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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 49 notifications on Construction Materials and Building, Chemical Technology, Fluid Systems and Components For General Use, Food Technology, Telecommunications. and etc., from Brazil, European Union, Philippines, United States, Vietnam, 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 (17 July – 23 July, 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	PHILIPPINES	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/233/Add.1	<i>Vapor products (e-cigarettes) and heated tobacco products - Addendum</i> The issuances provide guidelines on licensing of heated tobacco products and vapor establishments under the FDA-Center for Cosmetics and Household/Urban Hazardous Substances Regulation and Research and issuance of certifications in the assessment and processing of excise tax collections on said products.	N/A

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CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	CHINA	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/CHN/1615	<p><i>Children's cosmetics</i></p> <p>This document standardizes the production and operation of children's cosmetics to ensure the safety of children's cosmetics.</p>	60 days from notification
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	UNITED KINGDOM	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/GBR/30/Add.1	<p><i>Rinse off personal care products containing microbeads - Addendum</i></p> <p>The instrument makes it an offence to manufacture any rinse-off personal care product which uses plastic microbeads as an ingredient. It also makes it an offence to supply, offer to supply or have in possession for supply any rinse-off personal care product containing plastic microbeads as an ingredient.</p>	N/A
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	UNITED KINGDOM	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/GBR/32/Add.1	<p><i>Cosmetics and personal care products - Addendum</i></p> <p>The instrument makes it an offence to manufacture any rinse-off personal care product which uses plastic microbeads as an ingredient.</p>	N/A
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	VIET NAM	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/97/Add.1	<p><i>Products of the chemical industry - Addendum</i></p> <p>Decree amending and supplementing a number of articles of Decree 113/2017/ND-CP of the Government dated on 9th October 2017 guiding the implementation of a number of articles of the Law on Chemicals .</p>	N/A
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING	ARGENTINA	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/344/Add.4	<p><i>Construction Products - Addendum</i></p> <p>Simultaneously to this addendum, the Draft Resolution "Framework that establishes the essential quality and safety requirements that sanitary appliances must meet and its accessories, of permanent or transitory installation, that are marketed in the territory of the Argentinian republic".</p>	N/A
SANITARY INSTALLATIONS	ARGENTINA	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/423	<p><i>Sanitary ware and its accessories</i></p> <p>The Draft Resolution that is notified constitutes the regulatory framework that establishes the essential quality and safety requirements that must comply with the sanitary fixtures and their accessories, permanently installed or transitory, that are marketed in the territory of the Argentine Republic.</p>	It does not indicate.

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WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT	AUSTRALIA	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/AUS/131	<p><i>Metallic pressure differential bypass valves used in heated water systems</i></p> <p>This Technical Specification sets out the requirements for metallic pressure differential bypass valves used in heated water systems up to DN32. They are for continuous operating temperatures not exceeding 85 °C and pressures not exceeding 1000 kPa. This specification shall be read in conjunction with AS 1357.2.</p>	07-Sep-21
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS	AUSTRALIA	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/AUS/132	<p><i>Wet well washers</i></p> <p>This Specification sets out requirements for a prefabricated washing device consisting of a rotating arm with included spray nozzles designed specifically for use with wet wells and tanks.</p>	07-Sep-21
WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS	AUSTRALIA	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/AUS/133	<p><i>Water supply : materials, design, performance and testing of mechanical backflow prevention devices</i></p> <p>This technical specification sets out the requirements for the materials, design, performance and testing of mechanical backflow prevention devices that are used for the protection of water supplies.</p>	03-Sep-21
DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
EQUIPMENT FOR CHILDREN	BRAZIL	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1215	<p><i>Pacifier</i></p> <p>Inmetro Ordinance No. 301 consolidates pacifier conformity assessment requirements.</p>	Not applicable
BODY CARE EQUIPMENT	UNITED KINGDOM	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/GBR/33/Add.1	<p><i>Plastic-stemmed cotton buds - Addendum</i></p> <p>The instrument makes it an offence to manufacture plastic-stemmed cotton buds. It also makes it an offence to supply, offer to supply or have in possession for supply plastic stemmed cotton buds.</p>	N/A
COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATING APPLIANCES	MÉXICO	20/07/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/487/Add.1	<p><i>Self Contained Commercial Refrigeration Appliances - Addendum</i></p> <p>The RESPONSE to the comments received on the Draft Official Standard is published Mexican PROY-NOM-022-ENER / SE-2020, Energy efficiency and user safety requirements for self-contained commercial refrigeration appliances. Limits, test methods and labeling.</p>	N/A
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/857/Add.4	<p><i>Walk-in coolers and freezers - Addendum</i></p> <p>The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking an early assessment review to evaluate whether to amend the energy conservation standards for walk-in coolers and freezers ("walk-ins" or "WICFs") .</p>	N/A

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/858/Add.3	<i>Commercial refrigeration equipment - Addendum</i> The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE" or "the Department") is undertaking an early assessment review for amended energy conservation standards for commercial refrigerators, freezers, and refrigerator-freezers ("CRE") to determine whether to amend applicable energy conservation standards for this equipment.	N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1639/Rev.1	<i>Showerheads - Revision</i> In this notice of proposed rulemaking ("NPR"), the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") proposes to revise the current definition of "showerhead" adopted in the 16 December 2020 final rule ("December 2020 Final Rule") by reinstating the prior definition of "showerhead."	20-Sep-21
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
FLUID STORAGE DEVICES	BRAZIL	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/323/Add.10	<i>Transportable containers for liquefied petroleum gas - Addendum</i> National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance 303, 12 July 2021, that approves the consolidation of the regulation for transportable containers for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).	N/A
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	MÉXICO	20/07/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/493/Add.1	<i>Fans - Addendum</i> The RESPONSE to the comments received on the Draft Official Standard is published Mexican PROY-NOM-034-ENER / SE-2020, Energy efficiency and safety requirements of fans. Limits, test methods and labeling.	N/A
VENTILATORS. FANS. AIR-CONDITIONERS	THAILAND	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/537/Add.1	<i>Air-conditioners - Addendum</i> This addendum is to inform that TIS 1529-25XX proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/537, was adopted as TIS 1529-2561(2018) Air-Conditioner: Safety Requirement.	N/A
PUMPS AND MOTORS	TAIWAN	20/07/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/462	<i>Rotordynamic water pumps</i> Aiming to enhance the efficiency of energy utilization, the Bureau of Energy intends to expand the regulated scope of energy consumption standard and labelling scheme to include rotordynamic water pumps so as to reduce electricity loss. The proposed scheme applies to both imported products and domestically manufactured products.	60 days from notification

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FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	ARGENTINA	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/ARG/403/Add.1	<p><i>Cellulosic materials, containers and equipment intended to be in contact with food - Addendum</i></p> <p>The GMC Resolution Project No. 01/21 "Materials, Containers and Cellulosic Equipment Destined to be in Contact with Food (Modification of the GMC Resolution N ° 40/15)", for the purposes of updating. This modification is complementary to the one notified under symbol G / TBT / N / ARG / 403.</p>	N/A
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	INDONESIA	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/IDN/124/Rev.1/Add.1	<p><i>Processed food labelling - Addendum</i></p> <p>Regulation of National Agency of Drug and Food Control on Processed Food Labelling.</p>	N/A
NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	MALAYSIA	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/MYS/106	<p><i>Fluoride content in a package of natural mineral water</i></p> <p>To amend sub-regulation 360A (11) of the Food Regulations 1985 [P.U.(A) 437/1985] by inserting a new paragraph on conditional labeling requirement of fluoride content in a package of natural mineral water, to be in line with Codex Standard For Natural Mineral Waters (CODEX STAN 108-1981) .</p>	60 days from notification
MATERIALS AND ARTICLES IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS	THAILAND	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/561/Add.1	<p><i>Nipples for feeding bottles - Addendum</i></p> <p>This addendum is to inform that TIS 969-25XX proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/561 , was adopted as TIS 969-2562(2019) Nipples for Feeding Bottles.</p>	N/A
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	UKRAINE	21/07/2021	G/TBT/N/UKR/197	<p><i>Organic products</i></p> <p>The draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Section XI "Transitional Provisions" of the Law of Ukraine "On Basic Principles and Requirements for Organic Production, Circulation and Labeling of Organic Products".</p>	Not applicable
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
PHARMACEUTICS	BRAZIL	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1155/Add.1	<p><i>Anaesthetics, sedatives, neuromuscular blockers, and other hospital medicines - Addendum</i></p> <p>The Resolution number 484, 19 March 2021 - previously notified through G/TBT/N/BRA/1155 - which establishes exceptional and temporary procedure for the market authorization on an emergency basis of anaesthetics, sedatives, neuromuscular blockers, and other hospital medicines.</p>	N/A

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	PHILIPPINES	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/257	<p><i>Mercury-containing thermometers, sphygmomanometers, dental amalgam capsules and liquid[...]in dental restorative purposes</i></p> <p>The proposed Circular aims to prohibit the manufacture, distribution, importation, exportation, sale, offer for sale, donation, transfer, and where applicable, the use, promotion, advertising, or sponsorship of medical devices containing mercury (thermometers, sphygmomanometers along with dental amalgam capsules and liquid mercury for use in dental restorative purposes) .</p>	60 days from notification
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	PHILIPPINES	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/PHL/258	<p><i>Medical devices</i></p> <p>This issuance aims to guide the manufacturers, importers, distributors and all other concerned stakeholders regarding the list of medical devices classified as Class A and to help the industry to determine the appropriate authorization specifically Certificate of Medical Device Notification (CMDN) to apply for their medical device products that fall under Class A classification.</p>	60 days from notification
METALLURGY					
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	THAILAND	20/07/2021	G/TBT/Notif.98/618/Rev.1/Add.1	<p><i>Hot-rolled carbon steel coil and strip for pipes and tubes - Addendum</i></p> <p>This addendum is to inform that TIS 1735-2563 (2020) proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/Notif.98/618/Rev.1 , was adopted as TIS 1735-2563(2020) Hot-Rolled Steel Strip for Pipes and Tubes.</p>	N/A
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
COUPLINGS	BRAZIL	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/845/Add.1	<p><i>Trailers road vehicles - Addendum</i></p> <p>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued the Ordinance No. 309, 05 July 2021 that approves the consolidation of technical quality regulation for supplier of mechanical coupling device (hitch).</p>	N/A
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	THAILAND	20/07/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/562/Add.1	<p><i>Pacifiers - Addendum</i></p> <p>This addendum is to inform that TIS 1025-25XX proposed by Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI), notified under G/TBT/N/THA/562 , was adopted as TIS 1025-2562(2019) Pacifier.</p>	N/A

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING					
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING	BELGIUM	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BEL/44	<p><i>Security measures for the provision of mobile 5G services</i></p> <p>This draft law imposes restrictions on the use of network elements coming from manufacturers that pose a high risk in the context of 5G.</p>	60 days from notification
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING	BELGIUM	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BEL/45	<p><i>Secured rollout of 5G</i></p> <p>This draft Royal Decree provides a framework for taking the necessary security measures for the provision of mobile 5G services.</p>	60 days from notification
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS	BRAZIL	20/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1115/Add.1	<p><i>Radiocommunication equipment operating in the 1427-1518 MHz bands - Addendum</i></p> <p>National Telecommunications Agency - ANATEL, issued Public Consultation No. 35, 16 July 2021, which proposes the technical and operational requirements for the use of the range from 1,427 MHz to 1,517 MHz for use by Stations of the Personal Mobile Service (SMP), the Switched Fixed Telephone Service (STFC), the Multimedia Communication Service (SCM) and the Private Limited Service (SLP) .</p>	N/A
AUDIO, VIDEO AND AUDIOVISUAL SYSTEMS IN GENERAL	BRAZIL	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1216	<p><i>Power sound of stereos and their similar</i></p> <p>Inmetro Ordinance No. 310 consolidates technical regulation for power sound of stereos and their similar.</p>	Not applicable
TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AUDIO AND VIDEO ENGINEERING	EUROPEAN UNION	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/823	<p><i>Internet-connected radio equipment and wearable radio equipment</i></p> <p>This draft Commission Delegated Regulation concerns mandatory market access requirements for internet-connected radio equipment and wearable radio equipment.</p>	60 days from notification
SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
QUALITY	CANADA	20/07/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/593/Add.1	<p><i>Formaldehyde from composite wood products - Addendum</i></p> <p>The proposed Regulations notified in G/TBT/N/CAN/593 (dated 3 July 2019) was adopted on 17 June 2021 as the Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products Regulations (the Regulations) . These Regulations come into force on 7 January 2023.</p>	N/A

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NO TITLE					
ELEMENTAL MERCURY	AUSTRALIA	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/AUS/134	<p><i>Elemental mercury</i></p> <p>The amendments, along with other domestic law changes, will allow Australia to ratify, and comply with the obligations of, the Minamata Convention on Mercury.</p>	31-Aug-21
PRODUCTS, INPUTS AND SERVICES UNDER INMETRO'S REGULATORY SCOPE AND WHICH COMPLIANCE IS COMPULSORILY ASSESSED - ADDENDUM	BRAZIL	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/907/Add.7	<p><i>Products, inputs and services under Inmetro's regulatory scope and which compliance is compulsorily assessed - Addendum</i></p> <p>Revocation of items concerning the risk classification of economic activities associated with the acts of release - Inmetro.</p>	N/A
PRODUCTS, INPUTS AND SERVICES UNDER INMETRO'S REGULATORY SCOPE AND WHICH COMPLIANCE IS COMPULSORILY ASSESSED - ADDENDUM	BRAZIL	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/907/Add.8	<p><i>Products, inputs and services under Inmetro's regulatory scope and which compliance is compulsorily assessed - Addendum</i></p> <p>Revocation of items concerning the risk classification of economic activities associated with the acts of release - Inmetro.</p>	N/A
ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE - ADDENDUM	BRAZIL	19/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1045/Add.1	<p><i>Activities related to the exercise of the power of administrative police - Addendum</i></p> <p>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance 301, 12 July 2021, that: Approves the consolidation of the conformity assessment requirements for pacifiers.</p>	N/A
TOYS	SWITZERLAND	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/CHE/261	<p><i>Toys</i></p> <p>The present notification amends the Swiss toys ordinance in line with the latest modifications of the Directive 2009/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on the safety of toys.</p>	60 days from notification
AGRICULTURAL ORGANIC PRODUCTS	PERÚ	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/PER/134	<p><i>Agricultural organic products</i></p> <p>This rule establishes the approval of the creation of the National Seal of organic production, in order to improve the competitiveness of the sector of organic production in our country.</p>	60 days from notification

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TNP1 EXPLOSIVES	VIET NAM	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/197	<i>TNP1 explosives</i> This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for TNP1 explosives.	60 days from notification
BULK EMULSION EXPLOSIVES IN PACKAGES	VIET NAM	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/198	<i>Bulk emulsion explosives in packages</i> This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for Bulk emulsion explosives in packages.	60 days from notification
EXPLOSIVES : OVERSIZE ROCK BLASTING	VIET NAM	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/199	<i>Explosives : oversize rock blasting</i> This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for Oversize rock blasting.	60 days from notification
POWDER EXPLOSIVE WITHOUT TNT USE IN OPEN-CAST	VIET NAM	22/07/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/200	<i>Powder explosive without TNT use in open-cast</i> This draft national technical regulation specifies requirements for technical specifications, testing methods and management measures for Powder explosive without TNT use in open-cast.	60 days from notification
ELECTRICAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR TERMINAL EQUIPMENT TO BE CONNECTED TO INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION NETWORKS	VIET NAM	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/201	<i>Electrical safety requirements for terminal equipment to be connected to information and communication networks</i> The draft National technical regulation on electrical safety requirements for terminal equipment to be connected to information and communication networks is based on EN 62949:2017, with references to IEC 62368-1:2014 and is intended to supersede the QCVN 22:2010/BTTTT "National technical regulation on electrical safety of Telecommunications Terminal Equipment".	60 days from notification
NON-STANDALONE 5G USER EQUIPMENT	VIET NAM	23/07/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/202	<i>Non-standalone 5G user equipment</i> 5G Non-standalone User Equipment intended to be used in Vietnam (HS code: 8517.12.00) .	60 days from notification