

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 42 notifications on Agriculture, Chemical technology, Construction materials and building, Environment, Health protection, Safety, Food technology, Health care technology, Petroleum and related technologies, Road vehicles engineering, etc., from Brazil, China, European Union, 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

List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (29 August-04 September 2020)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	JAPAN	01/09/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/670	Salinomycin sodium as a feed additive <i>MAFF will add standards and specifications of Salinomycin sodium to "Ministerial Ordinance on the Specifications and Standards of Feeds and Feed Additives".</i>	30 September 2020
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1631/Add.1	Flavored electronic smoking devices - Addendum <i>The Department of Public Health and Human Services (department) published MAR Notice No. 37-923 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed adoption of the above-stated rules at page 1105 of the 2020 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 12.</i>	—

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	BRAZIL	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1073	Preservatives that are allowed in the manufacturing of sanitizing products <i>This draft normative instruction establishes technical requirements for the inclusion or alteration of substances in the list of preservatives that are allowed in the manufacturing of sanitizing products.</i>	26 October 2020
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	BRAZIL	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1074	Preservatives that are allowed in the manufacturing of sanitizing products <i>This draft resolution establishes technical requirements for the inclusion or alteration of substances in the list of preservatives that are allowed in the manufacturing of sanitizing products.</i>	26 October 2020
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	BRAZIL	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1075	Personal hygiene products, cosmetics, and perfumes of human use and for the manufacturing[...]ary hygiene and beauty products <i>This draft resolution establishes the shared production areas destined for the manufacturing of personal hygiene products, cosmetics, and perfumes of human use and for the manufacturing of veterinary hygiene and beauty products.</i>	16 October 2020
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/09/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/915	Labeling or advertising of cosmetic products <i>The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea is partly revising the "Regulation on Substantiation of Claims in Labeling or Advertising of Cosmetic Products".</i>	60 days from notification
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	UNITED STATES	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/983/Add.6	Certain chemical substances - Addendum <i>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Chemical-Specific Rules under the Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(a); Certain Nanoscale Materials to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act.</i>	—

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CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS	CHINA	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1457	Gas storage water heater <i>This standard specifies the terms and definitions, classifications and models, materials, structure and safety devices, performance requirements, test methods, inspection rules, signs and instructions, packaging, storage and transportation of gas storage water heaters.</i>	60 days from notification
INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS	UNITED STATES	01/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1639/Add.1	Showerheads - Addendum <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") regarding proposals to amend the test procedures for showerheads and to request comment on the proposals.</i>	26 October 2020
CLOTHING INDUSTRY					
CLOTHES	KENYA	01/09/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/999/Add.1	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>	—
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	CHILE	03/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/493/Add.1	Electric ovens - Addendum <i>The following communication, dated 3 September 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Chile.</i>	—
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY.					
HEAD PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	INDIA	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/167	Protective Headgear (Helmet) <i>Notification for bringing Protective Headgear (Helmet) for two wheeler riders under compulsory certification under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.</i>	30 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/665/Rev.2	Greenhouse gas emissions and fuel economy standards - Revision <i>EPA is proposing to correct an error in EPA's regulations for test procedures used in the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) program finalized in a 2012 rulemaking.</i>	—

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RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	UNITED STATES	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1602/Add.1	Air-purifying particulate respirators - Addendum <i>The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published an interim final rule to update regulatory requirements by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to test and approve air-purifying particulate respirators for use in the ongoing public health emergency.</i>	—
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PIPELINE COMPONENTS AND PIPELINES	UNITED STATES	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/1261/Add.2	Pipes, fittings, fixtures - Addendum <i>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing changes to existing regulations to protect the public from lead in plumbing materials used in public water systems or residential or nonresidential facilities providing water for human consumption.</i>	—
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	BRAZIL	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1071	Packages and plastic containers in contact with food <i>This draft resolution proposes the revision of the Resolution - RDC number 105, 19 May 1999 - which establishes technical requirements for packages and plastic containers in contact with food.</i>	26 October 2020
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	BRAZIL	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1072	Labelling of raw pork and poultry meat products <i>This draft resolution establishes the mandatory instructions of use and conservation in the labelling of raw pork and poultry meat products.</i>	02 November 2020
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/EU/734	Calcium-L-methylfolate as a source of folate to infant and follow-on formula, proc[...]ereal-based food and baby food <i>This draft Commission Delegated Regulation concerns authorisation of the addition of calcium-L-methylfolate, as a source of folate to infant and follow-on formula, processed cereal-based food and baby food.</i>	60 days from notification

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDIA	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/IND/168	Food Products <i>Every consignment of imported food products mentioned in Annexure - I of order shall be accompanied with a Non-GM origin cum GM free certificate, issued by Competent National Authority of the exporting country as per format of Annexure-II of order.</i>	60 days from notification
TEA	THAILAND	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/THA/580	Tea infusion <i>The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) considered the existing Notifications of Ministry of Public Health regarding tea infusion should be revised in order to update the list of plants and parts of plant used as ingredient for tea infusion.</i>	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	03/09/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/385/Add.1	Bulk food - Addendum <i>The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Regulations on Bulk Food Labeling," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/385 on 2 August 2019, was promulgated on 28 August 2020 and will come into effect on 1 January 2021.</i>	—
COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/428	Coffee leaves (Coffea arabica, Coffea canephora) <i>This draft regulation specifies the use restriction and labeling requirement of coffee leaves (Coffea arabica, Coffea canephora) for food purposes.</i>	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/429	Nutrition labeling for prepack[...]and formula for certain disease <i>The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) proposes to revise the Regulations on Nutrition Labeling for Prepackaged Food Products.</i>	60 days from notification
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/TPKM/430	Labeling requirement on countr[...]k and other edible parts of pig <i>The Ministry of Health and Welfare (MOHW) proposes to regulate the labeling requirement on country of origin for products that contain pork and other edible parts of pig to provide consumers information for choice.</i>	07 September 2020

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HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1068	Medical devices selected to economic monitoring <i>This draft normative instruction establishes technical requirements for medical devices selected to economic monitoring by Anvisa.</i>	05 October 2020
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1069	Provitamins and vitamins, natural or reproduced by synthesis (including natural concentrates) <i>This draft normative instruction establishes the list of medical devices selected to economic monitoring by Anvisa.</i>	05 October 2020
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1070	Economic monitoring for medical devices <i>This draft resolution establishes the economic monitoring for medical devices.</i>	05 October 2020
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN GENERAL	CHINA	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1455	Medical electrical-dental equipment : dental units, dental patient chairs, dental handpieces and dental operating lights <i>This part includes basic safety and essential performance requirements for dental units, dental patient chairs, dental handpieces and dental operating lights.</i>	60 days from notification
RADIOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT	CHINA	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CHN/1456	Medical electrical equipment : dental extra-oral X-ray equipment <i>This part includes basic safety and essential performance requirements for dental extra-oral X-ray equipment.</i>	60 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/JPN/669	Substances with probable effects on the central nervous system : Shitei Yakubutsu <i>Proposal for the designation of 6 substances as Shitei Yakubutsu, and their proper uses under the Act.</i>	—
PHARMACEUTICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/09/2020	G/TBT/N/KOR/914	Pharmaceuticals <i>Clarification of review criteria for registration of pharmaceutical patent list (Article 50-2, paragraph 6).</i>	60 days from notification

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METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	BRAZIL	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/884/Add.1	Measuring instruments covered by the legal metrology - Addendum <i>This addendum aims to inform that the National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance 281, 21 August 2020.</i>	—
PAPER TECHNOLOGY					
PAPER TECHNOLOGY	KENYA	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/KEN/1019	Beds made from corrugated fibre board <i>This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and test for Beds made from corrugated fibre board.</i>	24 October 2020
PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES					
NATURAL GAS	BRAZIL	03/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1076	Quality of liquefied petroleum gases <i>This Resolution provides for the specification and control of the quality of liquefied petroleum gases (GLP) marketed by economic agents in the national territory.</i>	—
FUELS	CANADA	01/09/2020	G/TBT/N/CAN/617	Sulphur in gasoline <i>The Sulphur in Gasoline Regulations (the Regulations) limit the sulphur content of gasoline that is produced in or imported into Canada.</i>	24 October 2020
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS	CHILE	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/CHL/467/Rev.1	Motorcycles - Revision <i>Draft amendment to Decree No. 123 of 2014 updating and supplementing the technical and safety standards applicable to motorcycles.</i>	—
ROAD VEHICLE SYSTEMS	UNITED STATES	02/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/777/Rev.1/Add.1	Hybrid and electric vehicles - Addendum <i>This interim final rule responds to an "emergency petition" submitted by the Alliance of Automotive Innovation (Alliance) regarding the phase-in and compliance requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 141 (FMVSS 141), "Minimum sound for hybrid and electric vehicles."</i>	—

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SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	01/09/2020	G/TBT/N/USA/578/Rev.1	Consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment - Revision <i>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or the "Department") proposes to revise its existing enforcement regulations for certain consumer products and commercial and industrial equipment covered under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975.</i>	—
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	BRAZIL	01/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1066	Radio frequency bands from 1,980 MHz to 2,010 MHz and from 2,170 MHz to 2,200 MHz to personal mobile service <i>This Resolution approves the allocation of radio frequency bands from 1,980 MHz to 2,010 MHz and from 2,170 MHz to 2,200 MHz to Personal Mobile Service - SMP, Fixed Switched Telephone Service - STFC, Multimedia Communication Service - SCM, Private Limited Service - SLP and Global Mobile Satellite Service - SMGS.</i>	—
	BRAZIL	31/08/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1065	Preliminary Regulatory Agenda of the National Traffic Department (DENATRAN) <i>This Ordinance establishes the Preliminary Regulatory Agenda of the National Traffic Department (DENATRAN), in order to indicate issues of regulatory nature, to be studied in 2020.</i>	—
	BRAZIL	01/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1067	Activities associated with the release acts under the responsibility of INMETRO within the scope of legal metrology <i>This Ordinance establishes the classification of risk of economic activities associated with the release acts under the responsibility of INMETRO within the scope of Legal Metrology.</i>	—
	BRAZIL	03/09/2020	G/TBT/N/BRA/1077	Tacit approval for the public acts of release of Inmetro's responsibility <i>This Ordinance establishes the deadlines for the purposes of tacit approval for the public acts of release of responsibility of Inmetro, as provided in the caput of art. 10 of Decree No. 10.178, 18 December 2019.</i>	—