

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.

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A total of 44 notifications on Agriculture, Chemical technology, Food technology, Health care technology, and Petroleum and related technologies, etc., from Brazil, European Union, Kenya, Philippines, 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

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List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (10 - 16 October 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PLANT GROWING	BRAZIL	14/10/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/288/Add.1	Forage plant seeds - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA, has issued the Ordinance no. 144, 24 August 2020.</i>	—
FARMING AND FORESTRY	UNITED STATES	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/608/Rev.2/Corr.1	Plant seeds - Corrigendum <i>On 7 July 2020, the Agricultural Marketing Service amended regulations under the Federal Seed Act.</i>	—

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	SWITZERLAND	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/CHE/241/Add.1	Chemicals and biocides (mixtures/preparations) - Addendum <i>The following changes were introduced after the notification was made to the WTO: Entry into force is scheduled for 15 December (originally 1 December).</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	KENYA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1024	Sodium bicarbonate <i>This standard prescribes the requirements, methods of test and sampling for sodium bicarbonate.</i>	01 December 2020
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
DISHWASHERS	ARGENTINA	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/374/Add.3	Dishwashers for household use - Addendum <i>Secretariat of Domestic Trade (SCI) Resolution No. 422/2020 terminates the suspension of SCI Resolution No. 834/2019 (G/TBT/N/ARG/374/Add.1) provided for in Resolution No. 156/2020 (G/TBT/N/ARG/374/Add.2).</i>	—
FURNITURE	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/436	Children's bedguards for domestic use <i>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection proposes to adopt the most recent version of CNS 15911 "Child use and care articles-Children's bedguards for domestic use" and CNS 15503 "General safety requirements for children's products" as the inspection standards for children's bedguards.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	CHILE	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/504/Add.2	Indoor lighting products including light bulbs, compact fluorescent lamps, LED lamps and halogen light bulbs - Addendum <i>Preliminary technical report for the updating of the minimum energy efficiency standard for indoor lighting products.</i>	—

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ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/945/Add.3	Residential dishwashers - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking an early assessment review to determine whether to amend energy conservation standards for dishwashers.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1651	Certain chemical substances <i>EPA is proposing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs).</i>	09 November 2020
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PLASTICS PIPES	GUYANA	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/GUY/55	PVC plastic pipe materials and PVC plastic pipe <i>These specifications cover criteria for classifying PVC plastic pipe materials and PVC plastic pipe, a system of nomenclature for PVC plastic pipe, and requirements and test methods.</i>	10 December 2020
PLASTICS PIPES	GUYANA	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/GUY/56	PVC plastic pipe materials and PVC plastic pipe <i>These specifications cover criteria for classifying PVC plastic pipe materials and PVC plastic pipe, a system of nomenclature for PVC plastic pipe, and requirements and test methods.</i>	10 December 2020
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/351/Add.2	Cassava flour - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA has issued the Technical Regulation no. 58, 2 October 2020, amending the annex I of the Technical Regulation no. 52.</i>	—
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/639/Add.2	Prepared or preserved fish - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA has issued the Technical Regulation no. 53.</i>	—

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MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/810/Add.4	Refrigerated raw milk, pasteurized milk and milk type A - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA has issued the Technical Regulation no. 55.</i>	—
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	CANADA	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/CAN/621	Human milk fortifiers <i>The proposed regulations would amend the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR) to establish a regulatory framework for the sale of human milk fortifiers (HMFs) in Canada.</i>	15 November 2020
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/751/Corr.1	Organic products - Corrigendum <i>Draft Commission Delegated Regulation amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/427 as regards the date of application of the amendments to certain detailed production rules for organic products in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 of the European Parliament and of the Council.</i>	—
COCOA	GHANA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/GHA/17	Sustainable cocoa bean (Theobroma cacao Linnaeus) <i>This African Standard specifies the requirements for Cocoa Farmer as an Entity/ Farmer Group/Cooperative to comply with Management Systems and for performance.</i>	26 October 2020
COCOA	GHANA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/GHA/18	Sustainable cocoa bean (Theobroma cacao Linnaeus) <i>This draft African standard specifies the requirements for quality including classification, sampling, test methods, packaging and marking of cocoa beans.</i>	26 October 2020
COCOA	GHANA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/GHA/19	Cocoa beans (Theobroma cacao Linnaeus) <i>This draft African standard specifies the requirements for quality including classification, sampling, test methods, packaging and marking of cocoa beans (Theobroma cacao Linnaeus).</i>	26 October 2020

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MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/925/Add.1	Carcasses and meat cuts for ovine and caprine meat : lamb and mutton, goat - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 317-2:2020 Carcasses and meat cuts for ovine and caprine meat – Specification Part 2: Lamb and mutton, goat; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/925 as DKS 317-2:2020 was adopted on 21 August 2020.</i>	–
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	KENYA	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/928/Add.1	Handling and processing of dried and fried meat products - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the Kenya Standard KS 2900:2019 Handling and processing of dried and fried meat products – Code of practice; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/928 as DKS 2900:2020 was adopted on 21 August 2020.</i>	–
COCOA	KENYA	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1023/Add.1	Sustainable cocoa - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the comment period for DARS 1000-3: 2020 Sustainable cocoa – Part 3: Requirements for Cocoa Certification Scheme; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/1023 changed to 5 November 2020.</i>	–
COCOA	KENYA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1025	Sustainable cocoa : requirements for cocoa farmer as an entity/farmer group/cooperative <i>This African Standard specifies the requirements for Cocoa Farmer as an Entity/Farmer Group/Cooperative to comply with Management Systems and for performance relating to structuring the management of Farmer.</i>	05 December 2020
COCOA	KENYA	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1025/Add.1	Sustainable cocoa : requirements for cocoa farmer as an entity/farmer group/cooperative - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the comment period for DARS 1000-1:2020 Sustainable cocoa – Part 1: Requirements for Cocoa Farmer as an Entity/Farmer Group/Cooperative – Management Systems and Performance; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/1025 changed to 5 November 2020.</i>	–

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COCOA	KENYA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1026	Sustainable cocoa : requirements for cocoa quality and traceability <i>This draft African standard specifies the requirements for quality including classification, sampling, test methods, packaging and marking of cocoa beans (Theobroma cacao Linnaeus).</i>	05 December 2020
COCOA	KENYA	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1026/Add.1	Sustainable cocoa - Addendum <i>Kenya would like to inform WTO Members that the comment period for DARS 1000-2:2020 Sustainable cocoa – Part 2: Requirements for Cocoa Quality and Traceability; notified in G/TBT/N/KEN/1026 changed to 5 November 2020.</i>	–
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MEXICO	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/468/Add.2	Pre-packaged food and non-alcoholic beverages - Addendum <i>Mexico notifies the publication of the "Amendment to the Agreement under which the Ministry of the Economy issues general rules and criteria in respect of foreign trade".</i>	–
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	14/10/2020	G/TBT/N/SAU/1146	All honeys produced by honey bees <i>This draft technical regulation applies to all honeys produced by honey bees and covers all kind of honey intended for direct consumption.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/435	Aloe as a food ingredient <i>This draft regulation specifies the use restrictions and labelling requirement of aloe for food purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	URUGUAY	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/URY/44	Lactose-free, low-lactose and reduced-lactose foods <i>The notified draft Decree introduces definitions and provisions related to the labelling of lactose-free, low-lactose and reduced-lactose foods into the National Bromatological Regulations.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	URUGUAY	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/URY/45	Allergens and substances that cause adverse reactions, on the labels of consumer-ready foods <i>The notified text incorporates, into the National Bromatological Regulations, provisions concerning the declaration of allergens and substances.</i>	60 days from notification

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MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS	URUGUAY	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/URY/46	Flavoured milk, milk with added ingredients and milk drinks <i>The notified text amends Section 2 (Milk products) of Chapter 16 (Milk and milk products) of the National Bromatological Regulations by replacing the definition of flavoured milk in Articles 16.2.6 and 16.2.7.</i>	60 days from notification
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	UNITED STATES	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1652	Fresh or chilled peas "pisum sativum", shelled or unshelled <i>The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing a revision to the method of interpretation for determining "whole peas", in the Pea and Lentil Inspection Handbook.</i>	29 October 2020
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	UNITED STATES	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1653	Beans : fresh or chilled beans "vigna spp., phaseolus spp." <i>The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing a revision to the method of interpretation for determining "sample grade criteria," in the Bean Inspection Handbook.</i>	29 October 2020
FRUITS. VEGETABLES	UNITED STATES	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1654	Dried, shelled lentils, whether or not skinned or split <i>The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing a revision to the method of interpretation for the determining the special grade "Green," in the Pea and Lentil Inspection Handbook.</i>	29 October 2020
GLASS AND CERAMICS INDUSTRIES					
CERAMICS	PHILIPPINES	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/PHL/245	Ceramic plumbing fixtures <i>This DAO prescribes the Technical Regulations for mandatory product certification of identified ceramic plumbing fixtures.</i>	11 December 2020
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
DISINFECTANTS AND ANTISEPTICS	BRAZIL	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/989/Add.1	Antiseptic preparations, sanitizer - Addendum <i>The Resolution - RDC number 350, 19 March 2020 which establishes exceptional criteria and procedure for the manufacturing and sale of antiseptic preparations and sanitizers without previous market authorization from ANVISA and provides other measures due to the international public health emergency related to the SARS-CoV-2, was changed by the Resolution - RDC number 422.</i>	—

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DISINFECTANTS AND ANTISEPTICS	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/RUS/106	Skin disinfectants (skin antiseptics) <i>Draft amendments provides for the addition of the Section 20 of the Chapter II of the Common sanitary-epidemiological and hygienic requirements for products.</i>	60 days from notification
HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT	TANZANIA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/473	Surgical face masks <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies the performance requirements, sampling and test methods of surgical face masks intended to limit the transmission of infective agents from staff to patients.</i>	60 days from notification
HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT	TANZANIA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/474	Reusable fabric face masks <i>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies performance requirements, sampling and test methods for reusable fabric face masks for general public use.</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	INDONESIA	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/IDN/120/Add.1	Paper and paperboard for food packaging - Addendum <i>Ministry of Industry Republic of Indonesia has issued Minister of Industry Decree No. 20 Year 2020 (55 pages, in Indonesia) concerning Mandatory Implementation of Indonesian National Standard (SNI) for Paper and Paperboard for Food Packaging.</i>	—
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
LIQUID FUELS	SWEDEN	13/10/2020	G/TBT/N/SWE/137	Environmental information on fuel <i>Suppliers of liquid and gaseous fuels must inform consumers regarding the fuels greenhouse gas emissions, feedstock of bio content and origin of bio feedstock.</i>	60 days from notification
EQUIPMENT FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS INDUSTRIES	UNITED STATES	16/10/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1387/Add.1	Natural gas transmission pipelines - Addendum <i>PHMSA is proposing to revise the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations to amend the requirements for gas transmission pipeline segments that experience a change in class</i>	

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ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	12/10/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1084	Light passenger and commercial vehicles <i>Establishes proposal to amend the Conformity Assessment Requirements for Light Passenger and Commercial Vehicles, published by Inmetro Ordinance No. 377, 29 September 2011.</i>	07 December 2020