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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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A total of 59 notifications on Chemicals, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Environment, Health Protection, and Safety, Food and Beverages, Rubber and Plastic Industries etc. from the European Union, Gulf Cooperation Council, Malawi, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (30 September - 06 October 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
AGRICULTURE	BRAZIL	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/747	Animal products <i>Technical Regulation for the industrial and sanitary inspection of animal products.</i>	not applicable
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	MALAWI	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/MWI/14	Pig feed <i>This draft standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and tests for pig feed.</i>	60 days from notification
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1063/Add.1	Aircraft and space vehicles in general - Addendum <i>The FAA is adopting a new noise standard for certain newly certificated subsonic jet airplanes and subsonic transport category large airplanes. This noise standard, known as Stage 5, applies to any person submitting an application for a new airplane type design with a maximum certificated takeoff weight of 121,254 pounds (55,000 kg) or more on or after 31 December 2017; or with maximum certificated takeoff weight of less than 121,254 pounds (55,000 kg) on or after 31 December 2020.</i>	—

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				<i>This change will set a lower noise limit for newly certificated airplanes and harmonize the noise certification standards for those airplanes certificated in the United States with those certificated under international standards.</i>	
CHEMICALS					
CHEMICALS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC DISINFECTION PURPOSES	BRAZIL	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/748	Pesticides - M17-Methomyl <i>Authorization of the household application of the soluble concentrate formulation at the concentration of 0,82% w/w for the active ingredient M17 -METHOMYL from the Relation of Monographies of Active Ingredients of Pesticides, Household Cleaning Products and Wood Preservers.</i>	22 October 2017
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/519	Chemical substances - Benzene-1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid 1,2 anhydride <i>This draft Commission Decision aims at identifying TMA as a substance of very high concern due to its respiratory sensitisation properties according to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH)</i>	60 days from notification
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/520	Chemical substances - Dicyclohexyl phthalate (DCHP) <i>This draft Commission Decision aims at identifying DCHP as a substance of very high concern due to its classification as toxic for reproduction properties according to Article 57(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) and due to its endocrine disrupting properties whose effects to human health give rise to an equivalent level of concern according to Article 57(f) of that Regulation.</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/292	Cadmium in cosmetics <i>The Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, proposes the following regulations for cosmetics:</i> 1. To lower the maximum level from 20 ppm to 5 ppm for impurity heavy metal Cadmium. 2. To prohibit the use of Barium salts, with the exception of barium sulfate, barium sulphide, and of insoluble barium salts, lakes and pigments prepared from colouring agents.	60 days from notification
COSMETICS, TOILETRIES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/293	Hair dyes <i>The Food of Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, proposes to amend the content of usage precautions for hair dyes, in order to ensure safety of hair dye products for human health and to comply with global cosmetics trends. Those who hold import licenses for cosmetics (hair dyes) containing medical, poisonous or potent drug(s) are required to revise the content of labels, leaflets or packages in accordance with the proposed amendment.</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/294	Hair dyes <i>The Food of Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, proposes to amend the "Regulatory requirements for the use of Limited Dosage of Hair Dyes in the Standards for Cosmetics Containing Medical, Poisonous or Potent Drugs" to ensure safety of hair dye products for human health and comply with global cosmetics trends. The proposed amendments mainly include the followings:</i>	60 days from notification

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				<p>1. To add columns of "International Nomenclature of Cosmetic Ingredients," "CAS Number" and "Restriction/Warning Statement."</p> <p>2. To add limited dosage use of 33 chemicals (item numbers 72-104) .</p>	
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1295/Add.1	<p>Chemical substances - Addendum</p> <p>EPA is finalizing a significant new use rule (SNUR) under section 5(a)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for the chemical substance identified generically as bimodal mixture consisting of multi-walled carbon nanotubes and other classes of carbon nanotubes, which was the subject of premanufacture notice (PMN) P-11-482. This action requires persons who intend to manufacture (defined by statute to include import) or process the chemical substance for a use that is designated as a significant new use by this final rule to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Manufacture and processing for the significant new use is unable to commence until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and take such actions as are required with that determination. The required notification would provide EPA with the opportunity to evaluate the intended use and, if necessary, to prohibit or limit that activity before it occurs.</p>	—
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/279/Add.1	<p>Exhaust pipes for gas water heaters - Addendum</p> <p>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection of Exhaust Pipes for Gas Water Heaters", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/279 on 23 June 2017, was promulgated on 29 September 2017 and will come into effect on 1 July 2018.</p>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, AND SPORTS					
PLAYGROUNDS	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/758	<p>Playground surfacing</p> <p>This draft guide covers standards for selecting and specifying surface systems under and around playground equipment. This guide describes how to apply existing ASTM standards to evaluate the impact attenuation, accessibility characteristics and product characteristics when selecting surfacing systems for use under and around playground equipment. This guide does not imply that an injury cannot be incurred when the surface system complies with standards referred to in this guide.</p>	60 days from notification
EQUIPMENT FOR ENTERTAINMENT IN GENERAL	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/767	<p>Inflatable amusement devices</p> <p>This draft practice covers the design, manufacture, and operation of inflatable amusement devices and their associated operating environments. This practice specifically excludes inflatable devices that are used for professional exhibition or stunt work; safety and rescue activities; aerial or aviation structures or devices; exhibit floats; or similar inflatable devices.</p>	60 days from notification

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PLAYGROUNDS	UGANDA	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/768	Trampoline courts <i>This draft practice delineates requirements regarding the design, manufacture, installation, operation, maintenance, inspection and major modification of commercial or institutional trampoline courts with the primary purpose of amusement, entertainment or recreation. This practice establishes guidelines that will provide a level of conformity for the purpose of reducing potential hazards to patrons, court attendants, and spectators.</i>	60 days from notification
PLAYGROUNDS	UGANDA	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/770	Amusement rides and devices <i>This draft practice provides guidelines for operations, maintenance, and inspection procedures for amusement rides and devices to be performed by the owner/operator. This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.</i>	60 days from notification
PLAYGROUNDS	UGANDA	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/771	Amusement railway rides <i>This draft practice applies to operations of amusement railway ride(s) that have a track gauge greater than or equal to 12 in. (305 mm) measured between the heads of the rails. This standard does not apply to Amusement Railway Rides operation that are intended for use as a portable amusement ride or attraction and to permanently installed amusement railway rides.</i>	60 days from notification
CLEANING APPLIANCES	UGANDA	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/772	Pressure water-jet cleaning and pressure water-jet cutting equipment <i>This draft practice covers the personnel requirements, operator training, operating procedures, and recommended equipment performance/design for the proper operation of all types of pressure water-jet cleaning and cutting equipment as normally used by industries concerned with construction, maintenance, repair, cleaning, cutting, and demolition work.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UKRAINE	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UKR/119/Add.1	Appliances burning gaseous fuels - Addendum <i>Final date of comments to the notification G/TBT/N/UKR/119 on Draft of the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On approval of the Technical Regulation on appliances burning gaseous fuels" was extended to 15 November 2017.</i>	15 November 2017
HOME TEXTILES, LINEN	UNITED STATES	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/740/Add.2	Bedding and upholstered furniture - Addendum <i>Approves rules to incorporate the provisions of HB 2948 passed during the 2017 regular legislative session, which requires the Division of Labor to take final action on an uncontested sterilization permit application within 30 days of receipt, or within 90 days if the application is contested.</i>	—

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ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION, AND SAFETY					
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/759	Crystalline Silica <i>This draft practice covers a description of several actions that should be taken to reduce the risk of harmful occupational exposures to humans in environments containing respirable crystalline silica.</i>	60 days from notification
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/760	Occupational safety - Injuries and illnesses <i>This draft guide is intended to establish definitions and criteria for recording occupational injuries and illnesses to be used for measuring safety performance, evaluating safety program performance, and improving consistency when comparing international performance. A measurement system is desired that is precise and accurate, difficult to manipulate, significant and meaningful for safety program evaluation, and appropriate for accountability purposes in a global environment.</i>	60 days from notification
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/762	Personal climbing equipment <i>This draft standard covers the specifications and qualification testing of Climbers, Climber straps, Climber Pads, Climber Footplates, Body Belts, Work Positioning Devices with Locking Snaphooks/Carabiners, Wood Pole Fall Restriction Devices (WPFRD), Arborist Saddle, Harnesses, and Energy Absorbing Lanyards. These devices are used by workers in the climbing of poles, trees, towers, and other structures. Minimum performance criteria for arc resistance of harnesses and energy absorbing lanyards are included for workers who may be exposed to thermal hazards of momentary electric arcs or flame.</i>	60 days from notification
SPECIAL WASTES	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/763	Chemical wastes <i>This draft guide is intended to provide the chemical laboratory manager, chemical laboratory safety officer, and other relevant staff with guidelines for the disposal of small quantities of laboratory wastes safely and in an environmentally sound manner. This guide is applicable to laboratories that generate small quantities of chemical or toxic wastes. Generally, such tasks include, but are not limited to, analytical chemistry, process control, and research or life science laboratories. It would be impossible to address the disposal of all waste from all types of laboratories. This guide is intended to address the more common laboratory waste streams.</i>	60 days from notification
WORKPLACE ATMOSPHERES	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/764	Occupational safety - Air quality <i>This draft guide is intended to provide a standardized approach for establishing and carrying out an air monitoring program to protect workers at waste management facilities. This guide may apply to routine operations at an active treatment, storage, or disposal site or the extraordinary conditions that can be encountered in opening and cleaning up a remedial action site. The user shall understand that it is impossible to predict all the issues that could arise at a waste management facility due to hazardous airborne emissions.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<i>Although air contaminant measurements obtained in accordance with this guide may indicate acceptable or tolerable levels of toxic agents are present, care and judgment must still be exercised before concluding that all atmospheric contaminants at the site are under control and that a reasonable safe work environment exists.</i>	
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/765	Occupational safety - Industrial hygiene <i>This draft guide presents a framework for a stakeholder-focused consensus-based decision-making process for occupational safety and health standard development activities that include adoption or development of occupational exposure guidelines (OEGs) as a part of Occupational Health and Safety standards.</i>	60 days from notification
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/766	Personal protective equipment for the handling of flat glass <i>This draft guide covers the minimum requirements for proper personal protective equipment (PPE) for the safe handling of flat glass. This guide may be used by employers and employees. The required PPE shall be evaluated on a regular basis to determine suitability.</i>	60 days from notification
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE	UGANDA	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/773	Occupational systems <i>This draft guide is intended to assist in the integration of ergonomic principles into the design and planning of new occupational systems from the earliest design stages through implementation. Doing so may reduce or eliminate the necessity for later redesign that could have been foreseen.</i>	60 days from notification
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE	UGANDA	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/774	Evacuation route diagrams (ERDs) used in buildings <i>This draft standard is intended to provide minimum guidelines for the design and placement of evacuation route diagrams (ERDs) used in buildings. It covers the evacuation of building occupants when directed by emergency response authorities in emergencies such as fire, earthquake, and bomb threat.</i>	60 days from notification
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	UNITED STATES	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1097/Add.2	Fire prevention code - Addendum <i>Notice is hereby given that changes have been made to proposed rule number 69A-3.012 "Standards of the National Fire Protection Association and Other Standards Adopted" and proposed rule number 69A-60.005 "Publications Referenced in NFPA 1, the Florida 2015 Edition, and NFPA 101, the Florida 2015 Edition, Added to the Florida Fire Prevention Code" in accordance with subparagraph 120.54(3)(d)1., F.S., published in Vol. 43 No. 129, 5 July 2017 issue of the Florida Administrative Register.</i>	—

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AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1294/Add.1	<p>Volatile organic compounds emissions - Addendum</p> <p><i>Adopts rules to establish new volatile organic compound standards for 11 new consumer products and to strengthen volatile organic compound standards for 15 existing consumer products.</i></p>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1307/Add.1	<p>Motor vehicle refrigerant - Addendum</p> <p><i>EPA is taking direct final action to correct an editing oversight that led to a potential conflict in a prior rulemaking as to whether or not containers holding two pounds or less of non-exempt substitute refrigerants for use in motor vehicle air conditioning that are not equipped with a self-sealing valve can be sold to persons that are not certified technicians, provided those small cans were manufactured or imported prior to 1 January 2018. This action clarifies that those small cans may continue to be sold to persons that are not certified as technicians under sections 608 or 609 of the Clean Air Act.</i></p>	—
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/DOM/224	<p>Food Hygiene</p> <p><i>Objectives, scope, general requirements, general principles of food hygiene, sanitary authorizations of food, sanitary registration, cancellation of registration, sanitary certifications, imports, exports and donations of food, sale of food on public roads, packaging and labeling, advertising, enrichment, fortification and declaration of properties, supplement foodstuff, property declaration, food classification, food, surveillance, alerts, traceability, infractions and sanctions.</i></p>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	JAPAN	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/JPN/551/Add.2	<p>Processed foods - Addendum</p> <p><i>The Government of Japan notified the draft amendment to the Food Labelling Standards regarding the place of origin for ingredients of processed food products on 27 March 2017. Hereby the Government of Japan additionally notifies a revised supplementary explanation material in which the concept of the place of origin labelling system is summarized.</i></p>	—
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/MWI/8	<p>Thobwa powder</p> <p><i>This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for thobwa powder.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MALAWI	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/MWI/9	<p>Beer</p> <p><i>This draft Malawi standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for beer.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MALAWI	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/MWI/10	<p>Country wines</p> <p><i>This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for country wines prepared from fruits.</i></p>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MALAWI	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/MWI/11	<p>Fortified wines</p> <p><i>This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for fortified wines.</i></p>	60 days from notification

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MALAWI	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/MWI/12	Sparkling wine <i>This draft Malawi standard specifies requirements and methods of sampling and test for sparkling wine.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/MWI/13	Soya beans <i>This draft Malawi Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for dry whole soya beans of varieties (cultivars) grown from Glycine max (L.) Merr. intended for human consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	MALAWI	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/MWI/15	Rice <i>This Draft Malawi Standard specifies the requirements for rice (Oryza sativa L.) . It is applicable to husked rice and milled rice, parboiled or not, intended for direct human consumption. It does not apply to other products derived from rice or to glutinous rice.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD ADDITIVES	TURKEY	06/10/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/105	Food flavourings and food ingredients <i>The purpose of this amendment is to harmonize the latest amendments of European Commission Regulation (EU) No 1334/2008 of 16 December 2008 on flavourings and food ingredients with flavouring properties. Amendments: 2017/378, 2017/1250</i>	20 October 2017
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/757	Dried fish maws <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for dried fish maws processed from the air bladder of fishes.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UKRAINE	06/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UKR/129	Genetically modified organisms <i>The Draft Law provides the following amendments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - definition of the terms, in particular, "traceability", "unique identifier", "operator", "the first stage of the placing on the market of the product", "pre-packaged products" etc; - for pre-packaged products consisting of, or containing GMOs, operators shall ensure that the words "This product contains GMOs" or "This product contains genetically modified [name of organism(s)]" appear on a label; for non-pre-packaged products offered to the final consumer the words "This product contains GMOs" or "This product contains genetically modified [name of organism(s)]" shall appear on, or in connection with, the display of the product; - exceptions from the appropriate labelling requirement of pre-packaged and non-pre-packaged products shall be granted to market operators only when traces of GMO in the products do not exceed the legally established thresholds (less than 0.9 %) provided that these traces of GMO are adventitious or technically unavoidable; - adoption of the provision according to which the State Service of Ukraine for Food Safety and Consumer Protection carries out state supervision (control) in the field of safety and specific indicators of food quality over the observance of biological and genetic safety measures in respect of: food products, feed, 	60 days from notification

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				<p>feed additives produced from GMOs by the criterion of the presence in those of only registered GMO sources and agricultural plants and animals in creating, studying and practical using GMOs in open systems at enterprises, institutions and organizations irrespective of their subordination and ownership.</p> <p>The Draft Law applies to GMOs, food, feed and/or feed additives, veterinary drugs produced from GMOs, which have undergone state registration in accordance with the established procedure. Unregistered GMOs as well as food, feed and/or feed additives made from genetically modified organisms are not subject to this Draft Law and shall not be placed on the market. Labelling will not apply to food, feed and/or feed additives which comprise the material that contains, consists of or produced from GMOs in a proportion less than 0.9% of the food or feed ingredients, ingredients of feed additives considered individually or of food or feed consisting of a single ingredient, provided that the presence is adventitious or technically unavoidable.</p>	
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/894/Add.4	<p>Food products in general - Addendum</p> <p>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is proposing to extend the compliance dates by approximately 1.5 years for the final rules providing updated nutrition information on the label of food, including dietary supplements; defining a single-serving container; requiring dual-column labeling for certain containers; updating, modifying, and establishing certain reference amounts customarily consumed (RACCs); and amending the label serving size for breath mints. The final rules appeared in the Federal Register of 27 May 2016. We are taking this action because, after careful consideration, we have tentatively determined that additional time would help ensure that all manufacturers covered by the final rules have guidance from FDA to address, for example, certain technical questions we received after publication of the final rules, and that they are able to complete and print updated Nutrition Facts labels for their products before they are expected to be in compliance with the final rules.</p>	01 November 2017
GENERALITIES, TERMINOLOGY, STANDARDIZATION, DOCUMENTATION					
GENERALITIES, TERMINOLOGY, STANDARDIZATION, DOCUMENTATION (VOCABULARIES)	UGANDA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/761	<p>Occupational safety - Terminology</p> <p>The terms in this draft standard are used in the fields of occupational health and of safety. The terms are used to describe the limits of exposure under different conditions, the meanings of terms used in describing events and the types of items measured. They will commonly be used to express the effect of an event or the limit of a chemical exposure on human beings.</p>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
DENTAL MATERIALS	BRAZIL	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/712/Add.1	<p>Dental products - Addendum</p> <p>The Draft Resolution n° 324/2017, notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/712, was adopted as a final text, published as ANVISA Resolution - RDC n° 173, 15 September 2017.</p>	—

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METALLURGY					
STEELS FOR REINFORCEMENT OF CONCRETE	NICARAGUA	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/NIC/156	Steel bars and wire for concrete reinforcement <i>The notified text establishes the physical, chemical and mechanical requirements to be met by steel bars and wire used for reinforcing concrete, and the relevant conformity assessment procedures, including sampling and test methods. It applies to steel bars and wire for concrete reinforcement that are manufactured in, imported into or marketed in Nicaragua.</i>	30 days from the date of notification
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
LIQUID FUELS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/379	Biodiesel fuels <i>This draft of UAE technical regulation specifies requirements and test methods for Biodiesel Fuel Blend Stock (B100) used for Biodiesel blends. Biodiesel (B100) that is being used as a blending component with diesel fuels shall meet the requirements of standard no. UAE.S 477.</i>	60 days from notification
FUELS	UNITED STATES	05/10/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1302/Add.1	Renewable fuel - Addendum <i>This document provides additional data and an opportunity to comment on that data and potential options for reductions in the 2018 biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuel, and total renewable fuel volumes, and/or the 2019 biomass-based diesel volume under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. In a 21 July 2017 notice of proposed rulemaking, the EPA proposed certain reductions in the statutory volume targets for advanced biofuel and total renewable fuel for 2018, and requested comment on further reductions based on various considerations. This document presents additional data on production, imports and cost of renewable fuel and several options for how we may consider such data in establishing the final volume requirements using the waiver authorities provided by the statute.</i>	19 October 2017
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/ARE/378	Tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) <i>This standard specifies performance requirements for tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) to warn drivers of significant under-inflation of tires and the resulting safety problems.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	BAHRAIN	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/BHR/492	Tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) <i>This standard specifies performance requirements for tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) to warn drivers of significant under-inflation of tires and the resulting safety problems.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	KUWAIT	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/KWT/374	Tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) <i>This standard specifies performance requirements for tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) to warn drivers of significant under-inflation of tires and the resulting safety problems.</i>	60 days from notification

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ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	OMAN	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/OMN/318	Tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) <i>This standard specifies performance requirements for tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) to warn drivers of significant under-inflation of tires and the resulting safety problems.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	QATAR	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/QAT/491	Tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) <i>This standard specifies performance requirements for tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) to warn drivers of significant under-inflation of tires and the resulting safety problems.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/SAU/1011	Tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) <i>This standard specifies performance requirements for tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) to warn drivers of significant under-inflation of tires and the resulting safety problems.</i>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	YEMEN	03/10/2017	G/TBT/N/YEM/94	Tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) <i>This standard specifies performance requirements for tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMSs) to warn drivers of significant under-inflation of tires and the resulting safety problems.</i>	60 days from notification
SERVICES, COMPANY ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY, ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPORT, SOCIOLOGY					
LEISURE, TOURISM	UGANDA	04/10/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/769	Aerial adventure courses <i>This draft practice establishes criteria for the Design, Manufacture, Installation, Operation, Maintenance, Auditing and Major Modification of Aerial Adventure Courses.</i>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	SWITZERLAND	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/CHE/226	Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment <i>The Ordinance of the Swiss Federal Office of Communications on telecommunications installations (OIT) specifies the basic technical requirements with regard to telecommunications installations set out by the Swiss Federal Council. It regulates the use of radio interfaces in Switzerland.</i>	30 November 2017
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	ISRAEL	02/10/2017	G/TBT/N/ISR/970	Textile carpets <i>Revision of the partially Mandatory Standards SI 636, SI 636 part 1 and SI 636 part 2, dealing with textile carpets, to be replaced with SI 636. The major differences between the old version and this new revised draft standard are as follow:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces the information required to be provided in order for evaluating the product quality; • Changes paragraph 1.4 dealing with classification, including the removal of the sub-paragraph dealing with carpets designed for bathrooms; • Changes the wear resistance requirements for fit the requirements of the new test method. <i>After the entry into force of this revision, only the following requirements will be mandatory:</i>	60 days from notification

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paragraph 2.2.1 - Requires to add to the label the names and addresses of the manufacturer and the importer;• Paragraph 2.2.5 - Requires to add to the label the cleaning instruction (washing and drying) and warning "keep away from fire";• Paragraph 2.2.7 - Requires to indicate on the label if the carpet includes/does not include fire retardants;• Paragraph 3.2.4 - All flammability requirements relating to wall-to-wall carpets (type 1.4.2.1) .	