



# 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 34 notifications on Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food Technology, Paint and Colour Industries, Petroleum and Related Technologies, and etc., from Brazil, Japan, Tanzania, Thailand, 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](mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph)

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## List of WTO TBT NOTIFICATIONS (8 May – 14 May, 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
<b>AGRICULTURE</b>					
INSECTICIDES	BRAZIL	12/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1174</a>	<i>Insecticides</i>  This Ordinance approves the Metrological Technical Regulation that establishes the criteria for verifying the liquid content of the insecticide or liquid repellent product commercialize in a container to be coupled to an electrical device - Consolidated.	Not Applicable
<b>CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY</b>					
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	JAPAN	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/685/Add.1</a>	<i>Chemical substances : 2,2,2-trichloro-1-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanol (also kn[...]OA) and/or its salts - Addendum</i>  This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/ modified measure.	N/A

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<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING</b>					
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SYSTEMS	MEXICO	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/MEX/389/Add.3</a>	<p><i>Meters and transformers - Addendum</i></p> <p>Decision amending the transitional articles of Mexican Official Standard NOM-001-CRE/SCFI-2019, Electrical power measurement systems - Meters and measuring transformers - Metrology specifications, test methods and conformity assessment procedure, published in the Official Journal on 15 May 2020.</p>	N/A
<b>DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS</b>					
MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT	THAILAND	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/616</a>	<p><i>Fluoro polymer coated utensils in contact with food</i></p> <p>The draft ministerial regulation mandates fluoro polymer coated utensils in contact with food to conform with the standard for Fluoro Polymer Coated Utensils in contact with Food (TIS 2622-2556(2013)) .</p>	60 days from notification
<b>ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY</b>					
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY	SUISSE	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHE/255</a>	<p><i>Chemicals, biocidal products, phytosanitary products and fertilizers</i></p> <p>Currently, some chemicals must be labeled in two languages official. Therefore, some products are legally placed on the market in Italian-speaking regions of the country while they are not labeled in Italian.</p>	60 days from notification
RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES	PERÚ	12/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/PER/131/Add.1</a>	<p><i>Reusable Community Use Textile Face Masks - Addendum</i></p> <p>Ministerial Resolution No. 596-2021 / MINSA modifies Ministerial Resolution No. 558-2021 / MINSA approves the Technical Document: "Guidelines for the Manufacture of Masks Reusable Community Use Textile Facials".</p>	N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/636/Add.1</a>	<p><i>Commercial and industrial fans, blowers &amp; fume hoods - Addendum</i></p> <p>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") requests comment on a potential definition of "commercial and industrial fan" for consideration in determining whether such equipment should be classified as covered equipment under Part C of Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended.</p>	N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1513/Add.1</a>	<p><i>Chemical substances - Addendum</i></p> <p>EPA is issuing significant new use rules (SNURs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for chemical substances which were the subject of premanufacture notices (PMNs) and a microorganism that was the subject of a Microbial Commercial Activity Notice (MCAN) .</p>	N/A

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1625/Add.1/Corr.1</a>	<p><i>Room air conditioners - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>On 29 March 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a final rule adopting test procedures for room air conditioners (hereafter the "March 2021 final rule") .</p>	N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1626/Add.1</a>	<p><i>Substances in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector and the foam blowing sector - Addendum</i></p> <p>Pursuant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Significant New Alternatives Policy program, this action lists certain substances in the refrigeration and air conditioning sector.</p>	N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1638/Add.2/Corr.2</a>	<p><i>Clothes washers and clothes dryers - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>On 16 December 2020, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a final rule adopting separate product classes for top-loading consumer (residential) clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers that offer cycle times for a normal cycle of less than 30 minutes, and for front-loading residential clothes washers that offer cycle times for a normal cycle of less than 45 minutes ("December 2020 final rule") .</p>	N/A
<b>FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE</b>					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	UNITED STATES	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1062/Add.6</a>	<p><i>Fans - Addendum</i></p> <p>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking an early assessment review for amended energy conservation standards for ceiling fans to determine whether to amend applicable energy conservation standards for this product.</p>	N/A
<b>FOOD TECHNOLOGY</b>					
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	THAILAND	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/614</a>	<p><i>Plastic food containers for microwave oven</i></p> <p>The draft ministerial regulation mandates plastic food containers for microwave oven to conform with the standard for Plastic Food Containers for Microwave Oven Part 1 : For Reheating (TIS 2493-2554(2011)) .</p>	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	THAILAND	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/615</a>	<p><i>Plastic food containers for microwave oven : for single reheating</i></p> <p>This standard covers plastics container, lids and other components contact food directly.</p>	60 days from notification

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<b>METALLURGY</b>					
IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	12/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/165/Add.5</a>	Structures and parts of structures - Addendum  National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued the Ordinance No. 139, 19 March 2021 that approves consolidation of Regulation for bars and wire of steel for armor for Reinforced Concrete Structures, in the form of the Conformity Assessment Requirements and the Specifications for the Conformity Identification Seal, established, respectively, in Annexes I and II.	N/A
PACKAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODS	THAILAND	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/THA/613</a>	Plastic containers for drinking water  This standard covers only plastic containers for drinking water. It specifies sizes, materials, requirements for appearance, mark and labels, sampling and criteria for conformity and testing.	60 days from notification
<b>PAINT AND COLOUR INDUSTRIES</b>					
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	TANZANIA	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/595</a>	Two-pack epoxy zinc phosphate weldable primer  This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for two-pack epoxy zinc phosphate weldable primer.	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	TANZANIA	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/596</a>	Water based undercoat  This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for water based undercoat used on buildings after surface preparation and priming wherever necessary.	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	TANZANIA	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/597</a>	Black bitumen solutions  This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, methods of sampling and test for black bitumen solutions, without pigments or fillers, for cold application, which will yield by brushing, spraying or a suitable dipping process, effective coatings for protection of substrates.	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	TANZANIA	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/598</a>	Etch primers (single pack and two-pack)  This Draft East African specifies the requirements, sampling and test methods, for single pack and two-pack etch primers intended for pre-treating metal surfaces to improve the adhesion of paint system applied to them.	60 days from notification
PAINTS AND VARNISHES	TANZANIA	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/TZA/599</a>	Two-pack epoxy primer  This Draft East African Standard specifies requirements, sampling and test methods for a two-pack epoxy solvent based primer.	60 days from notification

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<b>PETROLEUM AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING EQUIPMENT	CHILE	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/548/Add.1</a>	<p><i>Natural gas fuelling stations : CNG stations for fuelling vehicles - Addendum</i></p> <p>Chilean Standard (NCh ISO) No. 16.923:2017 "Natural gas fuelling stations - CNG stations for fuelling vehicles" has been declared an Official Standard of the Republic of Chile.</p>	N/A
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND NATURAL GAS HANDLING EQUIPMENT	CHILE	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHL/549/Add.1</a>	<p><i>Natural gas fuelling stations : CNG stations for fuelling vehicles - Addendum</i></p> <p>Chilean Standard (NCh ISO) No. 16.924:2017 "Natural gas fuelling stations - CNG stations for fuelling vehicles" has been declared an Official Standard of the Republic of Chile.</p>	N/A
<b>ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING</b>					
CYCLES	BRAZIL	12/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/481/Add.5</a>	<p><i>Parts and accessories for bicycles - Addendum</i></p> <p>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance 202, 30 April 2021, that approves the consolidation of conformity assessment procedures for components for adult bicycles.</p>	N/A
<b>RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES</b>					
PLASTICS	ECUADOR	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/ECU/506</a>	<p><i>Single-use plastics</i></p> <p>This standard is binding on all entities, agencies and departments in the public, private, central, autonomous and decentralized sectors, natural and legal persons, communes, communities, peoples, nationalities and groups that are permanently or temporarily located in the national territory.</p>	60 days from notification
<b>SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY</b>					
PRODUCT AND COMPANY CERTIFICATION. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT	BRAZIL	12/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/397/Rev.1/Add.4</a>	<p><i>All products subject to conformity assessment procedure - Addendum</i></p> <p>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued the Inmetro Ordinance 200, 29 April 2021, that revokes the Inmetro Ordinance 252, 3 June 2016, and Inmetro Ordinance 118, 6 March 2015, previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/397/Rev.1/Add.3 and G/TBT/N/BRA/397/Rev.1/Add.1 respectively, and approves the General Requirements to Product Certification (RGCP) - Consolidated.</p>	N/A
<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING</b>					
PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE	UNITED STATES	12/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1730</a>	<p><i>Off-highway vehicle</i></p> <p>Advance notice of proposed rulemaking - The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) is considering developing a rule to address the risk of injury associated with fire and debris-penetration hazards.</p>	12-Jul-21

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<b>TESTING</b>					
TEST CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES IN GENERAL	UNITED STATES	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/USA/1729</a>	<p><i>Circulator pumps and small vertical in-line pumps</i></p> <p>Request for information - The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") is restarting rulemaking activities to consider potential test procedures and energy conservation standards for circulator pumps and small vertical in-line pumps.</p>	06-Jul-21
<b>NO TITLE</b>					
PRODUCTS, INPUTS AND SERVICES UNDER INMETRO'S REGULATORY SCOPE AND WHICH COMPLIANCE IS COMPULSORILY ASSESSED - ADDENDUM	BRAZIL	12/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/907/Add.5</a>	<p><i>Products, inputs and services under Inmetro's regulatory scope and which compliance is compulsorily assessed - Addendum</i></p> <p>Approves the consolidation of regulation for bars and wire of steel for armor for Reinforced Concrete Structures, in the form of the conformity assessment requirements and the specifications for the conformity identification seal, established, respectively, in Annexes I and II.</p>	N/A
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION	BRAZIL	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/BRA/1173</a>	<p><i>Plant variety protection</i></p> <p>This Resolution applies within the MERCOSUR scope for the registration of varieties in the Plant Variety Protection Registry and in the National Plant Variety Registry (RNC).</p>	Not Applicable
ACTIVITY TOYS - ADDENDUM	CHINA	10/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/CHN/1047/Add.1</a>	<p><i>Activity toys - Addendum</i></p> <p>The have revised some contents of Safety of toys – Part 11: Swings, Slides and Similar Activity Toys for Indoor and Outdoor Family Domestic Use.</p>	N/A
HALAL PRODUCT ASSURANCE - ADDENDUM/	INDONESIA	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/IDN/131/Add.1</a>	<p><i>Halal product assurance - Addendum</i></p> <p>To ensure products information in the market is sufficient in assuring halal integrity for Muslim consumer, as the country with largest Muslims population in the world, the Government of Indonesia is responsible to provide a reliable system for the citizens concerned with their needs for Halal Products Assurance.</p>	N/A

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GAS EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES	JAPAN	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/JPN/700</a>	<p><i>Gas equipment and appliances</i></p> <p>Seven items will be removed from the list of "Specified Products Requiring Maintenance" and the terms related to the removed items will be deleted. Also, regarding two out of the seven removed items, the existing voluntary regulation among private businesses will be introduced into the Operational Rules.</p>	60 days from notification
ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION SERVICES - ADDENDUM	EL SALVADOR	11/05/2021	<a href="#">G/TBT/N/SLV/208/Add.1</a>	<p>Electronic certification services - Addendum</p> <p>The content of this Technical Regulation has been updated and the text is now entitled: "Salvadoran Technical Regulation RTS 35.01.01:21, Information technology.</p>	N/A