step in a new process of existing chemical substance review and risk management activity established under recent amendments to TSCA.</i>	
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
BUILDINGS	UNITED STATES	28/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1275</a>	Low-rise residential buildings  <i>The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is publishing this final rule to implement provisions in the Energy Conservation and Production Act (ECPA) that require DOE to update the baseline Federal energy efficiency performance standards for the construction of new Federal low-rise residential buildings. This rule updates the baseline Federal residential standard to the International Code Council (ICC) 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) .</i>	—
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS</b>					
SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES	THAILAND	03/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/472/Add.1</a>	Grills, toasters and similar portable cooking appliances - Addendum  <i>This addendum is to inform that the Thai Industrial Standard for Grills, Toasters and Similar Portable Cooking Appliances - Safety Requirements (TIS 1641 - 2552) issued by Thai Industrial Standards Institute, notified under G/TBT/N/THA/472 was adopted on 17 February 2017 and will enter into force after 180 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette (17 August 2017) .</i>	—
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY</b>					
WATER QUALITY	BRAZIL	28/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/708</a>	Water for pharmaceutical use  <i>This Draft Resolution defines the chapter "water for pharmaceutical purposes" of the Brazilian Pharmacopoeia. In this chapter it is considered water for pharmaceutical use the various types of water used in the synthesis of ingredients; in the formulation and production of medicines; in laboratories; diagnostics and other applications related to health, including its use as the main component in the cleaning process of utensils, equipments and systems. Purification process, storage and distribution of water must comply with the pharmacopoeia specifications. The water quality requirements will depend on its purpose and use, as well as the purification system designed to meet the purity level established. The user is responsible for selecting the type of water appropriate to its objectives, as well as for the necessary controls to guarantee the maintenance of the desired quality. This chapter also addresses the two major groups of water contaminants: chemical and microbiological contaminants. There are three types of water for pharmaceutical use: purified water (AP); water for injections (API) and ultra-purified water (AUP), whose monographs are found in this Pharmacopoeia.</i>	29 March 2017

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				Official international compendiums specify, in addition to these, other types of water, such as: packaged in bottles, sterile or bacteriostatic, for irrigation or inhalation. However, all have purity characteristics similar to the three fundamental types already mentioned. In addition to these, there are potable water and reagent water, which are widely used and have direct application in pharmaceutical facilities, mainly in general cleaning procedures. Thus, the five types of water are considered, in relation to their main characteristics and application. Specific monographs, where available, detail purity parameters established for each type.	
<b>FOOD AND BEVERAGES</b>					
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	CANADA	01/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/517/Add.1</a>	<p>Fresh and frozen raw ground beef products - Addendum</p> <p>The proposed amendment notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/517 (dated 16 February 2017) was adopted 22 February 2017 as the Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations (Food Irradiation) . These Regulations come into force on 22 February 2017, on the day on which they are published in the Canada Gazette, Part II.</p>	—
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MEXICO	01/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/301/Add.2</a>	<p>Mezcal - Addendum</p> <p>OFFICIAL MEXICAN STANDARD NOM-070-SCFI-2016, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-MEZCALE SPECIFICATIONS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE FEDERATION ON FEBRUARY 23 2017. On March 4, 2016, the Ministry of Economy published in the Official Gazette of the Federation (<a href="http://www.dof.gob.mx">Http://www.dof.gob.mx</a>), PROY-NOM-070-SCFI-2015, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-MEZCALESPECIFICACIONES, For public consultation.</p>	—
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	MEXICO	02/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/352</a>	<p>Products of plant origin</p> <p>The modification of NOM-022-FITO-1995, seeks to meet the current circumstances and needs that are being presented in the process of verification and certification of products of plant origin in our country, describes the phytosanitary measures to be taken by the companies providing the phytosanitary treatment facilities and subsidiary bodies of the Secretariat, in order to reduce the risk of introducing or dispersing quarantine pests associated with mobilization in international trade, national mobilization or export.</p> <p>The present law establishes an update in our legal framework so that contribute to a correct certification of the regulated goods, to mitigate the risk of introduce non-compliant merchandise, facilitate the mobilization of products of vegetable origin destined to Free Zones or Zones of Low Prevalence, as well as, reduce operational costs in the application of phytosanitary</p>	60 calendar days after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation.

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				<p>SENASICA as a competent authority has specific responsibilities regarding the control and regulation of the companies providing the phytosanitary treatment service and the services they provide, through inspections (documentary and random physics review, considering risk sites) to users Or treatment providers.</p> <p>This standard establishes the procedure for registration, infrastructure requirements, materials, equipment, conformity assessment process and certification of treatment companies, including critical points by type of treatment and its specifications referred to in the "Manual Of Phytosanitary Treatments".</p>	
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	NICARAGUA	02/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/NIC/151</a>	<p>Meat sausages</p> <p>This document sets out the characteristics and Specifications that must be met in the process of manufacturing the Products Meat products. Meat sausages. It is applicable to Meat Products, Meat Sausages (Sausage, sausage, mortadella and sausage) intended for human consumption. Imported or produced at the national level.</p>	60 days from published its notification.
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	01/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/RUS/82</a>	<p>Milk and dairy products</p> <p>Draft amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Custom Union "On the safety of milk and dairy products" (TR CU 033/2013) provide for the correction of definitions and establish additional requirements for the labelling of milk-containing products, in particular such as "reconstituted milk", "milk-containing product", etc.</p>	10 May 2017
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	TANZANIA	27/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/75</a>	<p>Hardened vegetable fat</p> <p>This Standard prescribes the requirements and methods of sampling and test for hardened vegetable fats for direct human consumption.</p>	60 days after circulation by WTO secretariat
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	TANZANIA	27/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/76</a>	<p>Refined edible rapeseed (canola) oil</p> <p>This Standard prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for refined edible rapeseed (canola) oil.</p>	60 days after circulation by WTO secretariat
EDIBLE OILS AND FATS. OILSEEDS	TANZANIA	27/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/77</a>	<p>Refined olive oil and refined olive pomace oil</p> <p>This Standard prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for refined olive oil and refined olive pomace oil intended for direct human consumption.</p>	60 days after circulation by WTO secretariat
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	01/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/463/Add.1</a>	<p>Acide barbiturique, naloxegol and its salts, methylnaltrexone and its salts - Addendum</p> <p>The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/463 (dated 4 August 2015) were adopted on 22 February 2017 as the "Order Amending Schedules I, III and IV to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and Regulations amending Certain Regulations made under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act."</p>	—

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				<i>Note - For specific information regarding the salts of the following 14 substances: apomorphine, cyprenorphine, narcotine, papaverine, carbamethidine, oxpheneridine, ethoheptazine, metethoheptazine, metheptazine, dextromethorphan, dextrorphan, levallorphan, levargorphan, and cyclazocine, please refer to G/TBT/CAN/464/Add.1.</i>	
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	01/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/464/Add.1</a>	Residues - Addendum  <i>The proposed regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/464 (dated 4 August 2015) were adopted on 22 February 2017 as the "Order Amending Schedules I, III and IV to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and Regulations amending Certain Regulations made under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act."</i> <i>Note - For specific information regarding the following substances: Barbituric Acid, Naloxegol and its salts, Methylnaltrexone and its salts, the salts of Naloxone, Naltrexone and Nalmefene and Catha edulis Forsk, its preparations, derivatives, alkaloids and salts including Cathine and Cathinone, please refer to G/TBT/N/CAN/463/Add.1.</i> <i>The Order and Regulations come into force on 22 February 2017.</i>	—
MEDICAMENTS	CHINA	27/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1198</a>	Biological products  <i>This notified document is a revision to Provisions for Lot Release of Biological Products, issued in 2004. It includes 7 chapters, 49 articles. It specifies that vaccines, blood products and blood screening agents should be subject to quality assessment such as mandatory examination and inspection by quality control laboratories of drugs designated by CFDA. And only the qualified ones can be imported to and/or distributed in China. Main changes in this revision include: adding a chapter of lot Release institutes, defining the time-limit of the whole chain and the situation under which on-site inspection shall be conducted.</i>	60 days after circulation by the WTO Secretariat
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	01/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/548</a>	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system  <i>Proposed Shitei Yakubutsu (designated 6 substances), and their proper uses designated under the Act.</i>	—
MEDICAL • MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	02/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/353</a>	Infrastructure for hemodialysis  <i>Chronic and acute renal failure can be treated With extracorporeal renal replacement therapy known as hemodialysis and its therapies such as haemofiltration, hemodiafiltration, as well as continuous renal replacement in all its modalities, treatments that, when complemented with other medical and nutritional measures, can significantly improve the prognosis, to modify the evolution of the disease and to favor the possibilities of a better quality of life of the patients with renal insufficiency.</i>	At sixty calendar days After its publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation (01/20/17)



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				<p>For this purpose, this standard establishes the minimum criteria and requirements that professional and technical personnel, infrastructure, equipment and procedures specific facilities, must comply with any establishment for the medical care of the public, social and private practice in which hemodialysis is practiced, continuous renal replacement and related therapies. It is important to note that in all cases, the principles scientific and ethical principles that guide medical practice, in particular freedom</p> <p>The prescribing physician of the nephrology doctor and other non-nephrologist together with the support of the nursing and technical staff, should provide their services with the greater quality and safety with the means and resources available to the benefit of the patient.</p>	
<b>METALLURGY</b>					
NON-ALLOYED STEELS	COLOMBIA	01/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/COL/222/Add.1</a>	<p>Rebar low alloy</p> <p>The Republic of Colombia communicates with regard to the draft resolution of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism "By which the Technical Regulation applicable to bars low-alloy corrugation for concrete reinforcement in earthquake-resistant constructions that manufactured, imported or marketed in Colombia "notified on January 11, 2017, by the World Trade Organization through the document identified under the G / TBT / N / COL / 222, that Article 6 therefore the deadline for comments is extended to May 28, 2017.</p>	28 May 2017
<b>METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA</b>					
ELECTRICITY. MAGNETISM. ELECTRICAL AND MAGNETIC MEASUREMENTS	MEXICO	02/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/354</a>	<p>Wattmeters</p> <p>This Draft Mexican Official Standard establishes the test methods for the field verification of the metrological requirements of the self-contained electromechanical wattmeters as well as the integrity of their installation electric.</p>	Within sixty days of its Publication in the Official Gazette of the Federation.
<b>PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS</b>					
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	02/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/612</a>	<p>Packaging materials</p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard provides the general requirements of packaging items for food contact and their subsequent use.</p>	60 days from notification
<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	MEXICO	01/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/222/Add.3</a>	<p>Hydrocarbons - Addendum</p> <p>NOTICE by means of which the knowledge that was authorized by the Direction General Management of Air Quality and Record of Emissions and Contaminants of the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources two test methods Alternates, for use in Official Mexican Standards NOM-044-SEMARNAT-2006 and NOM-076-SEMARNAT-2012.</p>	—

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ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	ECUADOR	02/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/54/Add.6</a>	Motor vehicles - Addendum  <i>The Republic of Ecuador hereby informs and announces Addendum 6 for the Modification 3 of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 048 (1R) "AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES OF THREE WHEELS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS AND FOR CARGO TRANSPORT", notified document G / TBT / N / ECU / 54 / Add.3 of 26 February 2014. This Modification 3 has been issued by Resolution No. 17 026 of January 26, 2017, issued by the Undersecretariat of the Quality System of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity, published in the Official Registry No. 953 of January 26, 2017.</i>	—
COMBUSTION • INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES FOR ROAD VEHICLES	MEXICO	01/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/279/Add.1</a>	Motor vehicles, tractors, cycles and other land vehicles; And parts and accessories thereof - Addendum  <i>NOTICE by means of which the knowledge that was authorized by the Direction General Management of Air Quality and Record of Emissions and contaminants of the Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources two test methods alternates, for use in Official Mexican Standards NOM-044-SEMARNAT-2006 and NOM-076-SEMARNAT-2012.</i>	—
VEHICLES • SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES	UNITED STATES	28/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1279</a>	Diesel-fueled transport refrigeration units  <i>The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is granting the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") request for authorization of amendments to its Airborne Toxic Control Measure for In-Use Diesel- Fueled Transport Refrigeration Units ("TRU") and TRU Generator Sets and Facilities Where TRUs Operate (together "2011 TRU Amendments"). EPA's decision also confirms that certain of the 2011 TRU amendments are within the scope of prior EPA authorizations. The 2011 TRU Amendments primarily provide owners of TRU engines with certain flexibilities; clarify recordkeeping requirements for certain types of TRU engines; establish requirements for businesses that arrange, hire, contract, or dispatch the transport of goods in TRU-equipped trucks, trailers, or containers; and address other issues that arose during the initial implementation of the regulation. This decision is issued under the authority of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or "Act") .</i>	20 March 2017
SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES					
MARINE • SHIPBUILDING AND MARINE STRUCTURES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	28/02/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1278</a>	Commercial harbor craft  <i>The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is granting the California Air Resources Board ("CARB") its request for an authorization of its amendments to its Commercial Harbor Craft regulations ("CHC Amendments") . EPA is also confirming that certain CHC amendments are within the scope of a prior EPA authorization. CARB's CHC Amendments primarily subject diesel-fueled engines on crew and supply, barge and dredge vessels to the in-use engine emission requirements of the original CHC regulations;</i>	20 March 2017



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				allow CARB or EPA Tier 2 or higher tier certified off-road ("nonroad") engines to be used as auxiliary or propulsion engines in both new and in-use CHC vessels; and clarify requirements and address certain issues that have arisen during CARB's implementation of the original CHC regulations. This decision is issued under the authority of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or "Act") .	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	JAPAN	02/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/549</a>	700MHz bands intelligent transport system  <i>In order to enhance service contents using 700MHz bands intelligent transport systems (ITS) and toughen the ITS infrastructure, in addition to existing Vehicle-to-Vehicle and Vehicle-to-Infrastructure communication, the government of Japan establishes the technical regulations on radio equipment for Infrastructure-to-Infrastructure communications using 700MHz bands.</i>	60 days from date of circulation
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	02/03/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/265</a>	Telecommunications radio-frequency devices  <i>In response to the rapid development of emerging industries of information and communications technology (ICT), such as the internet of things (IoT), the National Communications Commission (NCC) would like to propose a draft amendment to the Compliance Approval Regulations on Controlled Telecommunications Radio-Frequency Devices. The amendments mainly encompass the following three points:</i> 1. <i>Compliance approval of radio-frequency devices: a hierarchical management mechanism has been adopted that takes into account the emission power, frequency band, and interference risk level of such devices. This enables the compliance approval of devices with fewer regulatory restrictions to be processed more efficiently, accelerating the product launch process.</i> 2. <i>Qualifications of applicants: NCC has also relaxed restrictions; a natural person will be eligible to apply for compliance approval. This not only facilitates the approval application process more effectively, but also promotes market competition and protects consumers.</i> 3. <i>Facilitation of innovative applications: a simplified Declaration of Conformity (DoC) will be applied to regulate partial low-power devices (such as bluetooth wireless mice, keyboards, DC speakers, headphones, etc.) Together with simultaneous simplified compliance approval procedures, it is expected that these amendments not only promote innovative technology applications of communications and ICT industries, but also adhere to international standards, encouraging an innovative R&amp;D environment that can better facilitate the development of relevant industries.</i>	50 days from notification