

# 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 Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Environment, Health Protection and Safety, Food and Beverages, Petroleum and Related Technologies etc. from the Arab league, Brazil, Canada, 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)

We are glad to be of service to you!

## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (29 April - 05 May 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	02/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KOR/716</a>	Cosmetics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed regulation establishes subordinate statutes according to the amendment of the Enforcement Rule of the Cosmetics Act.</li> <li>The proposed regulation allows labelling and advertisement of certificates such as Halal, Kosher, Vegan, etc. that are issued by internationally recognized accreditation bodies, international organizations, or government agencies, etc.</li> <li>The proposed regulations allows labelling and advertisement of certificates such as Halal, Kosher, Vegan, etc. that are issued by accreditation bodies which obtained reliability accreditation from designated deliberation council of the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety.</li> </ul>	20 days from notification

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INORGANIC CHEMICALS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/668</a>	Industrial chemicals <i>This draft test method covers procedures for sampling several classes of industrial chemicals. It also includes recommendations for determining the number and location of such samples, to ensure their being representative of the lot in accordance with accepted probability sampling principles.</i>	60 days from notification
ORGANIC CHEMICALS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/669</a>	Organic chemicals <i>This draft test method covers the determination of water from 0 to 2.0% mass in most liquid organic chemicals, with Karl Fischer reagent, using an automated coulometric titration procedure. Use of this test method is not applicable for liquefied gas products such as Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG), Butane, Propane, Liquid Natural Gas (LNG), etc.</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	04/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1271/Add.1</a>	Methylene chloride and N-Methylpyrrolidone - Addendum <i>In the Federal Register of 19 January 2017, EPA issued two proposed rules under section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) . The first action proposed to prohibit the manufacture (including import), processing, and distribution in commerce of trichloroethylene (TCE) for use in vapor degreasing; to prohibit the use of TCE in vapor degreasing; to require manufacturers (including importers), processors, and distributors, except for retailers, of TCE for any use to provide downstream notification of these prohibitions throughout the supply chain; and to require limited recordkeeping. The second action proposed to prohibit the manufacture (including import), processing, and distribution in commerce of methylene chloride and N- methylpyrrolidone (NMP) for consumer and most types of commercial paint and coating removal; to prohibit the use of methylene chloride and NMP in these commercial uses; to require manufacturers (including importers), processors, and distributors, except for retailers, of methylene chloride and NMP for any use to provide downstream notification of these prohibitions throughout the supply chain; and to require recordkeeping. This document reopens and extends the comment periods for each proposed rule for an additional 30 days. Commenters requested additional time to submit written comments for the proposed rules.</i>	—
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS</b>					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	CANADA	03/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/524</a>	Playpens and playpen accessories <i>The proposal repeals and replaces the current Playpens Regulationsof the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (CCPSA) . The proposed Playpens Regulationsinclude a number of major modifications to address identified hazards associated with playpens. The modifications include additional performance requirements and test methods to address unintentional folding or collapse of the playpen's top rails, and the introduction of performance requirements and test methods for playpen accessories, including accessories intended for unsupervised infant sleep.</i>	

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				<i>The proposal aligns the majority of the Canadian requirements with U.S. requirements, and aligns some requirements with the current Cribs, Cradles and Bassinets Regulations of the CCPSA (G/TBT/N/CAN/98/Rev.2/Add.1) .</i>	
<b>ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING</b>					
FISSILE MATERIALS AND NUCLEAR FUEL TECHNOLOGY	CZECH REPUBLIC	04/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CZE/194/Add.1</a>	<p>Fissile materials and nuclear fuel technology - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Czech Republic would like to inform the WTO Members that the Draft implementing decree concerning the type approval of certain products in the field of peaceful use of nuclear energy and ionising radiation and the carriage of radioactive or fissile material ( G/TBT/N/CZE/194 ), was adopted on 7 November 2016, and published in the Official Journal.</i></p>	—
<b>ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY</b>					
WASTES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	04/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TPKM/258/Add.2</a>	<p>Electrical products - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to the legal inspection regulation for 8 items of electrical products", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/258 on 9 December 2016, was promulgated on 24 April 2017 and will come into effect on 1 July 2018.</i></p>	—
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	03/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1218/Add.2</a>	<p>Sulfur content in fuels - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action to approve revisions to the District of Columbia (the District) state implementation plan (SIP) . The revision pertains to the update of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) to lower the sulfur content of fuel oil. This action is being taken under the Clean Air Act (CAA) .</i></p>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	03/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1233/Add.1</a>	<p>Volatile organic compounds - Addendum</p> <p><i>Amends rules to reduce the amount of volatile organic compounds (VOC) in consumer products and architectural and industrial maintenance (AIM) coatings sold in Connecticut as an effort to reduce the quantity of VOCs released to the atmosphere.</i></p>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	03/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1270/Add.2</a>	<p>Trichloroethylene - Addendum</p> <p><i>In the Federal Register of 19 January 2017, EPA issued two proposed rules under section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) . The first action proposed to prohibit the manufacture (including import), processing, and distribution in commerce of trichloroethylene (TCE) for use in vapor degreasing; to prohibit the use of TCE in vapor degreasing; to require manufacturers (including importers), processors, and distributors, except for retailers, of TCE for any use to provide downstream notification of these prohibitions throughout the supply chain; and to require limited recordkeeping.</i></p>	—

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<b>FOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
TEA	BAHRAIN	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BHR/477</a>	Tea and herbs bags  <i>This technical regulation contains definitions, requirements (physical, chemical, microbiological, radiological), sampling, methods of examination and tests, transportation, storage and labelling for different types of tea and herbs bags.</i>	60 days from notification
FRUITS AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	03/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/714</a>	Blueberries fruits  <i>This Instruction establishes phytosanitary requirements for the import of blueberries fruits (Vaccinium corymbosum), Category 3, Class 4, produced in Peru, specifying packaging conditions, certification, inspection and sampling requirements.</i>	—
TEA	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/981</a>	Tea and herbs bags  <i>This technical regulation contains definitions, requirements (physical, chemical, microbiological, radiological), sampling, methods of examination and tests, transportation, storage and labelling for different types of tea and herbs bags.</i>	60 days from notification
TEA	KUWAIT	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/KWT/359</a>	Tea and herbs bags  <i>This technical regulation contains definitions, requirements (physical, chemical, microbiological, radiological), sampling, methods of examination and tests, transportation, storage and labelling for different types of tea and herbs bags.</i>	60 days from notification
TEA	OMAN	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/OMN/302</a>	Tea and herbs bags  <i>This technical regulation contains definitions, requirements (physical, chemical, microbiological, radiological), sampling, methods of examination and tests, transportation, storage and labelling for different types of tea and herbs bags.</i>	60 days from notification
TEA	QATAR	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/QAT/475</a>	Tea and herbs bags  <i>This technical regulation contains definitions, requirements (physical, chemical, microbiological, radiological), sampling, methods of examination and tests, transportation, storage and labelling for different types of tea and herbs bags.</i>	60 days from notification

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TEA	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ARE/363</a>	Tea and herbs bags <i>This technical regulation contains definitions, requirements (physical, chemical, microbiological, radiological), sampling, methods of examination and tests, transportation, storage and labelling for different types of tea and herbs bags.</i>	60 days from notification
TEA	YEMEN	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/YEM/79</a>	Tea and herbs bags <i>This technical regulation contains definitions, requirements (physical, chemical, microbiological, radiological), sampling, methods of examination and tests, transportation, storage and labelling for different types of tea and herbs bags.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY</b>					
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	03/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CAN/523</a>	Prescription and ethical drug products <i>On 6 November 2014, the Protecting Canadians from Unsafe Drugs Act (Vanessa's Law) received royal assent and amended the Food and Drugs Act to enable Health Canada to effectively and efficiently regulate the approval and safety of drugs for Canadians based on a lifecycle approach. This proposal would amend the Food and Drug Regulations by introducing regulations that govern the issuance of Ministerial orders to reassess the benefits and harms of a drug, or conduct additional tests and studies. The amendment would also require therapeutic product authorization holders to provide the Department with the foreign risk communication(s) undertaken within the jurisdictions of specified foreign authorities. It would also repeal the requirement, under Division 8 of the Food and Drug Regulations, to provide clinical case reports. These regulations would support the coming into force of the new assessment and test and studies powers included in Vanessa's Law by establishing the rules needed to structure the exercise of those powers. They would further support post-market drug safety by creating new foreign incident reporting rules. Finally, the regulations would reduce unnecessary requirements by removing a NDS reporting obligation.</i>	06 July 2017
<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
EQUIPMENT FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS INDUSTRIES IN GENERAL	UGANDA	03/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/652/Corr.1</a>	Equipment for petroleum and natural gas industries - Corrigendum <i>The information contained in the notification G/TBT/N/UGA/652 is identical to that contained in the notification G/TBT/N/UGA/651. Therefore G/TBT/N/UGA/652 is null and void.</i>	—
FUELS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/665</a>	Ethanol and methanol content in fuels <i>This draft test method covers the determination of ethanol content of hydrocarbon blends containing greater than 20% ethanol. This method is applicable to denatured fuel ethanol, ethanol fuel blends, and mid-level ethanol blends.</i>	60 days from notification

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PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/666</a>	Petroleum products in general  <i>This draft practice covers the handling, mixing, and conditioning procedures that are required to ensure that a representative sample of the liquid petroleum or petroleum product is delivered from the primary sample container/receiver into the analytical test apparatus or into intermediate containers.</i>	60 days from notification
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/667</a>	Ethanol  <i>This draft test method covers the determination of acidity as acetic acid (see Specification D4806) in commonly available grades of denatured ethanol, and ethanol blends with gasoline ranging from E95 to E30. This test method is used for determining low levels of acidity, below 200 mg/kg (ppm mass), with the exclusion of carbon dioxide.</i>	60 days from notification
EQUIPMENT FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS INDUSTRIES IN GENERAL	UGANDA	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/670</a>	Crude oils, lubricating oils  <i>This draft test method discusses the use of temperature and pressure volume correction factors for generalized crude oils, refined products, and lubricating oils, developed jointly by ASTM International, the American Petroleum Institute (API) and the Energy Institute.</i>	60 days from notification
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/671</a>	Petroleum products  <i>This draft test method discusses the use of temperature and pressure volume correction factors for generalized crude oils, refined products, and lubricating oils, developed jointly by ASTM International, the American Petroleum Institute (API) and the Energy Institute.</i>	60 days from notification
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	01/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/UGA/672</a>	Petroleum products  <i>This draft practice describes general procedures and equipment for automatically obtaining samples of liquid petroleum and petroleum products, crude oils, and intermediate products from the sample point into the primary container. This practice also provides additional specific information about sample container selection, preparation, and sample handling.</i>	60 days from notification
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	02/05/2017	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SAU/982</a>	Motor vehicles  <i>This standard specifies the required technical inspection to be applied periodically on passenger cars, trucks and buses, to ensure that they have the safety requirements.</i>	60 days from notification