



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 37 notifications on Clothing industry, Construction Materials and Building, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Food Technology, and Telecommunications. Audio and Video Engineering, etc., from Australia, Switzerland, Chile, Israel, Kenya, 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 (26 September - 02 October 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	SWITZERLAND	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CHE/249	Carcinogenic, mutagenic or reproductive toxicant (CMR) substances <i>15 additional substances are included in the Annex of the ORRChim.</i>	06 November 2020
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY	SWITZERLAND	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CHE/250	Dangerous substances and preparations <i>The technical regulations for the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and preparations will be updated.</i>	06 November 2020

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CLOTHING INDUSTRY					
FOOTWEAR	INDIA	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/172	Footwear made from leather and other materials : personal protective equipment footwear, an[...]ic material and its components <i>Footwear made from Leather and other materials (Quality Control) Order, 2020</i>	15 days from notification
CLOTHES	KENYA	28/09/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/999/Add.2	Second-hand/used garments and used footwear - Addendum <i>The Government of Kenya put in place a temporary suspension of importation of used textiles and shoes (Mitumba) on 31 March 2020 into Kenyan territory as a precautionary measure to mitigate against the risk of infection with coronavirus.</i>	—
FOOTWEAR	KENYA	28/09/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1021	Bathroom slippers <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and methods of test for bathroom slippers, sole made from single or combination various expanded composite materials.</i>	22 November 2020
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CERAMIC TILES	ECUADOR	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ECU/372/Add.1	Ceramic tiles - Addendum <i>The Republic of Ecuador communicates and makes known Addendum 1 corresponding to Ecuadorian Technical Regulation RTE INEN 033 (3R) "CERAMIC TILES".</i>	—
LIFTS. ESCALATORS	ISRAEL	01/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1062/Add.1	Temporary building hoists for persons and materials - Addendum <i>The declaration of SI 12159, dealing with temporary building hoists for persons and materials, as Mandatory Standard has entered into force on 1 September 2020.</i>	—
INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS	ISRAEL	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1063/Add.1	Framed back baby carriers - Addendum <i>The declaration of SI 13209 part 1, dealing with framed back baby carriers, as Mandatory Standard has entered into force on 1 September 2020.</i>	—
INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS	ISRAEL	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1064/Add.1	Soft baby carriers - Addendum <i>The declaration of SI 13209 part 2, dealing with framed soft baby carriers, as Mandatory Standard has entered into force on 1 September 2020.</i>	—

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INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS	ISRAEL	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1065/Add.1	Sling baby carriers - Addendum <i>The declaration of SI 13209 part 3, dealing with framed Sling baby carriers, as Mandatory Standard has entered into force on 1 September 2020.</i>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
TOYS	AUSTRALIA	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/AUS/120/Add.1	Childrens toys - Addendum <i>The new safety standard applies to toys containing magnets (magnetic toys). A magnetic toy is defined in the new safety standard as a product or material supplied new.</i>	—
TOYS	ISRAEL	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1061/Add.1	Trampolines for domestic use - Addendum <i>The requirements of this Mandatory standard were declared as voluntary. The declaration had entered into force on 8 March 2020.</i>	—
TOYS	ISRAEL	01/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1061/Add.2	Trampolines for domestic use - Addendum <i>The declaration of SI 562 part 14, dealing with trampolines for domestic use, as Mandatory Standard has entered into force on 1 September 2020.</i>	—
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/417/Add.1	Infant bath seats - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Legal Inspection Requirements for Infant Bath Seats" as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/417 on 15 June 2020, was promulgated on 19 August 2020 and will come into effect on 1 October 2021.</i>	—
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
GALVANIC CELLS AND BATTERIES	AUSTRALIA	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/AUS/123	Consumer goods containing button and coin cell batteries and button and coin cell batteries themselves <i>The draft Australian mandatory safety and information standards specify requirements for consumer goods containing button and coin cell batteries and button and coin cell batteries themselves.</i>	60 days from notification

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SUPERCONDUCTIVITY AND CONDUCTING MATERIALS	CHILE	28/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/533	Certification for unipolar electrical conductors <i>This protocol establishes the procedure for certification for unipolar electrical conductors, for use in low voltage; denomination H07Z1-U AND H07Z1-R.</i>	60 days from notification
SUPERCONDUCTIVITY AND CONDUCTING MATERIALS	CHILE	28/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/534	Unipolar or multipolar electrical conductor <i>This protocol establishes the procedure for certification for unipolar or multipolar electrical conductors, for use in low voltage; designation RZ1 and RZ1-K.</i>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
FIRE PROTECTION	ISRAEL	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/1099/Add.1	Fire detection systems : self-contained smoke detectors - Addendum <i>All sections of the new revised standard will be mandatory except the sentence starting with "the letters' high" and ending with "at least 2mm" in section 99.1 (j).</i>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
FLUID STORAGE DEVICES	URUGUAY	28/09/2020	G/TBT/N/URY/43	Portable containers and their accessories for liquefied petroleum gas and natural gas <i>The present preliminary draft of the Regulation is intended to regulate the minimum safety requirements for gas appliances, portable containers and its accessories for liquefied petroleum gas and natural gas that are marketed in the country.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD ADDITIVES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/ARE/484	Additives Permitted for Use in Food Stuffs <i>This draft technical regulation is concerned with Additives Permitted for Use in Food Stuffs.</i>	60 days from notification
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/405	Whiskey or single malt whiskey, Argentine whiskey or whiskey and cereal brandy <i>The Project, prepared by the National Commission of Alimentos (CONAL) modifies the identity and quality parameters of Whiskey or Whiskey established in Point 7 of Article 1116 of the CAA.</i>	20 November 2020

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SPICES AND CONDIMENTS	ARGENTINA	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/ARG/406	Corrective and adjuvants: oregano, marjoram (incorporated), white pepper, black pepper, thyme <i>The Project, prepared by the National Commission of Foods (CONAL) updates the identity and quality parameters established in the Articles of the CAA.</i>	20 November 2020
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	CHILE	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/535	Food - signage and advertising <i>Modification of Supreme Decree No. 977/96, Ministry of Health, Food Sanitary Regulations, Title II of Food, Paragraph II of the Labeling and Advertising, Articles 106 and 107.</i>	60 days from notification
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	COLOMBIA	28/09/2020	G/TBT/N/COL/241/Add.1	Labeling and metrological control applicable to prepackaged products - Addendum <i>The General Directorate of Industry and Commerce (SIC) adopted the Decision (Resolución) No. 32209 of 2020.</i>	—
PROCESSES IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY	INDIA	02/10/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/171	Label declaration on package of food which is permitted to contain sweetener <i>Draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Amendment Regulations, 2020 prescribing the revision of label declaration on package of food which is permitted to contain sweetener.</i>	60 days from notification
SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/ISR/913/Add.1	Sugars - Addendum <i>Both the old standards (SI 356 and SI 443) and the new revised standard (SI 7212) will apply from entry into force until 1 January 2023.</i>	—
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	MEXICO	28/09/2020	G/TBT/N/MEX/477	Powdered milk or dehydrated milk <i>The decision of the Ministry of the Economy on the general rules and criteria foreign trade matters, and its modifications are intended to announce the rules on establishment of general provisions and criteria.</i>	60 days from notification
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/431/Add.1	Bulk food that contain pork an[...]edible parts of pig - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Amendment to Article 5 of the Regulations on Bulk Food Labeling", as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/431 on 9 September 2020, was promulgated on 17 September 2020.</i>	—

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/434	Restriction and labeling requi[...]llex guayusa) for food purposes <i>This draft regulation specifies the use restriction and labeling requirement of guayusa leaves (Ilex guayusa) for food purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS IN GENERAL	AUSTRALIA	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/AUS/121/Add.1	Sports supplements - Addendum <i>On 23 September 2020 a declaration under subsection 7(1) of the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 (the Act) was published clarifying that, from 30 November 2020, certain sports supplements are regulated as therapeutic goods (medicines) .</i>	—
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/922	Medical devices <i>The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea is amending the "Enforcement Rule of the Medical Devices Act".</i>	26 October 2020
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/750	Vehicles and their trailers (M-, N- and O-category vehicles) <i>The enclosed draft implementing act contains the initiatives to lay down the basic requirements for the online data exchange of motor vehicle and trailer certificates of conformity, for public accessibility, and for the structure of the data.</i>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	01/10/2020	G/TBT/N/CAN/618	Wireless power transfer devices <i>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada that RSS-216, Issue 2, amendment 1, Wireless Power Transfer Devices has been published at Web site.</i>	24 November 2020
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	01/10/2020	G/TBT/N/CAN/619	Radio frequency emissions <i>Notice is hereby given by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada that Interference-Causing Equipment Standard, ICES -002, Issue 7 at Web site.</i>	24 November 2020

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN GENERAL	SWITZERLAND	30/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CHE/251	Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment <i>The Ordinance on Telecommunications Installations specifies the basic technical requirements with regard to telecommunications installations set out by the Swiss Federal Council.</i>	20 December 2020
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	JAPAN	28/09/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/674	Power line communication <i>To amend the regulations for the above system.</i>	60 days from notification
TEXTILE AND LEATHER TECHNOLOGY					
LEATHER TECHNOLOGY	KENYA	28/09/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1022	Leather technology <i>This code of practice prescribes the basic requirements for preservation premise for raw hides and skins using salt stacking method.</i>	22 November 2020