



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.

IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE

A total of 35 notifications on Chemical Technology, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Electrical Engineering, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food Technology, etc., from Argentina, European Union, India, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 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 (23 - 29 January 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	ARGENTINA	28/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/356/Add.2	<p><i>Products containing mercury - Addendum</i></p> <p>It is announced that the Draft Resolution on the technical requirements of quality and safety that certain products must meet, whether or not they contain mercury added.</p>	-

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PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	ARGENTINA	28/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/356/Add.3	<i>Products containing mercury - Addendum</i> Modification of the content or scope of the notified measure new deadline for submitting observations.	-
ACIDS	INDIA	28/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/199	<i>Ortho phosphoric acid</i> The locally manufactured or imported Ortho Phosphoric Acid shall conform to the Indian standard (IS 798: 2020) and shall bear the standard mark under license from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).	60 days from notification
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	ISRAEL	25/01/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/685	<i>Chemical substances : 2,2,2-trichloro-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol (also known as perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and/or its salts</i> Based on Article 17 and 22 of Act on the Evaluation of Chemical Substances and Regulation of Their Manufacture, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the following will be designated as Class I Specified Chemical Substances which need authorization to manufacture or import.	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CEMENT. GYPSUM. LIME. MORTAR	MALAWI	29/01/2021	G/TBT/N/MWI/40	<i>Common cements</i> This Draft Malawi Standard defines and gives the specifications of 27 distinct common cements, 7 sulphate resisting common cements as well as 3 distinct low early strength blast furnace cements and 2 sulphate resisting low early strength blast furnace cements and their constituents.	60 days from notification
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	25/01/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1174	<i>Water heaters</i> "Water Heaters - Energy Performance Requirements and Labelling"	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS					
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	25/01/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1173	<i>Electrical clothes dryers</i> Electrical Clothes Dryers - Energy Performance Requirements and Labelling	60 days from notification
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	25/01/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1175	<i>Electrical clothes washing machines</i> "Electrical Clothes Washing Machines - Energy and Water Performance Requirements and Labelling"	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	25/01/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1176	<i>Refrigerators, refrigerator - freezers and freezers</i> "Refrigerators, refrigerator - freezers and freezers energy performance, testing"	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEATING APPLIANCES	UKRAINE	27/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/171/Add.1	<i>Energy labelling of local space heaters - Addendum</i> Notified measure enters into force - date: 4 July 2021	-
COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	UKRAINE	27/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/173/Add.1	<i>Energy labelling of professional refrigerated storage cabinets - Addendum</i> Notified measure enters into force - date: 4 July 2021	-
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
GALVANIC CELLS AND BATTERIES	ARGENTINA	26/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/208/Add.4	<i>Cells and batteries - Addendum</i> Modification of the content or scope of the notified measure new deadline for submitting observations.	-
FLUORESCENT LAMPS, DISCHARGE LAMPS	ARGENTINA	26/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/246/Add.2	<i>Incandescent lamps - Addendum</i> Modification of the content or scope of the notified measure new deadline for submitting observations.	-
MOTORS	MEXICO	26/01/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/443/Add.1	<i>AC motors - Addendum</i> The response to the comments received on the Draft Official Standard is published Mexican PROY-NOM-033-ENER-2018	-

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ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
WASTES	EUROPEAN UNION	26/01/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/775	<i>Batteries and waste batteries</i> This draft Regulation concerns sustainability, safety, labelling and information requirements for the placing on the Union market of batteries.	90 days from notification
DRINKING WATER	MEXICO	28/01/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/434/Add.1	<i>Equipment and germicides for domestic water treatment - Addendum</i> A response to the comments received regarding the Exposure Draft is published Mexican Official PROY-NOM-244-SSA1-2016	-
AIR QUALITY IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	28/01/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/451/Corr.1	<i>Air cleaners - Corrigendum</i> The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to inform WTO Members that the proposed date of entry into force in Box 9 of the notification G/TBT/N/TPKM/451 shall be corrected as 1 January 2023.	-
AIR QUALITY	UNITED STATES	29/01/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1588/Add.1	Volatile organic compound emissions from consumer products - Addendum Notified measure enters into force - date: 11 February 2021	-
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
SUGAR. SUGAR PRODUCTS. STARCH	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	29/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ARE/493	<i>Honey</i> This draft of UAE/GCC technical regulation is concerned with all honeys produced by honey bees and covers all styles of honey presentations which are intended for direct consumption.	60 days from notification
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	29/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ARE/494	<i>Domesticated birds (whole and pieces)</i> This Gulf draft of technical regulation is concerned with Chilled Marinated meats including red, rabbit, Ostrich, domesticated birds, (whole and pieces).	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	ARGENTINA	26/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/175/Add.2	<i>Fish, Mollusks and Crustaceans - Addendum</i> It is communicated that by Resolution No. 451/2020 of the Ministry of Internal Trade Resolution ex SCT N ° 35/2006 is repealed by which it was incorporated into the Legal System National Resolution GMC N ° 39/2005 (G / TBT / N / ARG / 175 / Add.1)	-

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FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	ARGENTINA	26/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/333/Add.1	<i>Fish, molluscs and crustaceans - Addendum</i> Approved the Draft Resolution GMC N ° 01/18 "Technical Regulation of MERCOSUR on the methodology to carry out the Metrological Control in fish, mollusks and crustaceans glazed	-
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	27/01/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/738/Add.1	<i>Organic products - Addendum</i> Notified measure published - date: 13 November 2020	-
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	27/01/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/755/Add.1	<i>Organic products - Addendum</i> Notified measure published - date: 14 December 2020	-
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDIA	26/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/178/Corr.1	<i>Organic food products - Corrigendum</i> Please note that the document G/TBT/N/IND/178 dated 20 November 2020 was distributed erroneously and therefore should be considered null and void.	-
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDIA	25/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/196	<i>Health supplements, nutraceuticals, food for special dietary use, food for special medical functional food and novel food</i> The Draft Food Safety & Standards amendment Regulations, 2018 is related to the revision of the List of plant or botanical ingredients.	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDIA	25/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/197	<i>Food products</i> The Draft Food Safety and Standards Amendment Regulations, 2020 deals with the documents and conditions of licensing.	60 days from notification
FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ISRAEL	29/01/2021	G/TBT/N/ISR/1183	<i>Frozen vegetables and fruits</i> Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 877 part 1, dealing with the frozen vegetables and fruits.	60 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	26/01/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/686	<i>Shitei Yakubutsu (designated substances)</i> Proposal for the designation of 4 substances as Shitei Yakubutsu, and their proper uses under the Act.	-
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	27/01/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/687	<i>Manufacturing control and quality control for drugs and quasi-drugs</i> The Ministerial Order for the Standard of Manufacturing Control and Quality Control for Drugs and Quasi-Drugs will be partially amended to reflect the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Guide of the Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention/Pharmaceutical Inspection Cooperation Scheme (PIC/S), which is amended in 2018.	60 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	UKRAINE	27/01/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/167/Add.1	<i>Medical devices, in vitro diagnostic medical devices, active implantable medical devices - Addendum</i> Notified measure enters into force - date: 12 January 2021	-
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS IN GENERAL	INDIA	28/01/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/198	<i>Non-transparent packaging material for water</i> Draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2021 specifying the provision of non-transparent packaging material for water.	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ROAD VEHICLE TYRES	CHILE	25/01/2021	G/TBT/N/CHL/460/Add.1	<i>Pneumatic tyres - Addendum</i> Publication of the notified measure - date: January 20, 2021.	-
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	29/01/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1051/Add.1	<i>Networks operating in TDD (Time Division Duplex) systems - Addendum</i> Notified measure published - date: 28 January 2021.	-
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NO TITLE	THAILAND	26/01/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/577/Add.1	<i>Industrial products - Addendum</i> Notified measure published - date: 19 January 2021	-