



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 59 notifications on Chemical Technology, Electrical Engineering, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food Technology, Healthcare Technology, etc., from China, Ecuador, Republic of Korea, Tanzania, Uganda, 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 (3 April - 9 April 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
ANIMAL FEEDING STUFFS	CHINA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1584	<p><i>Potassium iodate</i></p> <p>This part of GB 7300 specifies the requirements, sampling, test methods, inspection rules, labelling, packaging, transportation, storage and shelf life of feed additive potassium iodate.</p>	60 days from notification

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AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1713	<i>Bombardier Model CL-600-2B16 (604 variant) airplane</i> Final special conditions - These special conditions are issued for the Bombardier Inc. (Bombardier) Model CL-600-2B16 (604 variant) airplane.	None
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1714	<i>Boeing Model 777-9 airplane</i> Final special conditions - These special conditions are issued for the Boeing Commercial Airplanes (Boeing) Model 777-9 airplane.	None
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1715	<i>Leonardo model A119 and AW119 MKII helicopters</i> Final special conditions - These special conditions are issued for the Leonardo S.p.A. (Leonardo) Model A119 and AW119 MKII helicopters.	None
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	ECUADOR	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ECU/502	<i>Cosmetics, domestic hygiene products and absorbent personal hygiene products</i> The notified Sanitary Technical Regulation establishes the internal procedure for the application of the Andean Decisions on obtaining the mandatory sanitary notification (NSO).	60 days from notification
OTHER PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/548	<i>Denatured ethanol</i> This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, sampling and tests method for denatured ethanol for use as cooking or heating appliance fuel, or both.	60 days from notification
CHEMICALS FOR PURIFICATION OF WATER	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/549	<i>Sodium hypochlorite solution used in disinfection of water intended for human consumption</i> This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for sodium hypochlorite solution used in disinfection of water intended for human consumption.	60 days from notification
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/550	<i>Tile cleaners</i> This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for tile cleaners used for light and heavy-duty cleaning.	60 days from notification

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SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/551	<p><i>Transparent toilet soap</i></p> <p>This Draft Tanzania Standard prescribes requirements and test methods for transparent toilet soap suitable for body hygiene.</p>	60 days from notification
SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/552	<p><i>White spirit (mineral turpentine) used in paints, varnishes, lacquers, resins, thinners and cleaning solvents</i></p> <p>This Draft Tanzania Standard prescribes the requirements, sampling and test methods for white spirit (mineral turpentine) used in paints, varnishes, lacquers, resins, thinners and cleaning solvents.</p>	60 days from notification
CLOTHING INDUSTRY					
FOOTWEAR	CHINA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1585	<p>Children's footwear</p> <p>This standard specifies the terms and definitions, product classification, technical requirements, test methods and judgment of children's footwear safety technology.</p>	60 days from notification
FOOTWEAR	CHINA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1587	<p><i>Footwear</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the technical requirements, test methods and judgment of footwear safety.</p>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
BUILDING ACCESSORIES	ECUADOR	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ECU/408/Rev.2	<p>Toy safety - Revision</p> <p>The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by toys, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human health and safety and preventing deceptive practices.</p>	60 days from notification
LIFTS. ESCALATORS	ECUADOR	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ECU/414/Rev.3	<p><i>Lifts, escalators and moving walkways - Revision</i></p> <p>The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by lifts, escalators and moving walkways, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human safety and preventing deceptive practices.</p>	60 days from notification

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
DISHWASHERS	SINGAPORE	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/SGP/60	<p><i>Water efficiency requirements</i></p> <p>Under Singapore's Mandatory Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MWELS), minimum water efficiency requirements have been mandated for commonly used water fittings and appliances since 2009, with a view to helping consumers make informed purchasing decisions, and encouraging suppliers to introduce more water-efficient products into the market.</p>	60 days from notification
TOYS	UKRAINE	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/169/Add.1	<p><i>Safety of toys - Addendum</i></p> <p>Ukraine informs that the draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Technical Regulation on safety of toys" (G/TBT/N/UKR/169) was adopted on 31 March 2021 No. 282 and will enter into force on 3 October 2021.</p>	N/A
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	UNITED STATES	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1048/Add.2	<p><i>Equipment for children - Addendum</i></p> <p>In June 2018, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published a consumer product safety standard for high chairs under section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) .</p>	N/A
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING					
TRANSFORMERS. REACTORS	ECUADOR	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ECU/482/Rev.1	<p><i>Safety and energy efficiency for distribution transformers - Revision</i></p> <p>The notified Ecuadorian Technical Regulation establishes the requirements to be met by distribution transformers, prior to the marketing of domestic and imported products, with the aim of protecting human safety and the environment, and preventing deceptive practices.</p>	60 days from notification
MOTORS	TURKEY	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TUR/182	<p><i>Electric motors and variable speed drives</i></p> <p>Draft Communique on Ecodesign Requirements for Electric Motors and Variable Speed Drives.</p>	14 April 2021; The relevant legislation will be put into effect within the scope of harmonization with the EU legislation.
LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	SOUTH AFRICA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ZAF/243	<p><i>General lighting, directional and non -directional lamps of all shapes and finishes [...]h - intensity discharge lamps)</i></p> <p>This compulsory specification covers the safety requirements for general lighting, directional and non -directional lamps of all shapes and finishes.</p>	60 days from notification

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LAMPS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	SOUTH AFRICA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ZAF/244	<p><i>Energy efficiency and functional performance for general lighting directional and no[...] gh- intensity discharge lamps</i></p> <p>This compulsory specification covers the energy efficiency and functional performance for general lighting directional and non -directional lamps of all shapes and finishes.</p>	60 days from notification
ELECTRONICS					
OPTO ELECTRONICS. LASER EQUIPMENT	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/961	<p><i>Portable laser devices</i></p> <p>Expanding the scope of the related technical regulation from laser pointers and toys to portable laser household goods (wavelength range: 400-700 nm), and regulating the laser beam output to level 2 or less.</p>	60 days from notification
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING					
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	CHINA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1578	<p><i>Electric fans</i></p> <p>The standard specifies the energy efficiency grade, minimum allowable value of energy efficiency and test methods of electric fan.</p>	60 days from notification
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	CHINA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1582	<p><i>Tower server, rack server</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the energy efficiency grade, minimum allowable values of energy efficiency, testing and calculation methods of servers.</p>	60 days from notification
ENERGY AND HEAT TRANSFER ENGINEERING IN GENERAL	CHINA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1586	<p><i>Desktop microcomputers, integrated desktop microcomputers with display function (referred t[...]referred to as microcomputers)</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the energy efficiency grades, minimum allowable values of energy efficiency and test methods of desktop microcomputers, integrated desktop microcomputers with display function (referred to as all-in-one computers) and portable computers (all above collectively referred to as microcomputers).</p>	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY	CHINA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1579	<p><i>Inert gas agent</i></p> <p>This standard specifies terms and definitions, requirements, test methods and inspection rules for inert gas agents. This standard is applicable to inert gas agents.</p>	60 days from notification

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PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	CHINA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1580	<i>Protective clothing : arc wear protective clothing</i> This document specifies technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, marking, packaging, transportation and storage requirements of arc flash protective clothing for electrical and related workplace.	60 days from notification
PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	CHINA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1581	<i>Protective clothing for welders</i> This document specifies the technical requirements, test methods, inspection rules, markings, packaging and storage of protective clothing for welders.	60 days from notification
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	CHINA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1583	<i>Non-powered filtering respirators for escape</i> This standard specifies the classification, levels, technical requirements, test methods, marking and packaging of non-powered filtering respirators for escape.	60 days from notification
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1693/Add.1	<i>Renewable fuel standard compliance - Addendum</i> Extension of 2019 and 2020 Renewable Fuel Standard Compliance and Attest Engagement Reporting Deadlines.	N/A
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	ECUADOR	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ECU/348/Rev.3	<i>Ceramic tableware - Revision</i> Draft second revision (2R) of Ecuadorian Technical Regulation PRTE INEN No. 010: "Ceramic tableware intended to come into contact with food".	60 days from notification
ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS	SPAIN	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ESP/45	<i>Olive and olive-pomace oil</i> The notified text updates the existing regulations concerning the production and marketing of olive and olive-pomace oils in Spain.	60 days from notification
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDIA	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/IND/200	<i>Food products imported</i> Draft Food Safety and Standards (Import) Amendment Regulations, 2021 related to omit the clause (b) of sub-regulation 7(3) of Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017 to enable the sampling of food products imported for captive use or production of value added products for hundred per cent exports.	60 days from notification

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VEGETABLES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	ISRAEL	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ISR/1194	<i>Pickled fruits and vegetables</i> Revision of the Mandatory Standard SI 58 to be replaced with SI 58 part 3, dealing with pickled fruits and vegetables.	60 days from notification
MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCE	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/959	<i>Imported food safety control</i> For the registration of foreign food facilities, documents proving that the manufacturing business is approved, registered and declared according to the relevant food law of the exporting country should be submitted.	60 days from notification
ICE CREAM AND ICE CONFECTIONERY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/962	<i>Ice cream, ice cake and edible ice</i> Ice cream, Ice cake and Edible ice shall be labelled with "sell-by date".	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/545	<i>Bread crumbs</i> This Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for bread crumbs intended for human consumption.	60 days from notification
CEREALS, PULSES AND DERIVED PRODUCTS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/546	<i>Chewy candy</i> This Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test of chewy candy intended for human consumption.	60 days from notification
PREPACKAGED AND PREPARED FOODS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/547	<i>Maandazi : doughnuts, east african doughnuts, swahili buns, mahamri</i> This Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for Maandazi intended for human consumption.	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/554	<i>Packaging materials and articles in contact with food</i> This standard provides the requirements of packaging materials and articles in contact with food and their subsequent use.	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/555	<i>Waxed cartons for intimate packaging of ice cream as well as chocolate bars</i> This standard specifies requirements for waxed cartons for intimate packaging of ice cream as well as chocolate bars.	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/556	<i>Overall migration of constituents of single or multi-layered heat-sealable films, single[...]rm, preformed or converted form</i> This standard prescribes the methods of analysis for determination of overall migration of constituents of single or multi-layered heat-sealable films, single homogenous non-sealable films, finished containers and closures for sealing as lids, in the finished form, preformed or converted form.	60 days from notification

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MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/557	<p><i>Colourants for use in plastics that may be regarded as safe for use in contact with foodstuffs</i></p> <p>This standard list permitted colourants for use in plastics that may be regarded as safe for use in contact with foodstuffs.</p>	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/558	<p><i>Polyalkylene terephthalates (PET and PBT) also known as thermoplastic saturated polyeste[...]d in contact with foodstuffs</i></p> <p>This standard specifies the requirements, and methods of sampling and test for polyalkylene terephthalates (PET and PBT) also known as thermoplastic saturated polyesters polymer materials for the manufacture of plastic items used in contact with foodstuffs.</p>	60 days from notification
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	UGANDA	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/931/Rev.1	<p><i>Non-alcoholic malted cereal beverages - Revision</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test for Non-alcoholic malted cereal beverages.</p>	60 days from notification
MILK AND PROCESSED MILK PRODUCTS	UGANDA	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1291	<p><i>Dairy whitener</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda standard specifies requirements, sampling and methods of test for dairy whitener.</p>	60 days from notification
FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS	SOUTH AFRICA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/ZAF/245	<p><i>Frozen lobsters and frozen lobster products derived therefrom</i></p> <p>This Compulsory Specification requires that frozen lobsters and frozen lobster products derived therefrom for direct consumption or further processing , which are to be offered for sale, comply with this Compulsory Specification and the requirements of the latest edition of the South African National Standard (SANS) 2074 that apply to the manufacture, production, processing, and treatment of the products covered by this specification.</p>	60 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	09/04/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1154/Add.1	<p><i>New medical devices and medicines identified as indispensable for the use in healthcare se [...]ed to the SARS-CoV-2 - Addendum</i></p> <p>ANVISA issued RDC No. 489, 7 April 2021, that amends the Collegiate Board Resolution - RDC No. 483, of 19 March 2021, previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1154 , which provides, in an extraordinary and temporary way, on the requirements for the importation of new medical devices and medicines identified as priorities for use in health services, due to the international public health emergency related to SARS-CoV-2.</p>	N/A

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PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/637	<p><i>Drugs</i></p> <p>The Interim Order creates flexibilities in the authorization process, import and distribution of COVID-19 drugs and is valid for 12 months.</p>	Non applicable (These regulations have been granted an exemption from publication in Canada Gazette, Part I, and therefore a pre-consultation was not conducted.)
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/638	<p><i>Tramadol</i></p> <p>The purpose of this Notice of Intent to Amend is to notify stakeholders that Health Canada will remove tramadol from both the Human and Veterinary sections of the Prescription Drug List when the addition of tramadol to Schedule I to the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to the Narcotic Control Regulations comes into force on 31 March 2022.</p>	Non applicable
LABORATORY MEDICINE	UNITED KINGDOM	09/04/2021	G/TBT/N/GBR/39	<p><i>COVID-19 detection test regulation</i></p> <p>We are considering regulation to require the validation of all Covid-19 detection tests for human use made available for private sale.</p>	5 May 2021
PHARMACEUTICS	JAPAN	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/696	<p><i>Pharmaceuticals, medical devices and designated biological products</i></p> <p>The Regulation for Enforcement of the Act on Securing Quality, Efficacy and Safety of Products including Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, and the Public Notice on Designated Biological Products under Article 197, Paragraph 2 of the Regulation for Enforcement.</p>	60 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/960	<p><i>Republic of Korea - Pharmaceuticals</i></p> <p>Proposed revision of the "Regulation on Safety of Pharmaceuticals, etc.".</p>	60 days from notification
STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION	MEXICO	07/04/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/494	<p><i>Topical ethyl or isopropyl alcohol-based antiseptics</i></p> <p>The notified Emergency Mexican Official Standard establishes the requirements and health and commercial specifications to be met by the preparation, mixing, production and distribution processes for topical antiseptics, in gel or solution form, based on ethyl or isopropyl alcohol or mixtures thereof, and sets out the test methods for the verification of these specifications.</p>	Not applicable
DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT	UGANDA	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1289	<p><i>Infrared thermometers for intermittent determination of patient temperature</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard covers electronic instruments intended for intermittent measuring and monitoring of patient temperatures by means of detecting the intensity of thermal radiation between the subject of measurement and the sensor.</p>	60 days from notification

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DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT	UGANDA	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/UGA/1290	<p><i>Electronic thermometer for intermittent determination of patient temperature</i></p> <p>This Draft Uganda Standard covers electronic instruments intended for intermittent monitoring of patient temperatures. It does not cover infrared thermometers.</p>	60 days from notification
PHARMACEUTICS	UNITED STATES	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/214/Add.3/Corr.2	<p><i>Human and animal drugs - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>Requirements for Foreign and Domestic Establishment Registration and Listing for Human Drugs, Including Drugs That Are Regulated Under a Biologics License Application, and Animal Drugs; Corrections</p>	N/A
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ADHESIVES	TANZANIA	08/04/2021	G/TBT/N/TZA/553	<p><i>Adhesives used in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipes</i></p> <p>This Draft Tanzania Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for adhesives used in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) plastic pipes.</p>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	VIET NAM	06/04/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/191	<p>Radio access equipment operating in the 5 GHz RLAN band</p> <p>The draft National technical regulation on Radio access equipment operating in the 5 GHz RLAN band is based on ETSI EN 301 893 V2.1.1 (2017-05) of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).</p>	15 June 2021