



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 47 notifications on Agriculture, Chemical technology, Environment, Health protection, Safety, Food technology, and Health care technology, etc., from European Union, Japan, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, Uganda, 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

We are glad to be of service to you!

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (12-18 September 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN	17/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BHR/580	Electronic nicotine products (cigarettes alternatives); tobacco, tobacco products and related equipment <i>This document specifies the requirements of electronic nicotine products which are used as alternatives or traditional cigarettes.</i>	60 days from notification
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	DENMARK	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/DNK/102	Pesticides and biocides <i>A ban on selling concentrated pesticides and biocides to private individuals is introduced.</i>	21 October 2020

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ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	JAPAN	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/672	Phytase as a feed additive <i>MAFF will add standards and specifications of Phytase to "Ministerial Ordinance on the Specifications and Standards of Feeds and Feed Additives".</i>	16 October 2020
FISHING AND FISH BREEDING	JAPAN	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/673	Aquatic animals and plants <i>In order to secure proper control on inadequate fishing, MAFF will establish the Act to provide requirements for fishers, distributors, importers and exporters in terms of designated aquatic animals and plants with a high risk of illegal fishing.</i>	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	CZECH REPUBLIC	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CZE/249/Add.1	Chemical weapons - Addendum <i>The Czech Republic would like to inform the WTO Members that Draft Act amending Act No. 19/1997 on certain measures related to the prohibition of chemical weapons and on amendments to Act No. 50/1976 on spatial planning and the Building Code (the Building Act).</i>	—
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/742	Biocidal products : Active chlorine generated from sodium chloride by electrolysis <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves active chlorine generated from sodium chloride by electrolysis as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product types 2, 3, 4 and 5.</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/743	Biocidal products : Active chlorine released from hypochlorous acid <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves active chlorine released from hypochlorous acid as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-types 2, 3, 4 and 5.</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/744	Biocidal products : Active chlorine generated from sodium chloride by electrolysis <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves active chlorine generated from sodium chloride by electrolysis as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 1.</i>	60 days from notification

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PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/745	Biocidal products : Active chlorine released from hypochlorous acid <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation approves active chlorine released from hypochlorous acid as an active substance for use in biocidal products of product-type 1.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/404/Add.1	Electric storage drink water heaters - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Legal Inspection Regulation for Electric Storage Drink Water Heaters," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/404 on 18 February 2020, was promulgated on 15 September 2020 and came into effect on the same day.</i>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORT					
TOYS	DENMARK	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/DNK/103	Safety requirements for toys <i>The Executive Order implements Directive 2009/48 on safety requirements for toys with the latest amendments Directive 2019/1922/EU and Directive 2019/1929/EU on limit values for resp. aluminum and formaldehyde.</i>	03 December 2020
TOYS	UKRAINE	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/UKR/169	Safety of toys <i>The draft Regulation provides for lowering the limit values for certain chemicals (chromium (VI) and aluminum) in the composition of toys and materials used in toys, as well as for restricting of formaldehyde limit values in toys.</i>	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/404	Low-voltage electrical products <i>The notified Resolution suspends the effects of former Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Mining Resolution No. 319/1999 and former Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 169/2018 with respect to the time frames for monitoring systems and all monitoring records already issued for certificates.</i>	—

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ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	15/09/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/411/Add.1	Eye protector for welding, fil[...]out filtering effect - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penhu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendments to the Inspection Requirements for Eye Protector for Welding, Filter for Welding Face Shield, Welding Face Shield, and Eye Protector for Ultraviolet Filtering, Infrared Filtering, Sunglare Filter for Industrial Use, and Ocular without Filtering Effect" was promulgated on 1 September 2020.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/676/Add.3	Commercial heating, air-conditioning and water -heating - Addendum <i>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act ("EPCA"), as amended, prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including evaporatively-cooled commercial package air conditioners and water -cooled commercial package air conditioners.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	15/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1046/Rev.1/Add.1	Fluorescent lamp ballasts - Addendum <i>On 18 March 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") to amend the test procedure for fluorescent lamp ballasts.</i>	—
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1411/Add.2	Emissions - Addendum <i>This action finalizes amendments to the new source performance standards (NSPS) for the oil and natural gas sector.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1525/Add.1/Corr.1	Chemical substances - Corrigendum <i>EPA issued final significant new use rules (SNURs) in the 3 August 2020 Federal Register for chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs).</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	15/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1527/Add.1	Oil and natural gas sector - Addendum <i>This action finalizes amendments to the oil and natural gas new source performance standards (NSPS) promulgated in 2012 and 2016.</i>	—

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1638/Add.1	Clothes washers and clothes dryers - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is extending the public comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") which DOE proposes to establish separate product classes for top-loading residential clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1644	Sulfur hexafluoride emissions from gas insulated switchgear <i>Amends rules to reduce sulfur hexafluoride emissions from gas insulated switchgear.</i>	22 September 2020
INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT FOR WASTE DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT	UNITED STATES	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1645	Incineration units, emissions; installations and equipment for waste disposal and treatment <i>In accordance with requirements under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) performed a periodic review of the emissions standards and other requirements for Other Solid Waste Incineration (OSWI) units.</i>	15 October 2020
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1646	Satellite orbital debris mitigation <i>In this document, the Commission seeks comment through a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking adopted on 23 April 2020, on additional amendments to its rules related to satellite orbital debris mitigation.</i>	09 October 2020
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	COLOMBIA	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/COL/212/Add.8	End-use equipment powered by electric power and fuel gas - Addendum <i>The first decision extends the time limit set in paragraph 12.1.1.2.1 "Minimum efficiency for marketing ", point c) of the General Annex to RETIQ, until 31 December 2020, for the placing on the market of motors whose minimum efficiency limit is within the category C.</i>	—

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/746	Organic products : food products in general <i>This act lays down the provisions on groups of operators and amends the model of the certificate provided to operators or group of operators.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/747	Organic products : food products in general <i>This act lays down the specific criteria and conditions for the checks of documentary accounts in the framework of official controls in organic production and the official controls of group of operators.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/748	Organic production and the labelling of organic products <i>This act lays down the rules for precautionary measures and investigation in case of suspicion of non-compliance due to the presence of non-authorized products and substance, labelling, group of operators, minimum additional controls, national catalogues of measures and exchange of information between different bodies and authorities for organics.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	UKRAINE	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/UKR/164/Add.1	Nutrition and health claims made on food products - Addendum <i>Ukraine informs that the draft Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine "On Approval of the Requirements for nutrition and health claims made on food products" (G/TBT/N/UKR/164) was adopted on 15 May 2020 (Order No. 1145).</i>	—
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	UKRAINE	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/UKR/165/Rev.1	Materials and articles intended to come into contact with food - Revision <i>The draft Law provides for mechanisms, in particular, regarding processes of plastics processing; state regulation of production and circulation of materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.</i>	30 days from notification
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	UNITED STATES	15/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/667/Rev.1	Meat and poultry products - Revision <i>The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is proposing to amend its inspection regulations to expand the circumstances under which FSIS will generically approve the labels of meat, poultry, and egg products.</i>	—

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1050/Add.2/Corr.1	Food labeling; gluten-free labeling of fermented or hydrolyzed foods - Corrigendum <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is correcting a final rule that published in the Federal Register of 13 August 2020.</i>	—
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	EL SALVADOR	15/09/2020	G/TBT/N/SLV/209	Masks for medical use <i>This regulation establishes the technical requirements of safety, quality and efficacy of masks for medical use, including methods of test.</i>	—
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/432	Medical devices <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Ministry of Health and Welfare, proposes to draft "Regulations Governing the Classification of Medical Devices", which govern the classification of the medical devices.</i>	60 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1643	Non-invasive bone growth stimulators <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to reclassify non-invasive bone growth stimulators, postamendments class III devices (product codes LOF and LPQ), into class II (special controls), subject to premarket notification.</i>	16 October 2020
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	EL SALVADOR	15/09/2020	G/TBT/N/SLV/208	Electronic certificates <i>The notified regulation establishes the technical requirements applicable to the service electronic certificate issuance services, which must be satisfied by electronic certification service providers under the Signature Act electronic.</i>	—
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASUREMENT OF FORCE, WEIGHT AND PRESSURE	UGANDA	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1226	Weighing machinery <i>These Rules shall apply to equipment submitted by any person to an Inspector for pattern approval in accordance with the Act.</i>	60 days from notification

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MINING AND MINERALS					
MINING AND MINERALS	MEXICO	16/09/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/476	Gold, silver, platinum and palladium items <i>This Official Mexican Standard establishes the specifications, test methods and commercial information of the items that are composed or partially or fully coated by gold, silver, platinum and palladium, which are imported, produced and/or marketed in national territory.</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
SACKS, BAGS	UGANDA	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1225	Envelopes made of paper <i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the designations, requirements, test methods and sampling of envelopes made of paper. It does not contain any specification as to the ways of closing them.</i>	60 days from notification
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS	UGANDA	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1227	Sale and labelling of goods <i>The amendments contain rules on sale of goods by net weight or measure or quantity.</i>	60 days from notification
PAPER TECHNOLOGY					
OTHER PAPER PRODUCTS	UGANDA	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1224	Paper intended for scholastic and related uses <i>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies the requirements of books and sheets of paper intended for scholastic and related uses.</i>	60 days from notification
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
HYDRAULIC FLUIDS	TANZANIA	16/09/2020	G/TBT/N/TZA/472	Automatic Transmission Fluids (ATF) based on road vehicles <i>This draft Tanzania standard specifies requirements, sampling and test method for Automatic Transmission Fluids (ATF) based on road vehicles.</i>	60 days from notification
SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
QUALITY	UGANDA	18/09/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1228	Certification process including application for a permit <i>The regulations contain provisions on certification process including application for a permit; audit; product sampling and sample testing; certification review and decision to grant the permit to use Standards Mark/</i>	60 days from notification

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	SWITZERLAND	16/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CHE/248	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 regards to telecommunications installations set out by the Swiss Federal Council.</i>	20 December 2020
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIOVISUAL ENGINEERING	CHILE	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/532	External power supplies for computers, tablet chargers and cell phone chargers <i>The notified protocol establishes the certification procedure for external power supplies for computers, tablet chargers and cell phone chargers (switch mode units).</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	KENYA	16/09/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1020	Untreated mosquito nets <i>This part one of Kenya Standard specifies requirements, test methods and sampling for untreated mosquito nets.</i>	03 November 2020
LEATHER TECHNOLOGY	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	17/09/2020	G/TBT/N/SAU/1142	Leather and manufactured leather <i>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, scope, objectives, supplier Obligations, Labeling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of regulatory authorities, the authorities of market survey Responsibilities, Violations and Penalties, general rules, Transitional rules, Appendix (lists, types).</i>	60 days from notification
	BRAZIL	14/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1078	Public acts of liberation of economic activity <i>This Ordinance provides for public acts of release of the economic activity of the Secretariat of Foreign Trade (SECEX) under the terms of Decree No. 10.178, 18 December 2019.</i>	—