



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 46 notifications on Construction Materials and Building, Domestic and Commercial Equipment, Entertainment and Sports, Environment, Health Protection, Safety, Food Technology, Services, Company Organization, Management and Quality, Administration, Transport, Sociology, and etc., from Brazil, Canada, European Union, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 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 (26 June – 02 July, 2021)

Product Sector	Country	Date Notified	TBT Notification Symbol	Product Coverage / Title	Final Date for Comments
AGRICULTURE					
TOBACCO, TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT	UNITED STATES	01/07/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1088/Rev.2/Add.1	<i>Electronic cigarette substance - Addendum</i> Amends rule that would prohibit a tobacco retailer from selling a manufacturer sealed electronic cigarette product with a nicotine concentration that is greater than 3% nicotine by weight per container, or exceeds a 36mg/mL concentration of nicotine effective 1 September 2021.	N/A

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AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLE ENGINEERING					
AIRCRAFT AND SPACE VEHICLES IN GENERAL	JAPAN	30/06/2021	G/TBT/N/JPN/703	<p><i>Remotely identifying unmanned aircraft</i></p> <p>Establishment of technical standards for Remote ID as a function for remotely identifying unmanned aircraft.</p>	60 days from notification
CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY					
COSMETICS. TOILETRIES	BOLIVIA	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BOL/13/Add.1 ; G/TBT/N/COL/236/Add.1 ; G/TBT/N/ECU/342/Add.1 ; G/TBT/N/PER/110/Add.1	<p><i>Plurinational State of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru - Cosmetics - Addendum</i></p> <p>The Andean Technical Regulations on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for cosmetic products was approved by Andean Community Decision No. 2206.</p>	N/A
PRODUCTS OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/KOR/981	<p><i>Consumer chemical products and biocides</i></p> <p>Draft partial amendment of the Enforcement Rule of the Act on Consumer Chemical Products and Biocides Safety.</p>	60 days from notification
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND BUILDING					
CERAMIC TILES	BRAZIL	30/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/419/Add.3	<p><i>Ceramic building bricks, flooring blocks, support or filler tiles and the like - Addendum</i></p> <p>National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued Ordinance No. 270, 23 June 2021 that approves the consolidation of technical regulation for ceramic components for masonry.</p>	N/A
MASONRY	BRAZIL	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1201	<p><i>Blocks of concrete for masonry</i></p> <p>Consolidation of technical regulation for blocks of concrete for masonry.</p>	Not applicable
INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS	BRAZIL	01/07/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1202	<p><i>Meters for cold drinking water and hot water</i></p> <p>Inmetro Ordinance No. 280 amends Article 7 of Inmetro Ordinance No. 295 of June 29, 2018, which approves the Metrological Technical Regulation (RTM) and its annexes on meters for cold drinking water and hot water.</p>	Not applicable
LIGHTING IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1189/Corr.1	<p><i>Lighting products - Corrigendum</i></p> <p>Energy efficiency, functionality and labelling requirements for lighting products.</p>	N/A

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DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT. ENTERTAINMENT. SPORTS					
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	BRAZIL	30/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/445/Add.3	<i>Microwave ovens - Addendum</i> National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued the Ordinance No. 268, 22 June 2021 that approves the consolidation of technical quality regulation and conformity assessment requirements for microwave ovens.	N/A
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	BRAZIL	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/460/Add.4	<i>Commercial electric ovens - Addendum</i> National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued the Ordinance No. 267, 22 June 2021 that consolidates approves the technical quality regulations and conformity assessment requirements for commercial electric ovens.	N/A
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT	CHILE	30/06/2021	G/TBT/N/CHL/560	<i>Kitchen appliances</i> This protocol establishes the certification procedure for kitchen machines for domestic use and similar purposes in accordance with the scope and field of application of the Standard IEC 60335-2-14: 2016 + AMD1: 2019 CSV	60 days from notification
COOKING RANGES, WORKING TABLES, OVENS AND SIMILAR APPLIANCES	TAIWAN	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/TPKM/461	<i>Microwave ovens</i> In line with the energy policy, the BSMI proposes to require that microwave ovens be subject to Section 6 "General conditions for measurements", Section 8 "Determination of microwave power output" and Section 9 "Efficiency" of CNS 60705: 2018, and CNS 62301: 2017.	60 days from notification
SERVICES. COMPANY ORGANIZATION. MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY. ADMINISTRATION. TRANSPORT. SOCIOLOGY					
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	30/06/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1620/Rev.1/Add.1	<i>Heavy-duty engines and vehicles - Addendum</i> The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is amending the test procedures for heavy-duty engines and vehicles to improve accuracy and reduce testing burden.	N/A
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1653/Add.2	<i>Beans - Addendum</i> This action is being taken under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended (AMA).	N/A
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1727/Add.2	<i>Broadband and mobile services, wireless telecommunications - Addendum</i> In this document, the Commission grants the request for an extension of the reply comment deadline for the proposed rule published in the Federal Register.	N/A

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QUALITY	UNITED STATES	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1741	<i>Prevent cruelty to farm animals</i> Proposed rule - Establishes procedures to prevent animal cruelty by phasing out extreme methods of farm animal confinement and the sale of products produced from animals confined in such manners.	03-Aug-21
QUALITY	UNITED STATES	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1742	<i>Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances</i> Proposed rule - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing reporting and recordkeeping requirements for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) .	27-Aug-21
ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH PROTECTION. SAFETY					
PROTECTION AGAINST DANGEROUS GOODS	SWITZERLAND	01/07/2021	G/TBT/N/CHE/260	<i>Dangerous substances and preparations</i> The technical regulations for the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and preparations will be updated and thus adapted to technical progress in the EU (16th and 17th ATP of the EU CLP Regulation; binding from 1 March 2022).	60 days from notification
SAFETY OF MACHINERY	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1203	<i>Machinery safety : lifting equipment</i> Terms and Definitions, Scope, Objectives, Supplier Obligations, Labelling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of Regulatory Authorities, Responsibilities of Market Surveillance Authorities, Violations and Penalties, General Provisions, Transitional Provisions, Appendix (lists, types, safety and health requirements).	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC SAFETY	THAILAND	02/07/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/625	<i>Household and similar electrical appliances : electric irons</i> The draft ministerial regulation mandates electric iron to conform with the standard for Household and Similar Electrical Appliances - Safety - Part 2-3: Particular Requirements for Electric Irons (TIS 60335-2(3):2564(2021)) .	60 days from notification
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	01/07/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/590/Rev.1/Add.1	<i>Flammability of mattresses and mattress pads - Addendum</i> The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission, or CPSC) is issuing this final rule to amend its Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads.	N/A
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	01/07/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/907/Add.3	<i>Dehumidifiers - Addendum</i> The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is undertaking an early assessment review to determine whether to proceed with a rulemaking to amend the test procedure for dehumidifiers.	N/A

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	UNITED STATES	01/07/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/996/Add.4	<i>Residential dehumidifiers - Addendum</i> On 4 June 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") published a request for information ("RFI") pertaining to the energy conservation standards for dehumidifiers.	N/A
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	01/07/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1146/Add.3	<i>Fireworks and related explosive materials - Addendum</i> Amends Regulation of Fireworks and Related Explosive Materials.	N/A
DOMESTIC SAFETY	UNITED STATES	01/07/2021	G/TBT/N/USA/1285/Rev.1/Add.2	<i>Infant inclined sleep products - Addendum</i> Pursuant to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is issuing this final rule establishing a safety standard for infant sleep products.	N/A
FLUID SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS FOR GENERAL USE					
VENTILATORS, FANS, AIR-CONDITIONERS	BRAZIL	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/964/Add.2	<i>Air conditioners - Addendum</i> National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued the Ordinance No. 269, 22 June 2021 that approves the consolidation of conformity assessment requirements for air conditioners.	N/A
FOOD TECHNOLOGY					
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CANADA	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/647	<i>Supplemented foods</i> This regulatory proposal aims to establish a regulatory framework for supplemented foods in Canada.	25-Aug-21
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CANADA	30/06/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/649	<i>Nutrition labelling</i> Health Canada's Food Directorate is proposing updates to the potassium and sodium values for specific age groups in the Table of Daily Values to reflect the updated 2019 Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs) for sodium and potassium.	07-Sep-21
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	CANADA	30/06/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/650	<i>Nutrition labelling</i> Health Canada's Food Directorate is proposing amendments to the Table of Reference Amounts for Food (TRA) based on new consumption data and market trends, and to address identified gaps in certain food categories.	07-Sep-21

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COFFEE AND COFFEE SUBSTITUTES	MÉXICO	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/497	<i>Café</i> On December 26, 2020, it was published in the Official Gazette of the Federation the Agreement that establishes the merchandise whose importation is subject to regulation by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	Not applicable
FOOD PRODUCTS IN GENERAL	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1202	<i>Food directed to children</i> This guidelines applies to control the Marketing of Food directed to Children (prepackaged and food meals provided in food establishments) which falls under the criteria of "low nutritional value" based on the country Nutrients Profile.	60 days from notification
TEA. COFFEE. COCOA	VIET NAM	02/07/2021	G/TBT/N/VNM/194	<i>Imported goods</i> This draft of Decree prescribes the management mechanism, methods, order and procedures for state quality inspection for goods in the list of imported goods subject to state inspection of quality; management mechanism, methods, order and procedures for state inspection of food safety for goods in the list of imported goods subject to state inspection of food safety under the Law on Food Safety.	10 days from notification
HEALTH CARE TECHNOLOGY					
BIRTH CONTROL. MECHANICAL CONTRACEPTIVES	BRAZIL	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/42/Add.1	<i>Natural rubber condoms - Addendum</i> National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology - Inmetro, issued the Ordinance No. 266, 22 June 2021 that approves the consolidation of conformity assessment requirements for male condoms.	N/A
PHARMACEUTICS	CANADA	30/06/2021	G/TBT/N/CAN/648	<i>Natural health products</i> Health Canada is proposing to amend the Natural Health Products Regulations (NHPR) to introduce the four labelling requirements.	04-Sep-21
LABORATORY MEDICINE	NICARAGUA	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/NIC/169	<i>Sanitary control and regulation</i> The purpose of this law is to create the National Authority for Sanitary Regulation, as a public entity with legal personality, patrimony own, technical and administrative autonomy, attached to the Ministry of Health.	Not applicable

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METALLURGY					
FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS AND SEMI-PRODUCTS	THAILAND	02/07/2021	G/TBT/N/THA/624	<p><i>Hot-rolled flat steel for machine structural use</i></p> <p>The draft ministerial regulation mandates hot-rolled flat steel for machine structural use to conform with the standard for Hot-rolled flat steel for machine structural use (TIS1501-2564 (2021)).</p>	60 days from notification
METROLOGY AND MEASUREMENT. PHYSICAL PHENOMENA					
MEASUREMENT OF VOLUME, MASS, DENSITY, VISCOSITY	BRAZIL	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/951/Add.2	<p><i>Software and hardware applicable to liquid fuel metering pumps used in volume measurements - Addendum</i></p> <p>Amendment Inmetro Ordinance No. 559 of 15 December 2016, which approves the metrological technical regulation of liquid fuel metering pumps used in volume measurements.</p>	N/A
ROAD VEHICLES ENGINEERING					
ROAD VEHICLES IN GENERAL	MÉXICO	02/07/2021	G/TBT/N/MEX/498	<p><i>Motor transport vehicles</i></p> <p>The technical requirements for fastening are established of the load, in such a way that the movement and fall of the same is prevented.</p>	60 days from notification
RUBBER AND PLASTIC INDUSTRIES					
ADHESIVES	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/SAU/1201	<p><i>Glue and adhesive materials</i></p> <p>This regulation specifies the following: Terms and Definitions, Scope, Objectives, Supplier Obligations, Labelling, Conformity Assessment Procedures, Responsibilities of Regulatory Authorities, Responsibilities of Market Surveillance Authorities, Violations and Penalties, General Provisions, Transitional Provisions, Appendix (lists, types, safety and health requirements)</p>	60 days from notification
ELECTRONICS					
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/808	<p><i>Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), butyl benzyl phthalate (BBP), dibutyl phthalat[...] urbishment of medical devices</i></p> <p>This draft Commission Delegated Directive concerns an application to grant a new specific and temporary exemption from the Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2) substance restrictions.</p>	15 days from notification

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ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/809	<i>Electronic components in general</i> This draft Commission Delegated Directive concerns an application specific and temporary exemption from the Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2) substance restrictions.	15 days from notification
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS IN GENERAL	EUROPEAN UNION	29/06/2021	G/TBT/N/EU/810	<i>Electronic components in general</i> This draft Commission Delegated Directive concerns an application to grant a new specific and temporary exemption from the Directive 2011/65/EU (RoHS 2) substance restrictions.	15 days from notification
NO TITLE					
COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE - AGREEMENT REACHED BY A MEMBER WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES ON ISSUES RELATED TO TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, STANDARDS[...]	UNITED KINGDOM	30/06/2021	G/TBT/10.7/N/159	<i>Agreement reached by a Member with another country or countries on issues related to technical regulations, standards[...]</i> This agreement facilitates trade in wine between the UK and USA and provides a framework for cooperation between the parties on matters related to such trade.	N/A
AGREEMENT REACHED BY A MEMBER WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES ON ISSUES RELATED TO TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, STANDARDS[...]	UNITED KINGDOM	30/06/2021	G/TBT/10.7/N/160	<i>Agreement reached by a Member with another country or countries on issues related to technical regulations, standards[...]</i> The Agreement commits the US to restricting the use of specified UK product designations, namely the registered Geographical Indications "Scotch Whisky" and the trans-border "Irish Whiskey"/"Irish Whisky".	N/A
CONTROLLED PRODUCTS	BRAZIL	28/06/2021	G/TBT/N/BRA/1200	<i>Controlled products</i> C EX Ordinance N° 1.524 approves the regulatory standards for the nationalization processes of products controlled by the army (EB10-N-01.009).	Not applicable
PRODUCTS AND CONSUMER GOODS THAT MUST BE HALAL CERTIFIED	INDONESIA	02/07/2021	G/TBT/N/IDN/134	<i>Products and consumer goods that must be halal certified</i> This draft decree determines the types of products and consumer goods that must be halal certified.	60 days from notification