

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.

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Notifications on Agriculture, Aircraft and space building engineering, Chemicals, Construction materials and building, Electrical engineering etc. from Chile, Ecuador, the European Union, Turkey, the United Kingdom 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 (29 July - 04 August 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	04/08/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/497	Clothianidin <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the conditions of approval of the active substance clothianidin are amended. Existing authorisations for plant protection products containing clothianidin will be amended or withdrawn from the market. The amendment is based on the evaluation of confirmatory information submitted following the amendment of the conditions of approval of clothianidin (Regulation (EU) No 485/2013). This decision concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide.</i>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	04/08/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/498	Imidacloprid <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the conditions of approval of the active substance imidacloprid are amended. Existing authorisations for plant protection products containing imidacloprid will be amended or withdrawn from the market.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>The amendment is based on the evaluation of confirmatory information submitted following the amendment of the conditions of approval of imidacloprid (Regulation (EU) No 485/2013) . This decision concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide.</i>	
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	04/08/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/499	Thiamethoxam <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the conditions of approval of the active substance thiamethoxam are amended. Existing authorisations for plant protection products containing thiamethoxam will be amended or withdrawn from the market. The amendment is based on the evaluation of confirmatory information submitted following the amendment of the conditions of approval of thiamethoxam (Regulation (EU) No 485/2013) . This decision concerns the placing on the market of this substance and does not affect the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for residues of the concerned pesticide.</i>	60 days from notification
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE BUILDING ENGINEERING					
BOLTS, SCREWS, STUDS	TURKEY	01/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/97	Hexagon head bolts <i>This Standard specifies requirements for M12 to M30 hexagon head bolts for supply of hexagon nuts, assigned as product grade C, for use in structural steel bolting. Besides, this Standard covers nuts and washers to be used. Additional rules described in Annex A are acceptable. Besides, hexagonal bolts appropriate to this Standard are suitable for use in aluminium construction and composite construction.</i>	02 October 2017
CHEMICALS					
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	UNITED KINGDOM	31/07/2017	G/TBT/N/GBR/28	Cosmetics and personal care products <i>The draft regulations prohibit the use of microbeads as an ingredient in the manufacture of rinse-off personal care products and the sale of any such products containing microbeads.</i>	90 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	03/08/2017	G/TBT/N/KOR/721	Cosmetics <i>Add claims on packages of cosmetics. For package of functional cosmetics related to "Atopy, Acne, Stretch marks, Hair loss", sign to be stated or labelled is as follows " This isn't medication for prevention & cure of disease".</i>	60 days from notification
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	SINGAPORE	31/07/2017	G/TBT/N/SGP/37	Polychlorinated naphthalenes and trichlorfon <i>NEA is proposing to control polychlorinated naphthalenes (PCN) and trichlorfon as Hazardous Substances under the Environmental Protection and Management Act (EPMA) and EPM (Hazardous Substances) Regulations, as well as the phase-out of the production, import, export and use of PCN. Under the proposal, the control of PCN and trichlorfon under the EPMA and EPM (HS) Regulations is planned to be gazetted by November 2017.</i>	60 days from notification

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				With effect from May 2018, the production, import, export and use of PCN in Singapore will not be allowed. A HS Licence will be required for companies that import, export and sell trichlorfon, while end-users that store and use trichlorfon will be required to obtain a HS Permit.	
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	UKRAINE	04/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UKR/118	Building materials, products and structures <i>The rules establish the procedure and requirements for mandatory certification of building materials, products and structures in the state certification system, as well as the rules of recognition of conformity certificates of other states for products. Compliance with these Rules is mandatory for products certification bodies, appointed in accordance with the established procedure, accredited testing laboratories (centers), as well as legal entities of any organizational and legal form and form of ownership, including foreign ones, which produce or supply products.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ELECTRICAL WIRES AND CABLES	CHILE	31/07/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/419	Electrical extension cords (extension cords and multi-socket extension cords) <i>The notified protocol establishes the certification procedure for electrical extension cords (extension cords and multi-socket extension cords), in accordance with the scope and field of application of International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Standard No. 60884-2-7:2013.</i>	60 days from the date of notification.
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	MEXICO	02/08/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/324/Add.1	Artificial light sources - Addendum <i>Replies to the comments received regarding draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-058-SCFI-2015, "Control devices for artificial light sources used for general lighting purposes - Safety specifications and test methods (will cancel Mexican Official Standard NOM-058-SCFI-1999)", published in the Official Journal (Diario Oficial de la Federación) on 14 September 2016.</i>	—
ACID SECONDARY CELLS AND BATTERIES	TURKEY	01/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/98	Lead-acid batteries <i>(1) This standard covers the lead-acid batteries whose rated voltage and nominal capacity are given in Annex A, among accumulators for military uses, which are maintenance-free, electrolytic gel type, off chargeable. (2) This standard is about the description, classification, specifications, sampling, inspection and testing and supply to the market of off chargeable, maintenance-free lead-acid batteries.</i>	01 October 2017
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, SAFETY					
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	ECUADOR	03/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ECU/198/Add.4	Respiratory Protection Equipment - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and announces Addendum 4 for the Second Revision of the Technical Regulation RTE INEN 181 (2R) "RESPIRATORY PROTECTION EQUIPMENT", Notified under document G / TBT / N / ECU / 198 / Add.1 of September 2014.</i>	—

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				<i>Esta Segunda Revisión ha sido expedido mediante la Resolución N° 17 335 del 14 de junio de 2017, emitida por la Subsecretaria del Sistema de la Calidad del Ministerio de Industrias y Productividad, publicada en el Registro Oficial N° 45 del 02 de agosto de 2017.</i>	
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
BALL AND PLUG VALVES	TURKEY	01/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/95	Ball valves with cast iron - combustible gases <i>This Standard covers product ball valves with cast iron whose nominal angle are from DN 65 to DN 300 used in combustible gas pipeline like natural gas and LPG. This Standard does not cover steel and copper alloy ball valves. This Standard does not cover type of connection elements to be used according to working conditions like working pressure classes and temperature, thermal fluctuations, manufactured materials and dimensions.</i>	01 October 2017
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	ITALY	03/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ITA/30/Corr.1	Rice - Corrigendum <i>In the notification G/TBT/N/ITA/30, Item 10 should read: Final date for comments: 28 August 2017.</i>	—
MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING					
HAND-OPERATED TOOLS	TURKEY	01/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/96	Assembly tools for screws and nuts <i>This Standard applies to hand-operated square drive socket wrenches enumerated in ISO 1703 6 1 00 04 0, 6 1 00 06 0, 6 1 00 06 1, 6 1 00 09 0, 6 1 00 10 0, 6 1 00 10 1, 6 1 00 01 0, 6 1 00 01 1, 6 1 00 03 0, 6 1 00 05 0 and 6 1 00 05 1 under numbering system. Note: These identification numbers correspond to 253, 255, 256, 257, 251, 252 and 254 previous (old) identification numbers.</i> <i>This standard covers,</i> a) full dimensions b) minimum hardness value for square ends c) torque test method d) the smallest torsional stiffness value e) endurance method of try crickets test f) short designation g) marking	02 October 2017
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIOVISUAL ENGINEERING	INDONESIA	02/08/2017	G/TBT/N/IDN/117	Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus <i>This draft of decree states that all of Audio, Video and Similar Electronic Apparatus Product produced within the country or imported, distributed and marketed in the country shall fulfil the SNI requirements. The producers which produced these products therefore shall comply with those requirements proven by having Product Certificate for Using SNI Mark. The product certificate on SNI marking shall be issued by a Product Certification Body which has been accredited by KAN and appointed by the Minister of Industry through testing of the conformity of the products quality against SNI requirements.</i>	60 days after notification

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				<p><i>Directorate of Electronic and Telematic, Ministry of Industry is the institution that is responsible for the implementation of this decree and shall provide a technical guidance of the decree, which cover procedure of Product Certification and SNI Marking.</i></p> <p><i>Products which are distributed in domestic market that originated domestically and imported shall meet the requirements consisted in:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• SNI 04-6253-2003 Audio, video and similar electronic apparatus - Safety requirements which specifies term and definition, quality requirements, sampling, testing method, testing acceptance, marking requirement and packaging (this standard is available in Indonesian) .</i>	