



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, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment, Sports, Food Technology, Health Care Technology, Road Vehicles Engineering, etc., from China, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Turkey, 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 (27 February - 05 March 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	AUSTRALIA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/AUS/128	<i>Vaporiser nicotine products</i> The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is seeking comments on a proposed standard for vaporiser nicotine products.	60 days from notification
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	CHINA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1556	<i>Feed Additive - Natural xanthophyll (saponified marigold extract)</i> This standard specifies the technical requirements, sampling, test methods, inspection rules, and labelling, packaging, transportation, storage and shelf-life requirements of feed additive natural xanthophyll (saponified marigold extract) .	60 days from notification

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ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	CHINA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1557	<i>Feed additive - Lactic acid</i> This standard specifies the requirements, sampling, test methods, inspection rules, and labelling, packaging, transportation, storage and shelf-life requirements of feed additive lactic acid.	60 days from notification
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	MAURITIUS	03/03/2021	G/TBT/N/MUS/13/Add.1	<i>All tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes - Addendum</i> The Ministry of Health and Wellness proposes to repeal the existing Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2008 (as amended) and replace with the Draft Public Health (Restrictions on Tobacco Products) Regulations 2020 ("the proposed measure") to further strengthen the tobacco control framework in Mauritius.	16 March 2021
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	TANZANIA	05/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/519	<i>Rice polish as animal feed</i> Prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for rice polish as animal feed.	60 days from notification
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	TANZANIA	05/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/520	<i>Freshwater prawn (Macrobrachium rosenbergii) feed</i> Prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for marine shrimp (Penaeus monodon and Litopenaeus vannamei) feed for their grow-out culture.	60 days from notification
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	TANZANIA	05/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/521	<i>Freshwater prawn (Macrobrachium rosenbergii) feed</i> Prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for freshwater prawn (Macrobrachium rosenbergii) feed for their grow-out culture.	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	CHINA	04/03/2021	G/TBT/N/MAC/17	<i>Mercury and amalgam</i> Prohibition of import, export and transit of mercury and amalgam listed in The Minamata Convention on Mercury and contained in the Schedule annexed to Chief Executive's Decision No. 231/2020 in the Macao Special Administrative Region.	N/A

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEMS	SINGAPORE	02/03/2021	G/TBT/N/SGP/58	<p><i>Water closet flush valves</i></p> <p>Singapore's Mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MWELS) was introduced in 2009 to help consumers make more informed purchasing decisions and encourage suppliers to introduce more water-efficient products into the market.</p>	60 days from notification
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	TAIWAN	02/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/453	<p><i>Water efficiency labeling products for water use equipment, sanitary ware or other equipment</i></p> <p>In order to encourage the public to save water easily, the Water Resource Agency proposes to include induction faucets in the product scope to which a Water Efficiency Label shall be affixed.</p>	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
HOME TEXTILES. LINEN	BRAZIL	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/373/Rev.1/Add.4/Corr.1	<p><i>Mattress and mats made of flexible polyurethane foam - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>Improvement of the conformity assessment requirements for mattresses and mats focusing on consumer information regarding protection of human safety, by clarifying some issues of the text of the rules and reword some items in order to furnish the necessary information to ensure acquaintance with the requirements.</p>	N/A
ELECTRIC HEATERS	JAPAN	05/03/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/691	<p><i>Electric water heaters</i></p> <p>This revision of the standard under the Act on the Rational Use of Energy includes energy consumption efficiency standard for targeted fiscal year (FY2025), measurement method, etc. of the products listed in column 4.</p>	60 days from notification
AUTOMATIC CONTROLS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/946	<p><i>Cosmetic devices</i></p> <p>Safety Criteria for 4 items of cosmetic devices (LED Mask type device, Scalp care device, Eye massager, Plasma skin care device)</p>	60 days from notification
COOKWARE, CUTLERY AND FLATWARE	CHINA	04/03/2021	G/TBT/N/MAC/16	<p><i>Disposable foamed plastic tableware</i></p> <p>Prohibition of import and transit of disposable foamed plastic tableware to the Macao Special Administrative Region.</p>	N/A

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DISHWASHERS	TURKEY	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/175	<i>Ecodesign requirements of household dishwashers</i> This Communique covers built-in household dishwashers and electric mains - operated household dishwashers and built-in household dishwashers, including those that can be powered by batteries.	1 March 2021
DISHWASHERS	TURKEY	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/176	<i>Energy labeling of household dishwashers</i> This Communique covers built-in household dishwashers and household dishwashers that are connected to the electric mains, including those that are battery-powered.	1 March 2021
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	TURKEY	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/177	<i>Ecodesign requirements for household washing machines and household washer-dryers</i> This Communique covers electric mains-operated household washing machines and household washer-dryers including built-in household washing machines and household washer-dryers and electric mains-operated household washing machines and household washer-dryers that can also be powered by batteries	1 March 2021
LAUNDRY APPLIANCES	TURKEY	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/178	<i>Labelling of household washing machines and household washer-dryers</i> This Communique covers electric mains-operated household washing machines and electric mains-operated household washer-dryers including those which can also be powered by batteries and including built-in household washing machines and built-in household washer-dryers.	1 March 2021
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	COLOMBIA	02/03/2021	G/TBT/N/COL/119/Add.2	<i>Lights and street lighting - Addendum</i> Resolution No. 40031 of 2021 extends by two years the period of validity of the Technical Regulation on Lights and Street Lighting, adopted through Resolution No. 18 0540 of 2010 and last revised and updated by means of Resolution No. 4 0122 of 2016, with the corresponding amendment issued by the Ministry of Mining and Energy.	N/A
ELECTRONICS					
ELECTRONIC DISPLAY DEVICES	TURKEY	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/173	Energy labelling of electronic displays This Communique shall apply to electronic displays, including televisions, monitors and digital signage displays.	1 March 2021

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ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	CHINA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1559	<p><i>Centrifugal pumps</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the energy efficiency grades, minimum allowable values of energy efficiency, testing methods and calculation methods for centrifugal pumps for fresh water and petrochemical centrifugal pumps.</p>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	SPAIN	02/03/2021	G/TBT/N/ESP/44/Add.1	<p><i>Hygiene masks - Addendum</i></p> <p>Definition of the concepts of hygiene mask (or community face covering), accessory, filter and responsible economic operator.</p>	N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	03/03/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1703	<p><i>Aerosol coating products and antiperspirant and deodorants</i></p> <p>Proposed rule - Amends rules relating to aerosol coating products and antiperspirant and deodorants.</p>	22 March 2021
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	COLOMBIA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/COL/242/Add.1	<p><i>Alcoholic beverages - Addendum</i></p> <p>Decree No. 162 of 2021 amending Decree No. 1686 of 2012 - Good manufacturing practices (GMP) for alcoholic beverages.</p>	N/A
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/947	<p>Labeling standards for genetically modified foods</p> <p>Proposed Revision of the "Labeling Standards for Foods".</p>	60 days from notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	UKRAINE	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/160/Add.1	<p>Meat of bovine animals, fresh, chilled and frozen, edible offal of bovine animals, fresh or chilled, and natural honey</p> <p>The updated draft Order approves the procedure for establishing a mechanism and special requirements for labelling of foodstuffs for which the indication of country of origin or place of origin is mandatory and adds two new groups of goods, namely honey and olive oil.</p>	N/A
BEVERAGES	UKRAINE	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/186	<p><i>Grape, grape wine</i></p> <p>This draft Law is also notified in accordance with the provisions of the SPS Agreement.</p>	60 days from notification

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	03/03/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1143	<p><i>Medicines based on substances categorized as antimicrobial</i></p> <p>This resolution establishes criteria for prescription, exemption, control, packaging, and labelling of medicines based on substances categorized as antimicrobial for use under prescription, isolated or associated.</p>	N/A
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	03/03/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1144	<p><i>Substances categorized as antimicrobial for use under prescription, isolated or associated</i></p> <p>This normative instruction defines the list of substances categorized as antimicrobial for use under prescription, isolated or associated.</p>	N/A
PHARMACEUTICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/945	<p><i>Biopharmaceutical products</i></p> <p>Revise specification and test method of blood products.</p>	60 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/949	<p><i>Pharmaceutical equivalence test</i></p> <p>The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety, Republic of Korea intends to revise the following matters in Standard on Pharmaceutical Equivalence Test.</p>	60 days from notification
MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING					
WELDING EQUIPMENT	TURKEY	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/174	<p><i>Welding equipment</i></p> <p>This Communiqué shall apply to welding equipment using one or more of the following welding and allied processes.</p>	1 March 2021
MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT					
LIFTING EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/610/Add.5/Corr.1	<p><i>Border crossing devices - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>Rectification of Inmetro Ordinance 35, 5 February 2021, published in the federal official gazette on 11 February 2021, pages 59 to 64, section 1.</p>	N/A
METALLURGY					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	PHILIPPINES	02/03/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/195/Rev.1/Add.2	<p><i>Steel bars - Addendum</i></p> <p>This MC provides additional guidelines for all stakeholders' information and compliance such as the reference standards for deformed steel bars, markings, market monitoring and enforcement, among others.</p>	N/A

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PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS					
PACKAGING MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/937/Corr.1	<p><i>Packaging material and packaging method - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>Before the product is released, manufacturers of the product are obligated to inspect the packaging material and packaging method (packaging space ratio and number of packaging) through a designated specialized institutions and label the result on the outside of the packaging.</p>	N/A
PAPER TECHNOLOGY					
OTHER PAPER PRODUCTS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/948	<p><i>Thermal paper</i></p> <p>Concentration of bisphenol A in thermal paper shall be less than 0.02% by weight.</p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES	CHINA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1554	<p><i>Road transportation : refrigerated vehicle for perishable foodstuffs and biological product-safety</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the terms and definitions, classification, requirements and test methods for refrigerated vehicles.</p>	60 days from notification
BRAKING SYSTEMS	CHINA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1555	<p><i>Brake hose</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the structure, performance requirements, test methods and marks of brake hose, brake hose joint and brake hose assembly for automobiles, motorcycles, mopeds and trailers.</p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	CHINA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1558	<p><i>Fuel-gas system for gas vehicle</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the installation requirements, test methods and inspection rules for the fuel-gas system of gas vehicles.</p>	60 days from notification
BUSES	CHINA	02/03/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1560	<p><i>Seats and their anchorages of passenger vehicles</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the technical requirements and test methods for the strength of the seats and their anchorages of passenger vehicles.</p>	60 days from notification

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BUSES	CHINA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1561	<p><i>Devices for indirect vision of motor vehicles</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the performance and installation requirements for devices for indirect vision of motor vehicles of categories M and N and L with at least partially enclosed cab.</p>	60 days from notification
CRASH PROTECTION AND RESTRAINT SYSTEMS	COLOMBIA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/COL/247	<p><i>Safety belts for the protection of persons in motor vehicles</i></p> <p>The notified text establishes the technical regulations intended for restraint systems for motor vehicles and trailers produced or supplied in Colombia, with the aim of preventing or minimizing risks to human life and health, through compliance with technical performance requirements for restraint systems, and preventing practices likely to mislead consumers.</p>	60 days from notification
GLAZING AND WIPER SYSTEMS	COLOMBIA	01/03/2021	G/TBT/N/COL/248	<p><i>Glazing materials for use in motor vehicles</i></p> <p>The notified text establishes the technical regulations for safety glazing materials for use in motor vehicles, which are manufactured in, imported into or marketed in Colombia, with the aim of preventing or minimizing risks to human life and health, by ensuring compliance with technical performance requirements for glazing materials, and preventing practices likely to mislead consumers.</p>	60 days from notification
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	JAPAN	05/03/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/692	<p><i>Road transport vehicles</i></p> <p>To obligate the installation of OBFCM (On-board Fuel and/or Energy Consumption Monitoring Device), requiring to satisfy with technical standard for OBFCM, which is based on the EU Regulation((EU)2017/1151)</p>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	CANADA	03/03/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/634	<p><i>White space devices (WSDs)</i></p> <p>Notice is hereby given by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada that the consultations have been released</p>	10 May 2021
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS	JAPAN	05/03/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/654/Add.2	<p><i>Radio equipment : non-geostationary satellite system using advanced L-band - Addendum</i></p> <p>As announced in G/TBT/N/JPN/654 dated 2 March, 2020, the revisions entered into force on 2 March, 2021. The texts of the amendments in Japanese are available on the following website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.</p>	N/A

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NO TITLE	THAILAND	02/03/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/595/Add.1	<i>Hazardous substances - Addendum</i> To define the operation guideline of the hazardous substances under the responsibility of the Department of Industrial Works by using electronic media to facilitate the entrepreneurs about the operation of the hazardous substance in the situations of the outbreak of the communicable disease coronavirus (COVID-19)	N/A