



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 48 notifications on Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Fluid Systems and Components for General Use, Food Technology, Health Care Technology, Paper Technology, etc., from Argentina, Brazil, Philippines, Tanzania, 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 (29 MAY—04 JUNE 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/DOM/232	Finished products of alcohol and tobacco Reasons for emergency notification of the general trade standard for the control of alcohol and tobacco.	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	REPÚBLICA DE COSTA RICA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/CRI/46/Add.1	Cosmetic products - Addendum The notified regulation shall specify which information must be given on the the label of cosmetic products, irrespective of the capacity of their packaging, in order to their use does not present a risk to health.	-

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PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	EUROPEAN UNION	01/06/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/803	Chemical substance - Resorcinol This draft Commission Decision aims at identifying resorcinol as a substance of very high concern due to its endocrine disrupting properties whose effects to human health give rise to an equivalent level of concern according to Article 57(f) of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH).	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	JAPAN	01/06/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/691/Add.1	Electric water heaters - Addendum Revision to the Notification of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) regarding energy efficiency standards of Electric Water Heaters was published on 26 May 2021. This revision entered into force on 1 June 2021.	–
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	MAROC	03/06/2021	G/TBT/N/MAR/36	Construction products The order of the Minister of Industry, Trade and the Green Economy and digital above sets security and performance requirements construction products and limits technical specifications to standards Moroccan.	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	ISRAEL	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/ISR/1166/Add.1	Wheeled child conveyances : pushchairs and prams and pushchairs for children above 15 kg up to 22 kg - Addendum Both the old standard and these newly revised standards will apply from the entry into force of this revision for a period of 6 months (i.e. from 28 August 2021 till 28 February 2022). During this time, products may be tested according to the old or the newly revised standard.	–

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HOME ECONOMICS IN GENERAL	PHILIPPINES	01/06/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/231/Add.1	Household / urban hazardous substances - Addendum The transitory provision of Implementing Guidelines for Administrative Order No. 2019-0019 "Repeal of Administrative Order No. 2015-0038 dated 08 September 2015 Entitled Removing the Requirements of Licensing as Importers, Exporters, Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Distributors, Retailers, or Re-Packers of Those Engaged in Certain Household/Urban Hazardous Substances, and from the Requirement of Prior Registration and/or Notification of Said Products" is extended to 31 December 2021.	-
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	PHILIPPINES	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/248/Rev.1	Refrigerating appliances - Revision These guidelines provide the Particular Product Requirements for Refrigerating Appliances and other relevant information for guidance and compliance by all manufacturers, importers, distributors, dealers and other key stakeholders.	25 June 2021
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN GENERAL	PHILIPPINES	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/249/Rev.1	Televisions - Revision These guidelines provide the Particular Product Requirements for Televisions and other relevant information for guidance and compliance by all manufacturers, importers, distributors, dealers and other key stakeholders.	25 June 2021
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	PHILIPPINES	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/250/Rev.1	Compact fluorescent lamps (CFL), linear fluorescent lamps (LFL), single-apped fluores [...]g diodes (LED) lamps - Revision These guidelines provide the Particular Product Requirements for Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL), Linear Fluorescent Lamps (LFL), Single-Capped Fluorescent Lamps (SCFL), Lamp Ballasts (BAL), Light Emitting Diodes (LED) Lamps, as well as its Code of Practice (COPE), and other relevant information for guidance and compliance by all manufacturers, importers, distributors, dealers and other key stakeholders.	25 June 2021

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ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
NUCLEAR ENERGY ENGINEERING	SWEDEN	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/SWE/138	<p>Nuclear safety, radiation protection and nuclear security in nuclear power plants</p> <p>The regulations includes requirements on design, construction and commissioning of the functions needed to fulfil the required functions for nuclear safety, radiation protection and nuclear security in nuclear power plants.</p>	31 August 2021
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	BRAZIL	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/997/Add.1	<p>Medicines, medical devices, personal hygiene products, cosmetics, perfumes, sanitizers, ac [...]ngredients, and food - Addendum</p> <p>Establishes administrative procedure for the concession of Good Manufacturing Practices Certification for medicines, medical devices, personal hygiene products, cosmetics, perfumes, sanitizers, active pharmaceutical ingredients, and food; and Good Practices of Storage and Distribution Certification for medicines, medical devices, and active pharmaceutical ingredients, was adopted as Resolution - RDC number 497, 20 May 2021.</p>	-
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
PRESSURE VESSELS	ISRAEL	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/ISR/1119/Add.1	<p>Pressure vessels - Addendum</p> <p>Both the old standard and this new revised standard will apply from the entry into force of this revision for 3 months (i.e. from 24 August till 24 November 2021). During this time products may be tested according to the old or the newly revised standard.</p>	-
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	PHILIPPINES	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/247/Rev.1	<p>Air conditioners - Revision</p> <p>These guidelines provide the Particular Product Requirements (PPR) for Air Conditioners for the information and guidance of all concerned and for compliance by all manufacturers, importers, distributors, dealers and other key stakeholders.</p>	25 June 2021
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	UNITED STATES	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/931/Rev.1/Add.1	<p>Ceiling fans - Addendum</p> <p>Implements conforming amendments to the ceiling fan test procedure to ensure consistency with the Energy Act of 2020.</p>	-

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VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	UNITED STATES	03/06/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1600/Rev.1	Portable air conditioners - Revision Notice of proposed rulemaking - The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") proposes updates to comparability ranges and sample labels for central air conditioners in the Energy Labeling Rule ("Rule").	2 August 2021
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
CHEESE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	03/06/2021	G/TBT/N/ARE/499 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/600 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/568 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/434 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/589 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/1193 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/195	Mozzarella cheese This draft of Gulf Standard is concerned with the requirements of mozzarella cheese according to the description in the clause No. 3 of the technical regulations, intended for direct consumption or for further processing.	60 days from notification
CHEESE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	04/06/2021	G/TBT/N/ARE/500 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/601 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/569 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/435 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/590 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/1194 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/196	Edam cheese This draft of Gulf Standard is concerned with the requirements of edam cheese according to the description in the clause No. 3 of the technical regulations, intended for direct consumption or for further processing.	60 days from notification
CHEESE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	04/06/2021	G/TBT/N/ARE/501 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/602 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/570 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/436 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/591 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/1195 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/197	Gouda cheese This draft of Gulf technical regulation is concerned with the requirement of Gouda cheese according to the description in the clause No. 3 of the technical regulations, intended for direct human consumption or food processing.	60 days from notification

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CHEESE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	04/06/2021	G/TBT/N/ARE/502 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/603 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/571 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/437 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/592 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/1196 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/198	Brie cheese This draft of Gulf technical regulation is concerned with the requirement of brie cheese according to the description in the clause No. 3 of the technical regulations, intended for direct human consumption or food processing.	60 days from notification
CHEESE	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN, THE STATE OF KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, YEMEN	04/06/2021	G/TBT/N/ARE/503 ; G/TBT/N/BHR/604 ; G/TBT/N/KWT/572 ; G/TBT/N/OMN/438 ; G/TBT/N/QAT/593 ; G/TBT/N/SAU/1197 ; G/TBT/N/YEM/199	Camembert cheese This draft of Gulf technical regulation is concerned with the requirement of Camembert cheese according to the description in the clause No. 3 of the technical regulations, intended for direct human consumption or food processing.	60 days from notification
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS	ARGENTINA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/257/Add.3	Food - Addendum It is communicated that by Joint Resolution SCS and SABYDR No. 3/2021 the "Draft Joint Resolution replacing Article 155 tris of Chapter III "Products Food" of the CAA on Trans Fatty Acid Content"	-
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS	ARGENTINA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/360/Add.1	Fresh and packaged meat for consumption - Addendum The notified draft Joint Resolution, prepared by the National Food Commission (CONAL), incorporates Article 255 ter establishing the wording to be displayed on the labelling of refrigerated meat that is to be defrosted prior to sale.	-

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FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/364/Add.1	Dietary Supplements - Addendum It is communicated that by Joint Resolution SCS and SAByDR N° 3/2020 the : Draft Joint Resolution "Modification of the Argentine Food Code - Chapter XVII - Dietary or dietary foods" - Title "Dietary supplements" notified under signature G/TBT/N/ARG/364.	-
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/365/Add.1	Foods for Infants and Young Children - Addendum It is communicated that by Joint Resolution SCS and SAByDR No. 9/2021 is approved Draft Joint Resolution "Modification of the Argentine Food Code - Chapter III - Foodstuffs" - Title "General Conditions" notified under signature G/TBT/N/ARG/365.	-
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	ARGENTINA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/381/Add.1	Mineral Waters - Addendum It is communicated that by Joint Resolution SCS and SAByDR No. 2/2021 the Draft Joint Resolution "Modification of the Argentine Food Code - Chapter XII - Water drinks, water and aerated water - Title: Mineral waters" notified under signature G/TBT/N/ARG/381.	-
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ARGENTINA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/383/Add.1	Foods and beverages containing aloe vera - Addendum It is communicated that by Joint Resolution SCS and SAByDR No. 11/2021 the Draft Joint Resolution "Argentine Food Code - Chapter XI "Plant Foods" - Article 827 bis: Food and beverages containing Aloe Vera notified under signature G/TBT/N/ARG/383.	-
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	ARGENTINA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/388/Add.1	Pickles and processed vegetables, packaged in acid topping liquids - Addendum It is communicated that by Joint Resolution SCS and SAByDR No. 15/2021 the Draft Joint Resolution "Argentine Food Code - Pickles and vegetables processed, packaged in acidic covering liquids (Arts. 172, 972 and 980 Bis)".	-

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MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	BRAZIL	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/944/Add.1	Packaging, coatings, utensils, covers and equipment in contact with foods - Addendum Establishes technical requirements for packaging, coatings, utensils, covers and equipment in contact with foods, was adopted as Resolution - RDC number 498, 20 May 2021.	-
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	ISRAEL	01/06/2021	G/TBT/N/ISR/1206	Setting maximum levels of contaminants in foods Protection of human health or safety.	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/458	Prepackaged food products Consumer information, labelling.	60 days from notification
FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	TANZANIA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/605	Ready-to-eat fresh pre-cut fruits and vegetables Applies to ready-to-eat fresh fruits and vegetables that have been peeled, cut or otherwise physically altered from their original form but remain in the fresh state and particularly those that are intended to be consumed raw.	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	BRAZIL	03/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1166/Add.1	Medical devices - Addendum Establishes technical requirements for the import, commercialization, and donation of used reprocessed medical devices, was extended for 30 days.	-
MEDICAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1189	Regulatory agenda of the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) Establishes the Regulatory Agenda of Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) for the triennium 2021/2023, in order to indicate regulatory issues to be studied in the period.	-

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LABORATORY MEDICINE	UNITED KINGDOM	03/06/2021	G/TBT/N/GBR/39/Add.1	COVID-19 detection test regulation - Addendum The United Kingdom Government has now developed a draft of the regulation for Mandatory Validation of Covid 19 In vitro Diagnostic antigen and Molecular tests.	-
PHARMACEUTICS	PHILIPPINES	04/06/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/253	Foreign drug manufacturers Republic Act No. 11494 or the "Bayanihan to Recover As One Act", this Circular is being issued to provide the interim guidelines on the renewal of cGMP clearance of foreign drug manufacturers.	-
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/409/Add.1/Corr.1	Medical equipment - Corrigendum The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to add the attachments of the notification G/TBT/N/TPKM/409/Add.1 that was circulated on 18 May 2021.	-
BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF MEDICAL DEVICES	THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/420/Add.1	Medical devices - Addendum The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu would like to notify that the "Regulations on Good Clinical Practice for Medical Devices," as per G/TBT/N/TPKM/420 on 29 June 2020, was promulgated on 9 April 2021 and came into effect on 1 May 2021.	-
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	03/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1190	Cryptographic library software and cryptographic Revised and consolidated version of the document Standards and Technical Procedures for Processes of Homologation of Cryptographic Library Software and Cryptographic Service Providers Software at ICP-Brazil - DOC-ICP-10.06.	-
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	03/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1191	Cryptographic equipment not contemplated in manuals of specific technical conducts Revised and consolidated version of the document Standards and Technical Procedures for Processes of Homologation of Cryptographic Equipment not contemplated in Manuals of Specific Technical Conducts- DOC-ICP-10.08.	-

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) IN GENERAL	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	01/06/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/964	Audio / video, information and communication technology equipment KATS proposes an amending rule (KC 62368-1 Audio/video, Information and communication technology equipment Part 1: Safety requirements) to harmonize the existing amending rules (KC 60065, K 60950-1 and K 60950-22) with IEC 62368-1.	60 days from notification
PAPER TECHNOLOGY					
PAPER PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	TANZANIA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/600	Exercise books and related items This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for exercise books and related items	60 days from notification
OTHER PAPER PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/601	Paper sacks for packaging of cement This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for valve sewn-gusseted and valve-pasted ends paper sacks for packaging of cement.	60 days from notification
OFFICE PAPER	TANZANIA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/602	Diaries This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for diaries.	60 days from notification
PAPER PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	TANZANIA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/603	Newsprint This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for newsprint.	60 days from notification
PAPER PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	TANZANIA	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/604	Thermal-sensitive paper roll for printers This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for thermal-sensitive paper used in places where information has to be printed out quickly and economically.	60 days from notification

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
MOBILE SERVICES	UNITED STATES	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1727/Add.1	<p>Broadband and mobile services, wireless telecommunications - Addendum</p> <p>In this document, the Commission denies the request of WorldVu Satellites Limited (ONEWEB), Kepler Communications, SpaceX Holdings, LLC, Intelsat License LLC, and SES S.A., for a further extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines for the proposed rule published in the Federal Register.</p>	7 June 2021
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	UNITED STATES	31/05/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1736	<p>Emission limits for the 24.25-27.5 GHz band</p> <p>Requests for comments - In this document, The Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) seek comment on implementing certain of the decisions of the World Radiocommunication Conference held by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in 2019 (WRC-19) regarding the 24.25-27.5 GHz band.</p>	28 June 2021