

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 24 notifications on Agriculture, Chemical technology, Domestic and commercial equipment. Entertainment. Sports, Environment. Health protection. Safety, Food technology, etc., from China, European Union, Japan, The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu, 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 (15-21 August 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PESTICIDES AND OTHER AGROCHEMICALS	EUROPEAN UNION	17/08/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/733	Pesticides - Residues - Etoxazole <i>This draft Commission Implementing Regulation provides that the approval of the active substance etoxazole is renewed as a candidate for substitution in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009.</i>	60 days from notification
FERTILIZERS	JAPAN	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/668	Fertilizers <i>In order to promote utilization of compost and fertilizers made of industrial by-products, the MAFF will amend the Ordinance for the Enforcement of the Fertilizer Regulation Act and the administrative rules</i>	30 days from notification

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	CANADA	17/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CAN/616	Non-prescription drugs <i>Health Canada intends to amend the lists for non-prescription drugs set out in the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) that meets the identified criteria, i.e., for topical use, localized and non-systemic effect, and meets the definition of a cosmetic.</i>	10 October 2020
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	CHINA	19/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1453	Cosmetics <i>The Provisions for the Supervision and Administration of Cosmetics Production and Distribution includes 8 parts.</i>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	CHINA	19/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1454	Cosmetics <i>The Provisions are to ensure the safety of cosmetics by regulating the registration and filing of cosmetics and new ingredients.</i>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CERAMIC TILES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	17/08/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/425	Exterior tile <i>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) proposes to require that exterior tiles, both domestically produced and imported, be subject to mandatory inspection before they are placed on the market.</i>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/427	Chair mounted seat <i>The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) intends to regulate the safety and quality of chair mounted seats.</i>	30 days from notification
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	19/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1516/Add.2	Cooking products - Addendum <i>DOE withdraws the test procedure for conventional cooking tops under EPCA. DOE has determined that the conventional cooking tops test procedure is not representative of energy use or efficiency during an average use cycle and is overly burdensome to conduct. The effective date of this rule is 17 September 2020.</i>	—

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ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
TRANSPORT EXHAUST EMISSIONS	SINGAPORE	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/SGP/55	Motor vehicles <i>Singapore plans to tighten the particle number (PN) limit for gasoline direct injection (GDI) vehicles from 6×10^{12} to 6×10^{11} from 1 September 2021.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	18/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1528/Add.1	National emission standards for hazardous air pollutants : miscellaneous coating ma[...]nd technology review - Addendum <i>The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking final action on the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Miscellaneous Coating Manufacturing (MCM) source category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP). This final rule is effective on 14 August 2020.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	18/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1529/Add.1	National emission standards for hazardous air pollutants : plywood and composite wo[...]nd technology review - Addendum <i>This action finalizes the residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Plywood and Composite Wood Products (PCWP) source category regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP). This final rule is effective on 13 August 2020.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	19/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1638	Clothes washers and clothes dryers <i>The Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended ("EPCA"), prescribes energy conservation standards for various consumer products and certain commercial and industrial equipment, including residential clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers.</i>	14 September 2020
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	19/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1639	Showerheads <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to amend the existing test procedure for showerheads to revise the definition of a showerhead consistent with the most recent standard developed by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers ("ASME") in 2018.</i>	14 September 2020

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
CHEESE	BRAZIL	18/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/922/Add.2/Corr.1	<p>Cream cheese - Corrigendum</p> <p><i>The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply - MAPA, Brazil, has issued the Technical Regulation No. 75, 31 July 2020, published in the Official Gazette No. 147 on 3 August 2020, to remove the text "and not fused" from the end of the paragraph 1, on article 2, of the Technical Regulation No. 71, 24 July 2020, establishing the identity and quality standards for cream cheese, notified under G/TBT/N/BRA/922/Add.1.</i></p>	—
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	EUROPEAN UNION	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/655/Add.1	<p>Biocidal products - Concentrated apple juice - Addendum</p> <p><i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1825 of 8 August 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include concentrated apple juice as an active substance in Annex I thereto was adopted on 8 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 279 of 31 October 2019.</i></p>	—
CHEESE	EUROPEAN UNION	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/656/Add.1	<p>Cheese - Addendum</p> <p><i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1824 of 8 August 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include cheese as an active substance in Annex I thereto was adopted on 8 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 279 of 31 October 2019.</i></p>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/657/Add.1	<p>D-fructose - Addendum</p> <p><i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1823 of 8 August 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include D-fructose as an active substance in Annex I thereto was adopted on 8 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 279 of 31 October 2019.</i></p>	—

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SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	EUROPEAN UNION	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/658/Add.1	Biocidal products - Honey - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1822 of 8 August 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include honey as an active substance in Annex I thereto was adopted on 8 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 279 of 31 October 2019.</i>	—
POULTRY AND EGGS	EUROPEAN UNION	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/659/Add.1	Powdered egg - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Delegated Regulation 2019/1821 of 8 August 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include powdered egg as an active substance in Annex I thereto was adopted on 8 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 279 of 31 October 2019.</i>	—
FOOD ADDITIVES	EUROPEAN UNION	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/660/Add.1	Saccharomyces cerevisiae - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1820 of 8 August 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include Saccharomyces cerevisiae as an active substance in Annex I thereto was adopted on 8 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 279 of 31 October 2019.</i>	—
SPICES AND CONDIMENTS. FOOD ADDITIVES	EUROPEAN UNION	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/661/Add.1	Biocidal products - Vinegar as an active substance - Addendum <i>The European Union would like to inform the WTO Members that Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/1819 of 8 August 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council to include vinegar as an active substance in Annex I thereto was adopted on 8 August 2019 and published in the Official Journal of the EU L 279 of 31 October 2019.</i>	—
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	18/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1050/Add.2	Food Labeling; Gluten-Free Labeling of Fermented or Hydrolyzed Foods - Addendum <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is issuing a final rule to establish requirements concerning "gluten-free" labeling for foods that are fermented or hydrolyzed or that contain fermented or hydrolyzed ingredients. This rule is effective 13 October 2020.</i>	—

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND MATERIALS	UGANDA	20/08/2020	G/TBT/N/UGA/1217	<p>Petrolatum gauze (also known as paraffin gauze or vaseline gauze)</p> <p><i>This Draft Uganda standard specifies the requirements, methods of test and sampling of petrolatum gauze (also known as paraffin gauze or vaseline gauze) .</i></p>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	19/08/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/426	<p>Textile goods : Babies garmen[...]siery and garments and sweaters</p> <p><i>With a view to enhancing the performance of textile goods, which are currently subject to mandatory inspection, to meeting the needs of consumers, the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) proposes to update the inspection standards CNS 15290 and CNS 15291 to their current versions (published on 14 November 2019 and 12 July 2019).</i></p>	60 days from notification