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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 Chemicals, Construction Materials and Engineering, Food and Beverages, Health Care Technology, Rubber and Plastic Industries etc. from Brazil, the European Union, Uganda, United States of America, Uruguay 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 (05 - 11 August 2017)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
BOLTS, SCREWS, STUDS	TURKEY	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/102	<p>Regular screw threaded and non-falling conical spring washer sets [...], screws, studs</p> <p>(1) This standard covers M2.5 to M12 regular screw threaded of which strength class is 8.8 to 10.9 (10.9 included) and bolt/screw with flat seating face and non-falling(fixed) conical, spring, washer-containing screw and washer assembly tolls in description, classification and specifications, sampling, inspection and testing, and based on market supply.</p> <p>(2) As a result of installation process of spring washers (given within the scope of TS 79-5), it is intended to eliminate relaxation effect in bolted connections. These cannot prevent actively loose connection under varying radial load and therefore usually designed for the purpose of using with short screw exposed to</p>	60 days from notification

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				<p>(3) Star screwdriver twisted screws, critical cross-sectional body not to be in threaded part but be in the beginning screws, is not suitable for bolt and washer sets. For restrictions in use of these bolts it should be viewed to the related product standard.</p> <p>(4) NOT 1 Standardized bolt/screw and washer combinations and related symbols are given in TS EN ISO 10644. NOT 2 In this standard, from now on instead "regular threaded and non-falling conical spring washer assembly tools" expression purely "non-falling washer bolt" term is used.</p>	
CHEMICALS					
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	THAILAND	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/THA/500	<p>Hazardous substances</p> <p>To rectify and add some hazardous substances attached to the Notification on List of Hazardous Substance 2013 dated 28 August 2013.</p>	60 days from notification
EXPLOSIVES, PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS	UGANDA	07/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/707	<p>Ammonium nitrate for explosives</p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for Ammonium Nitrate intended primarily for use in explosives.</p> <p>NOTE: The requirements of this standard should be read in conjunction with the Act of 1964 cap 309 and/or other applicable regulations.</p>	60 days from notification
EXPLOSIVES, PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS	UGANDA	07/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/708	<p>Ammonium nitrate fuel oil explosives</p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, methods of test and sampling of Ammonium Nitrate - Fuel Oil explosives.</p> <p>NOTE 1: The requirements of this standard should be read in conjunction with the Act of 1964 cap 309 and/or other applicable regulations;</p> <p>NOTE 2: 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.</p>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	ARGENTINA	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ARG/324	<p>Aluminum radiators used for hot water or steam heating systems</p> <p>Manufacturers, importers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of aluminum radiators and elements or sections that compose them, irrespective of whether or not those elements are assembled en bloc, which are used for hot water or steam heating systems, must certify, or certification as the</p>	30 days from distribution

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				<i>case may be, compliance with the essential requirements of Security by means of a product certification according to System N ° 5 (Mark of Accordance).</i>	
WALLS, PARTITIONS, FAÇADES	EUROPEAN UNION	11/08/2017	G/TBT/N/EU/500	Construction products <i>This draft delegated act under the Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 establishes the systems to be applied for assessing and verifying constancy of performance of metal faced sandwich panels for structural use, in relation to their essential characteristics.</i>	60 days from notification
CEMENT, GYPSUM, LIME, MORTAR	UGANDA	07/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/706	Building limes <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements for building limes used for construction purpose.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1303	Construction industry, buildings, structures of buildings <i>Consistent with the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended, this document invites interested persons to submit proposed changes to update and revise HUD's Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards, its Manufactured Home Procedural and Enforcement Regulations, its Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards, and its Manufactured Home Installation Program regulations. Proposed changes will be submitted to the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC) for review and consideration as part of its responsibility to provide periodic recommendations to HUD to adopt, revise, and interpret the HUD standards and regulations.</i>	31 December 2017
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS					
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	SOUTH AFRICA	09/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ZAF/218	Electrical and electronic appliance/equipment for domestic and office use <i>This compulsory specification covers safety requirements for electric and electronic apparatus with rated voltages not exceeding 600V a.c. or d.c.</i>	07 September 2017
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
MOTORS	SINGAPORE	09/08/2017	G/TBT/N/SGP/38	Motors set <i>Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS) for motors set at IE3* (Premium Efficiency) class will be effective from 1 October 2018. Only motors that meet the prescribed MEPS requirements will be permitted to be sold in Singapore.</i>	60 days from notification

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				<p>MEPS for motors helps to prevent consumers from becoming locked into high energy consumption and costs over the lifespan of the motor.</p> <p>The Energy Conservation (Registrable Goods) Order 2013, Energy Conservation (Energy Labelling and Minimum Performance Standards for Registrable Goods) Regulations 2013 and the Energy Conservation (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2013 will be amended to introduce MEPS for motors.</p> <p>The energy performance of motors must be tested and reported in accordance with the IEC 60034-2-1 (Method 2-1-1b) or the IEEE 112 (Method B) test standards. Information on the IE efficiency class, year of manufacture, and nominal efficiency at 100%, 75%, and 50% rated loads must be displayed on the motor.</p> <p>[1] The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) categorises motors into four energy efficiency classes in accordance to IEC 60034-30-1:2014, namely Standard (IE1), High (IE2), Premium (IE3) and Super Premium (IE4) .</p> <p>*The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) categorises motors into four energy efficiency classes in accordance to IEC 60034-30-1:2014, namely Standard (IE1), High (IE2), Premium (IE3) and Super Premium (IE4)</p>	
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH PROTECTION AND SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/8/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1038/Add.1/Corr.1	<p>Air emission sources - Corrigendum</p> <p>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking action to correct an omission in revisions requested to Performance Specification 2 in the "revisions" rule published 30 August 2016.</p>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PUMPS	UNITED STATES	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/USA/1194/Add.1	<p>Dedicated-purpose pool pumps - Addendum</p> <p>On 20 September 2016, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NOPR) to establish a new metric, as well as new definitions, test procedures, certification requirements, enforcement testing procedures, and labeling provisions for dedicated-purpose pool pumps (DPPPs) . That proposed rulemaking serves as the basis for the final rule. Specifically, DOE is adopting a test procedure for measuring the weighted energy factor (WEF) for certain varieties of dedicated-purpose pool pumps. This final rule incorporates by reference certain sections of the industry test standard Hydraulic Institute (HI) 40.6-2014, "Methods for Rotodynamic Pump Efficiency Testing" as the basis of the adopted test procedure.</p>	—

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				<i>The definitions, test procedures, certification requirements, enforcement testing procedures, and labeling provisions are based on the recommendations of the DPPP Working Group, which was established under the Appliance Standards Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC) .</i>	
FOOD AND BEVERAGES					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CHILE	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/CHL/407/Add.1	Gluten in food - Addendum <i>The Government of Chile reports that on June 7, 2017 it notified the "Proposal for the Modification of Article 518 of the Sanitary Regulations of the Food, Supreme Decree N ° 977/96 of the Ministry Of Health. "An extension of the deadline for comments is August 22, 2017.</i>	—
MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	PERÚ	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/PER/49/Add.1	Milk and dairy products - Addendum <i>The Republic of Peru hereby informs that in relation to the Draft Milk Dairy Products, notified under the symbol G / TBT / N / PER / 49 dated 10 July 2013; The final or final Technical Regulation has been issued by Supreme Decree No. 007-2017-MINAGRI, published in the Official Gazette "El Peruano" on June 30, 2017 and, entry into force is from 180 days after its publication.</i>	—
FOOD ADDITIVES	PHILIPPINES	07/08/2017	G/TBT/N/PHL/199	Food Additives <i>The guidelines aim to update and put together the list of permitted food additives and prescribe standards for their use and application in food distributed in the Philippines whether locally manufactured or imported.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	PHILIPPINES	07/08/2017	G/TBT/N/PHL/200	Food products <i>This Administrative Order (A.O.) is hereby issues to serve as guide to all food manufacturers, importers and distributors, in particular, and the general public, at large, of the standards of specific food products that are to be sold in the local market; and to demonstrate compliance to food safety and quality prior to issuance of FDA authorizations.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEP- ARATE CUS- TOMS TER- RITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	09/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/283	Food and relevant products <i>The Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare, proposes to amend the "Regulations Governing Traceability of Foods and Relevant Products" according to Paragraph 4 of Article 9 of the Act Governing Food and Safety Sanitation, which authorizes the central competent authority to prescribe matters to</i>	60 days from notification

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				<p>be recorded and other matters to be complied with for the traceability system.</p> <p>The amendments, proposed to enhance food safety and effective management, would require that food businesses establish traceability system on information regarding genetically modified food raw materials in products, products recalled and internal traceability (such as inventory items, discard items and other information useful for tracing the sources and tracking the flow) . (The proposed amended text was highlighted in red in the attached documents.)</p>	
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	TURKEY	09/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/99	<p>Extraction solvents</p> <p>This Communiqué covers amendment of Annex-I, use of extraction solvents of the Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on extraction solvents used in the production of foodstuffs and food ingredients.</p>	30 August 2017
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	TURKEY	09/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/100	<p>Mycotoxins in foodstuffs</p> <p>This Communiqué covers the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of the levels of mycotoxins in foodstuffs.</p>	30 August 2017
POULTRY AND EGGS	TURKEY	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/101	<p>Foodstuffs of animal origin</p> <p>The purpose of this amendment is to specify the characteristics to be taken into consideration in the packaging, preservation, storage, transport and marketing of this variant in a hygienic manner in accordance with the technology of the sheltered eggs obtained from the intended laying hens.</p>	15 September 2017
POULTRY AND EGGS	URUGUAY	11/08/2017	G/TBT/N/URY/18	<p>Meat and meat products</p> <p>The "Technical Regulation of Mercosur of Assignment of Additives and their Maximum Limits for Meat and Meat Products "</p>	60 days from notification
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	URUGUAY	11/08/2017	G/TBT/N/URY/19	<p>Milk</p> <p>This is a draft regulation aimed at the identity and minimum quality characteristics to be powder and instant milk powder intended for human consumption.</p>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	URUGUAY	11/08/2017	G/TBT/N/URY/20	<p>Pre-measured or prepackaged products</p> <p>The project establishes the net content to be met certain prepackaged products in their various presentations.</p>	60 days from notification
FOOD TECHNOLOGY	SOUTH AFRICA	09/08/2017	G/TBT/N/ZAF/219	<p>Garlic</p> <p>The proposed regulations cover the quality standards, containers, packing and marking requirements, display, prohibited particulars, sampling procedures, as well as, offences and penalties.</p>	60 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	08/08/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/730	<p>Medical devices</p> <p><i>This Draft Resolution provides for the expiration date of the registration of medical devices. The term of 10 years for the validity of the registration of medical devices is established. This Resolution applies to medical devices within the scope of "correlatos" referenced by Law No. 6,360, dated 23 September 1976. Medical devices include medical products and diagnostic products for in vitro use, as defined in Ministerial Order MS / MDIC No. 692, of 8 April 2009.</i></p> <p><i>The validity periods of registrations granted prior to the publication of this Resolution are automatically extended to 10 years, counted from the last publication of registration or revalidation.</i></p>	06 October 2017
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	08/08/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/731	<p>Pharmaceutical products</p> <p><i>This Draft Resolution provides for the classification in the priority category, of registration petitions, post-registration and prior consent in clinical research of medications.</i></p> <p><i>The criteria and procedures for framing an application for registration, post-registration and prior consent in clinical research for drugs in the priority category are established under the terms of this Resolution, according to public relevance, in order to guarantee or expand access to pharmaceutical assistance,.</i></p>	08 October 2017
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	08/08/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/732	<p>Medicines</p> <p><i>This Draft Resolution provides for registration, renewal of registration, post-registration changes and notification of industrialized dynamized drugs.</i></p> <p><i>The technical regulation that establishes the minimum requirements for registration, renewal of registration, post-registration changes and notification of industrialized dynamized drugs, in accordance with this Resolution, is hereby approved.</i></p> <p><i>This resolution applies to industrialized dynamized drugs. Homeopathic, anthroposophic and antihomotoxic medicines are considered as dynamized drugs, framed in specific categories according to the criteria set forth in art. 5 of this Resolution.</i></p>	08 October 2017
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	08/08/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/733	<p>Medicines</p> <p><i>This Draft Resolution provides for claims of use for registration and notification of dynamised drugs.</i></p>	08 October 2017

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				<p>Determine the publication of the "Table of claims of use for registration and notification of dynamised drugs", in the form of the annex of this Normative Instruction and procedures for requests for change, inclusion or exclusion in the Table.</p> <p>The allegations of use in the Annex of this Normative Instruction were defined according the homeopathic, anthroposophical or antihomotoxic literature, since, for these associations, no clinical studies of efficacy were conducted.</p>	
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	08/08/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/734	<p>Medicines</p> <p>This Draft Resolution provides for the limits of potency for registration and notification of dynamized drugs and publishes the "Power Table for Registration and Notification of Medicaments", in the form of Annex I of this Normative Instruction.</p> <p>This Resolution revokes the Normative Instruction n° 5, 2007.</p>	08 October 2017
MEDICAMENTS	BRAZIL	08/08/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/735	<p>Medicines</p> <p>This Draft Resolution publishes the Reference List for safety and effectiveness evaluation of dynamized drugs and revokes the Normative Instruction n° 3, 11 April 2007.</p>	08 October 2017
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
BOLTS, SCREWS, STUDS	TURKEY	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TUR/103	<p>Bolts, screws, studs</p> <p>This standard covers studs with metric screw, welded in description, classification and specifications, sampling, inspection and testing, and based on market supply. This standard covers welded, metric screw studs.</p>	60 days from notification
METALLURGY					
STEEL BARS AND RODS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	09/08/2017	G/TBT/N/TPKM/284	<p>Steel wire ropes</p> <p>Steel wire ropes are subject to the mandatory inspection under the certification system of the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) . BSMI will adopt the revised CNS 941 "wire ropes" (2015) as the new testing and inspection standard, instead of the current CNS 941 (2000) . The BSMI is proposing that, beginning from 1 July 2018, wire ropes covered in the inspection scope must comply with revised CNS 941 when imported or placed on the market. The conformity assessment procedure of the steel wire ropes is Batch-by-Batch Inspection or Registration of Product Certification (RPC) Scheme.</p>	60 days from notification

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PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	UGANDA	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/612/Add.1	<p>Packaging materials - Addendum</p> <p><i>Uganda would like to inform WTO Members that the draft Uganda standard; DUS 1659:2017, Materials in contact with food - Requirements for packaging materials; that was notified by Uganda in G/TBT/N/UGA/612 was adopted on 20 June 2017.</i></p>	—
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING EQUIPMENT	MÉXICO	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/333/Add.1	<p>Land-based oil installations - Addendum</p> <p><i>Explanatory note to Official Mexican Emergency Standard NOM-EM-003-ASEA-2016, Specifications and technical criteria for industrial safety, operational safety and Environment for the design, construction, pre-start, operation and maintenance of the Land storage facilities for oil, except for liquefied petroleum gas, Published in the official journal of the federation on November 24, 2016.</i></p>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS INDUSTRIES	MÉXICO	10/08/2017	G/TBT/N/MEX/367	<p>Petroleum liquid gas</p> <p><i>It applies throughout the national territory and is enforced General and obligatory for the Regulated that make the Design, Construction, Prearranque, Operation, Maintenance, Closing and Dismantling of Service Stations Specific Purpose for the Public Expenditure of Liquefied Petroleum Gas, through the Partial or total filling of Portable Pressure Vessels.</i></p>	Not Applicable
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
GLAZING AND WIPER SYSTEMS	BRAZIL	07/08/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/728	<p>Rear-view mirrors for motor vehicles</p> <p><i>Ordinance providing mandatory technical requirements for rear-view mirrors intended for motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, tricycles and quadricycles, defining performance and installation parameters in order to allow observation of the area adjacent that cannot be observed by direct vision, with a focus on security.</i></p> <p><i>It revokes Ordinance N° 549, 19 August 2015.</i></p>	Not Applicable
LIGHTING, SIGNALLING AND WARNING DEVICES	BRAZIL	08/08/2017	G/TBT/N/BRA/729	<p>Electrical lighting or visual signalling equipment</p> <p><i>Ordinance establishing technical requirements for lighting and signalling systems that should equip motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, tricycles and quadricycles, including specifications of component devices, as well as installation of lighting and light-signalling devices.</i></p> <p><i>It revokes Ordinance 548, 19 August 2015 (Resolução CONTRAN N° 548, de 19 de Agosto de 2015) .</i></p>	Not Applicable

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RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
RAW MATERIALS FOR RUBBER AND PLASTICS	UGANDA	11/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/705/Corr.1	Polystyrene - Corrigendum <i>In the notification G/TBT/N/UGA/705, Item 4 should read: Polystyrene: (HS 39031) . Raw materials for rubber and plastics (ICS 83.040) .</i>	—
RAW MATERIALS FOR RUBBER AND PLASTICS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	07/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/709	Polyethylene <i>This standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for polyethylene plastic materials for the manufacture of plastic items used in contact with foodstuffs, pharmaceuticals and drinking water. This standard does not cover requirements of a packaging media for a particular foodstuff and drinking water other than toxicological considerations.</i>	60 days from notification
RAW MATERIALS FOR RUBBER AND PLASTICS IN GENERAL	UGANDA	07/08/2017	G/TBT/N/UGA/710	Polyvinylchloride (PVC) <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and its copolymers for the manufacture of plastic items used in contact with foodstuffs, pharmaceuticals and drinking water.</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	URUGUAY	11/08/2017	G/TBT/N/URY/17	Textile products <i>The draft Technical Regulation will apply to labelling textile products and sets out the information requirements to be contained in the labeling, as well as the verification of the information declared for the products, whether of national or foreign origin intended for marketing in Uruguay.</i>	60 days from notification