

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 35 notifications on Agriculture, Chemical Technology, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food Technology, etc., from European Union, Israel, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, Uganda, 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (27 July—02 August 2019)

| Product Sector | Country | Date Notified | TBT Notification Symbol | Product Coverage / Title | Final Date for Comments |
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| AGRICULTURE | | | | | |
| PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS | EUROPEAN UNION | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/EU/672 | Pesticides - Residues - Thiacloprid <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance thiacloprid is not renewed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| PLANT GROWING | UGANDA | 01/08/2019 | G/TBT/N/UGA/1102 | Sunflower seed <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods for sunflower seed (Helianthus annuus L.) for further processing.</i> | 60 days from notification |

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| CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY | | | | | |
| OTHER ORGANIC CHEMICALS | UNITED STATES | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/USA/1511 | Fatty acid amide <i>EPA is proposing to revoke the significant new use rule (SNUR) promulgated under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for a chemical substance which was identified generically as fatty acid amide which was the subject of pre-manufacture notice (PMN) P-13-267.</i> | 23 August 2019 |
| PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY | UNITED STATES | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/USA/1512 | Persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic chemicals <i>EPA is proposing a rule to address certain persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemicals identified pursuant to section 6(h) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) .</i> | 27 September 2019 |
| CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING | | | | | |
| CEMENT. GYPSUM. LIME. MORTAR | ECUADOR | 01/08/2019 | G/TBT/N/ECU/345/Add.1 | Cements, lime and plaster for construction - Addendum <i>This Ecuadorian technical regulation 007 (Second Revision) replaces the RTE INEN 007 (1R): 2013 (First Review) and will enter into force after the period of six (6) months counting from the day following its publication in the Official Register.</i> | — |
| DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS | | | | | |
| LAUNDRY APPLIANCES | CHILE | 29/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/CHL/488/Corr.1 | Vertical steam irons - Corrigendum <i>The following communication, dated 26 July 2019 is distributed at the request of the delegation of Chile.</i> | — |
| DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL | CHILE | 02/08/2019 | G/TBT/N/CHL/493 | Electric furnaces <i>The technical specification for the label design of efficiency for electric ovens seek to deliver information to consumers.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| DOMESTIC REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES | ECUADOR | 01/08/2019 | G/TBT/N/ECU/349/Add.1 | Household appliances for cold production - Addendum <i>This Ecuadorian technical regulation RTE INEN 009 (First Review) replaces the RTE INEN 009:2005, Modification 1:2009, Modification 2:2015, Modification 3:2017 and correcting 1:2019 and will come into effect after the period of six (6) months counting from the day following its publication in the Official Registry.</i> | — |

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| MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT | ECUADOR | 01/08/2019 | G/TBT/N/ECU/368/Add.1 | Lighters - Addendum <i>This Ecuadorian technical regulation RTE INEN 044 (Third Revision) replaces the TEN INEN 044:3.2 (Second Revision) and its Modification 1:2014 and will become effective after a period of six (6) months from the day following its publication in the Official Register.</i> | — |
| TOYS | ISRAEL | 29/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1070 | Safety of toys : migration of certain chemical elements <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 562 part 3, dealing with the migration of certain chemical elements from toys.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| TOYS | ISRAEL | 29/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1071 | Safety of toys : finger paints <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 562 part 7, dealing with finger paints. This draft standard revision adopts the European Standard EN-71-7: 2014 and A2: February 2018, with a few changes that appear in the standard's Hebrew section.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| TOYS | ISRAEL | 29/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1072 | Safety of toys : swings, slides and similar activity toys for indoor and outdoor family domestic use <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 562 part 8, dealing with swings, slides and similar activity toys.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| LAUNDRY APPLIANCES | UNITED STATES | 30/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/USA/1508 | Clothes dryers <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the test procedures for clothes dryers to provide additional direction in response to questions from manufacturers and test laboratories.</i> | 23 September 2019 |
| ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING | | | | | |
| FLUORESCENT LAMPS. DISCHARGE LAMPS | THAILAND | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/THA/552 | Self-ballasted lamps for general lighting services <i>The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed the draft compulsory Thai industrial standard for self-ballasted lamps for general lighting services by rated voltage >50 V: safety requirements (TIS 2780-25xx (20xx)) .</i> | 60 days from notification |

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| ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY | | | | | |
| SAFETY OF MACHINERY | BRAZIL | 02/08/2019 | G/TBT/N/BRA/891 | Machinery <i>The text establishes technical requirements and defines references , fundamental principles and protective measures to safeguard the health and physical integrity of workers and establishes minimum requirements for the prevention of accidents and occupational diseases at the design and use stages of machinery and their manufacture, importation, marketing, exhibition and assignment, in all economic activities.</i> | — |
| ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION | EUROPEAN UNION | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/EU/542/Add.1 | Products covered by Union harmonisation legislation - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on market surveillance and compliance of products and amending Directive 2004/42/EC and Regulations (EC) No 765/2008 and (EU) No 305/2011 was adopted on 20 June 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 169 on 25 June 2019.</i> | — |
| PASSENGER CARS. CARAVANS AND LIGHT TRAILERS | UNITED STATES | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/USA/1487/Add.1 | Vehicles with automated driving systems - Addendum <i>In response to a request from the public, NHTSA is announcing a 30-day extension of the comment period on the ANPRM on Removing Regulatory Barriers for Vehicles with Automated Driving Systems. The comment period for the ANPRM was originally scheduled to end on 29 July 2019. It will now end on 28 August 2019.</i> | — |
| QUALITY | UNITED STATES | 30/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/USA/1499/Add.1/Corr.1 | Stationary compression ignition internal combustion engines - Corrigendum <i>Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines.</i> | |
| FOOD TECHNOLOGY | | | | | |
| SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS | ISRAEL | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1073 | Sweet fat-based spreads <i>Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 562 part 8, dealing with swings, slides and similar activity toys.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS | ISRAEL | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1074 | Olive oil <i>This standard adopts the International Olive Oil Council's document COI/T.15/NC No 3/ Rev.11: July 2016 called "Trade Standard Applying to Olive Oils and Olive-Pomace Oils".</i> | 60 days from notification |

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| MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE | ISRAEL | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/ISR/1075 | Canned meat products <i>Revision of the partially Mandatory Standards SI 389 and SI 1085, to be replaced with SI 389, dealing with canned meat products.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES | MAROC | 29/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/MAR/27 | Soft drink <i>Clearly specify the labeling arrangements for the products defined by the draft decree to remove any ambiguity while specifying the warnings concerning the energy drinks.</i> | — |
| FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL | PARAGUAY | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/PRY/112/Corr.1 | Casein - Corrigendum <i>The communication dated 31 July 2019 is distributed at the request of the delegation of Paraguay.</i> | — |
| FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL | THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU | 02/08/2019 | G/TBT/N/TPKM/385 | Bulk food <i>The Ministry of Health and Welfare is proposing the labeling requirements for bulk food in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 2, Article 25 of the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL | UGANDA | 01/08/2019 | G/TBT/N/UGA/1103 | Tofu <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for Tofu for human consumption.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| POULTRY AND EGGS | UGANDA | 01/08/2019 | G/TBT/N/UGA/1104 | Chicken feet <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements, test and sampling methods for Chicken feet including paws fit for food industries and human consumption.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY | | | | | |
| PHARMACEUTICS | THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU | 29/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/TPKM/337/Rev.1/Add.1 | Pharmaceutical products, drugs - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Regulation for Patent Linkage of Drugs", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/337/Rev.1 on 5 February 2019, was promulgated on 1 July 2019.</i> | — |
| MEDICAL EQUIPMENT | THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU | 30/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/TPKM/372/Add.1 | Medical devices - Addendum <i>The "Amendment of Annex 1 to Article 3 and Article 8 of the Regulations for Governing the Management of Medical Device," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/372 on 26 March 2019, was promulgated on 29 July 2019 and the dates of entry force are specified in the final text.</i> | — |

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| MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE | TURKEY | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/TUR/153 | Conical pins with metric screw threaded and constant conical length <i>This standard covers dimensions and technical delivery conditions for unhardened, up to the end metric screw threaded, constant conical length pins with nominal diameter 5 mm.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| METALLURGY | | | | | |
| FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS | THAILAND | 29/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/THA/551/Corr.1 | Self-ballasted lamps for general lighting services <i>The Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) has proposed the draft compulsory Thai industrial standard for self-ballasted lamps for general lighting services by rated voltage >50 V: safety requirements (TIS 2780-25xx (20xx)) .</i> | 60 days from notification |
| PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES | | | | | |
| GASEOUS FUELS | OMAN | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/OMN/398 | Liquefied petroleum gas propane butane mixture <i>Standard is concerned with specification and requirement for the Propane & Butane mixture used as domestic or industrial heating fuel.</i> | 60 days from notification |
| FUELS | UNITED STATES | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/USA/1510 | Renewable Fuel Standard Program <i>Under section 211 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to set renewable fuel percentage standards every year.</i> | 30 August 2019 |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING | | | | | |
| RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS | JAPAN | 30/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/JPN/621/Add.1 | Wireless LAN system - Addendum <i>Revision of regulation related to radio equipment informed in G/TBT/N/JPN/621 (dated 1 March 2019) was published on 11 July 2019.</i> | — |
| AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIOVISUAL ENGINEERING | UNITED STATES | 31/07/2019 | G/TBT/N/USA/1509 | Image and audio recording devices <i>FRA is proposing to require the installation of inward- and outward-facing locomotive image recording devices on all lead locomotives in passenger trains .</i> | 23 September 2019 |