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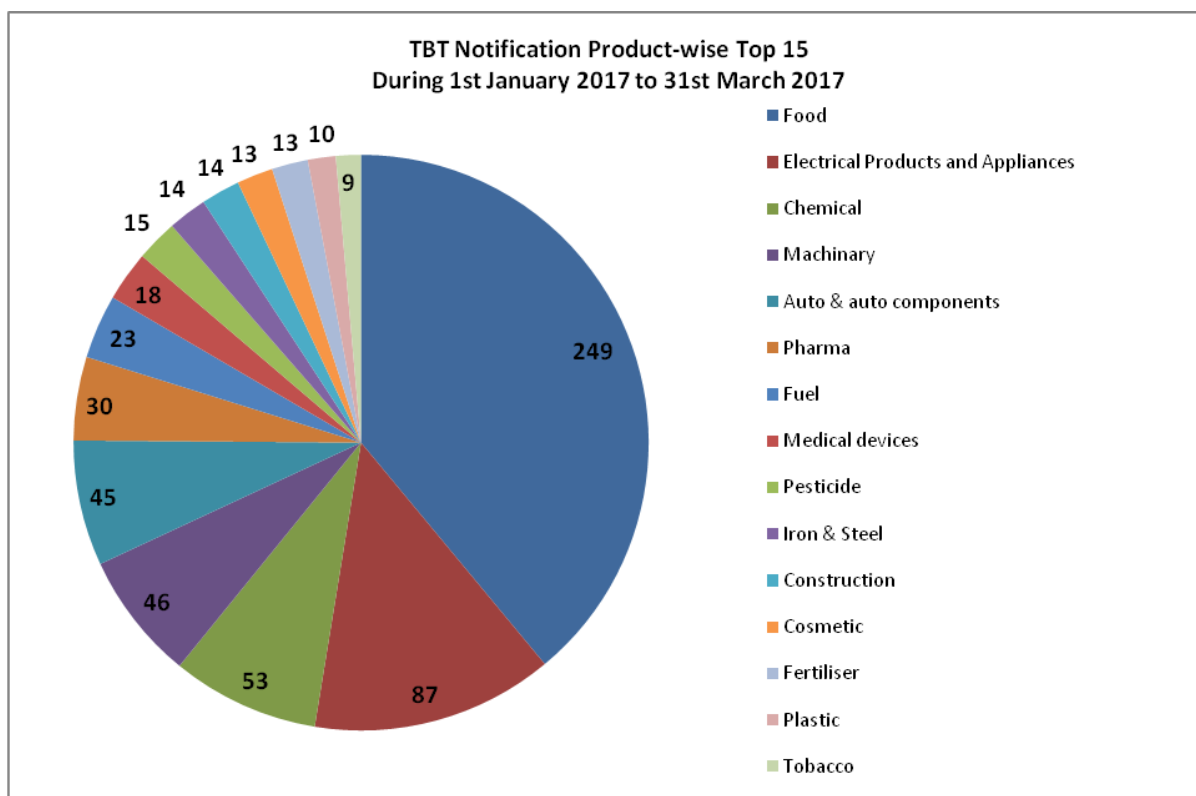
**TBT QUARTERLY REPORT (1<sup>ST</sup> OF JANUARY '17 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH '17): AT A GLANCE**

**Details Pertaining to TBT Notifications Issued By All WTO Member Countries**

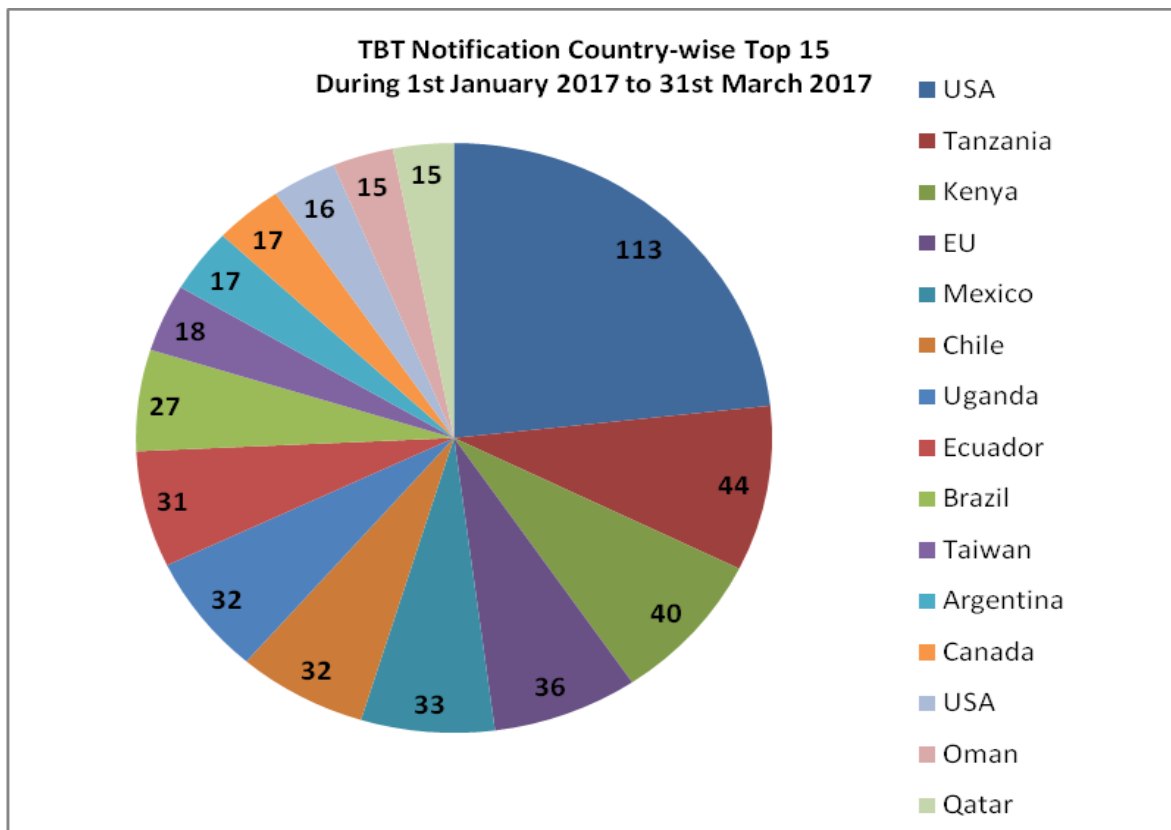
The total number of TBT notifications issued by the various WTO-member countries from 1st of January 2017 to 31st March 2017 was 709. Out of these 709 notifications, India issued one TBT notification. Hence, a total of 708 notifications were studied in the quarter 1st January 2017 to 31st March 2017 which was relevant to India. Out of 708 notifications, 255 notifications were the addendum of draft regulations notified earlier in the WTO.

**Details Pertaining to TBT Notifications Relevant To India**

**Product-wise Information:** Out of the total 708 TBT notifications which were relevant to India, 249 related to food products, 87 related to electrical products and appliances, 53 chemical products, 46 machinery products, 45 auto and auto components, 30 pharmaceutical products, 23 related to fuel products, 18 related to medical device, 15 related to biocidal products, 14 related to iron and steel, 13 related to cosmetics, 13 related to fertilizers, 10 related to plastic products, 9 related to tobacco and the remaining 69 related to other products.



**Country-wise Information:** Out of the total 708 TBT notifications relevant to India, USA issued 113 notifications, followed by Tanzania, Kenya, European Union, Mexico, Chile, Uganda, Ecuador, Brazil, Chinese Taipei, Argentina, Canada, USA, Oman, and Qatar with 44, 40, 36, 33, 32, 32, 31, 27, 18, 17, 17, 16, 15 and 15 notifications, respectively. These countries are among the top 15 TBT notification issuing countries. The remaining 222 notifications were from other WTO Member countries.



**Details Pertaining to Draft Responses Sent**

**Notifications-May Impact Indian Industry: (Draft Responses Sent)**

There were five draft responses sent in the quarter January 2017 to March 2017. Besides these, we have also suggested a draft on EU’s reply on India’s comments on a TBT notification. In these notifications stakeholders were of the view that, though some of the notifications were in line with International Standards, they may adversely impact Indian exports. Hence, APJ-SLG suggested that the Government of India may seek clarifications from the concerned enquiry point requesting them to provide justification for setting the proposed regulations. These notifications are mentioned below:

<b>Sl. No:</b>	<b>Notification No:</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Issue in Brief</b>	<b>India’s Comment</b>
<b>1</b>	G/TBT/N/EU/420	EU	“Good Clinical Practice” inspections procedures	This TBT notification proposed detailed arrangements for the Good Clinical Practice inspection procedures.	In reply, India stated that: Article 3.1 of the proposal empowers EU member countries to establish and design separate and individual quality system for inspection procedures to ensure good clinical practice. In this context, India requested the European Commission to clarify whether the member states of EU will follow a common harmonized quality system for conducting inspection procedures or would member states of EU be free to develop their own criteria for developing quality systems for inspection procedures. India stated that if there is no harmonized quality system in place across the EU then it may impact market access for India as it may have to meet separate systems for exporting to different member states of the EU.

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					<p>Article 4.1. of the proposal talks about the educational qualification of inspectors. However, the term “other fields relevant to the principles of good clinical practice” may create ambiguities, as this may result in difference of opinion among member states of EU while recruiting inspectors to ensure good clinical practice. Since the same inspectors would be deployed to inspect foreign entities exporting to the EU. India requested the EU authorities to reconsider the term “or other fields relevant to the principles of good clinical practice” as this does not provide the expected transparency to exporting nations on the exact qualification of the inspectors who may be authorized to inspect units in exporting countries like India. As per Article 13 of the proposal, EU Member States shall keep for at least 25 years relevant records of national inspections as well as of the inspections performed outside their territory. India requested the EU authorities to clarify whether this clause is obligatory for third countries as well, like India. If the clause is mandatory for entities exporting to EU as well then India stated that the 25 years criteria seems to long and will add unnecessary burden on exporting entities.</p>

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2	G/TBT/N/EU/422	EU	Approval of the active substance - Oxyfluorfen	The TBT notification indicated that the European Commission (EC) has proposed an Implementing Regulation in order to amend the conditions of approval of the active substance - oxyfluorfen. This proposal mentions that the existing authorisations for this substance - oxyfluorfen would either be amended or withdrawn from the market.	In reply, India stated that: This substance is registered in India and the maximum residue levels are fixed for use in various products. Hence, India is of the view that any changes to the approval status of this active substance - oxyfluorfen may impact the trade on plant products. The EU member states have been given a provision either to amend the conditions of use or to withdraw the authorisation. For instance: an EU member state may choose to amend the usage whereas the other EU member state(s) may decide to withdraw the approval of this chemical substance. In this context, India pointed out that this proposal may hinder exports from India to EU member states. Further, in such case, exports from India to EU member state, which may be routed through other EU member states, may also get affected. Given the above context, India sought clarifications whether there are any guidelines to be followed by the EU member states.

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3	G/TBT/N/TPKM/240/Add.1	Taiwan	Labeling requirements of coffee creamer	The Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection issued this notification announcing the 'Regulation Governing the Product Names and Labeling of Prepackaged Coffee Creamer (Nai-jing). The regulation specifies the labelling requirements in case of prepackaged coffee creamer that are claimed as Nai -jing if it does not contain milk or less than 50% milk.	In reply, India mentioned that, instead of the using the declaration of 'Non-dairy' in Chinese language, it may be allowed in English language. Further, India requested the Taiwan authorities to permit the affix of such detail in the supplementary label in order to avoid barriers to trade.
4	G/TBT/N/KEN/517	Kenya	Canned fruits	As per the notification, the Kenya Bureau of Standards issued this draft standard concerning canned citrus fruits. It is applicable on products including canned pummelo, canned sweet orange and canned grapefruit.	In reply, India mentioned that the regulation specified requirements, ingredients, weights and measures, microbiological and other contaminants, and labelling. India appreciates the adherence of levels of contaminants, maximum residue levels of pesticides, and other details in accordance with the limits established by the international standard- Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). However, India cited some editorial/referential errors in the draft and requested to consider the comments raised in the draft response.



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5	G/TBT/N/ESP/35	Spain	Flours, meals and other products	As per the notification, the Directorate – General for the Food Industry under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and Environment notified the draft Royal Decree approving the quality standard for flour, meal and other grinding products of cereals. As per the notification, the scope of this draft Royal decree is applicable on multiple products like wheat flour, flour, integral flour, semolina flour, flour mix, processed flours, semolina, wholemeal semolina, groats and other milling products.	In reply, India mentioned that 'Mandatory Food Information' provided under the point 2 (B) of Article 5 which states that "The words 'Keep in a cool, dry and insulated soil' shall appear on the label". India found that the mandated information on storage condition for the all the above mentioned products may not achieve the purpose of providing such information in the label. It is due to the fact that storage conditions may vary for different products depending on their nature. Hence, India requested the Spain authorities to provide a clarification on whether the Point 2(B) of Article 5 is applicable on all milling products as mentioned above. However, in case of any differences in the required statement on food storage, India requested the Spain authorities to kindly provide the product wise information so that it will clarify on the requirements of labelling for these cereal based products.

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6	EU Reply on India's comments on TBT Notification-G/TBT/N/EU/422	EU	Approval of the active substance - Oxyfluorfen	The TBT notification indicated that the European Commission (EC) has proposed an Implementing Regulation in order to amend the conditions of approval of the active substance - oxyfluorfen. This proposal mentions that the existing authorisations for this substance - oxyfluorfen would either be amended or withdrawn from the market.	<p>The EU has agreed with India's concern of pesticides entering water bodies depends on the geographical landscape and farming practice of the country. However, the EU authorities have stated that their assessment of the level proposed by the applicant of the pesticide is identified to pose risk to aquatic organisms. Further, the EU authorities have mentioned that authorisation of the use of this pesticide-Oxyfluorfen is possible based on the demonstration of maximum rate of 150g oxyfluorfen per hectare per year. However, the EU finds necessary to impose restrictions. In addition, they have stated that it depends on the EU Member countries to restrict the use or withdraw based on usage in their territory.</p> <p>As far as the concerns on MRLs raised by India, the EU authorities have mentioned that this proposed action does not have affect on MRLs and hence, no impact on trade as long as the products are in compliance with the existing EU's limits. In case of any differences in the MRLs between the Indian and EU limit, the Indian authorities may apply for an import tolerance in accordance with the requirements mentioned in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.</p>

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					<p>ASL Suggestion:            Since, the EU has stated that it does not affect the MRLs, it may have no impact for India. However, the European Commission have given the rights to member states to take decision either to restrict the use or withdraw based on usage in their territory. Any restrictions on use may not affect India's exports; however, withdrawal of authorisation by any EU member state may have an impact on India's industry. Hence, it is suggested that India should keep a close watch on EU member states individual notification on this pesticide in future.</p>

**Notifications-May Impact Indian Industry: (Draft Responses Under Process/Discussion)**

There were 31 notifications where APJ-SLG is discussing with relevant stakeholders regarding their impact on India’s exports. Some stakeholders are of the view that, though some of the notifications may adversely impact Indian exports. Hence, APJ-SLG is in the process of preparing draft responses to be submitted by the Government of India seeking clarifications from the concerned enquiry point requesting them to provide justification for setting the proposed regulations. These notifications are mentioned below:

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1	G/TBT/N/MEX/353	2/3/2017	Mexico	Infrastructure for hemodialysis	<p>The Health Secretary, Mexico has issued this notification concerning Draft amendment to Official Standard for the practice of hemodialysis in Mexico. Hemodialysis, also spelled as Haemodialysis, commonly called as Kidney Dialysis, is a process of purifying the blood of a person whose kidneys are not working properly.</p> <p>This standard establishes the minimum criteria and requirements that, in terms of professional and technical personnel, infrastructure, equipment and specific procedures, must comply with any establishment for the medical care of the public, social and private sectors in which the practice is practiced.</p> <p>The Mexican authorities are of the view that, the purpose of this standard is to establish the minimum requirements for infrastructure, equipment and safety, which must be complied with in establishments carrying out hemodialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy and related therapies, whether in hospitals, fixed or non-attached independent units Hospital, with portable equipment or any other modality in the provision of</p>

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					<p>the service, as well as the profile of the personnel responsible for carrying out this procedure.</p> <p>This standard is mandatory for all establishments providing hemodialysis services, continuous renal replacement therapy and related therapies in the public, social and private sectors. However, the draft does not clarify whether it is only applicable for infrastructure of hemodialysis or its is also applicable for equipments imported for setting the infrastructure.</p>
2	G/TBT/N/GEO/99	6/3/2017	Georgia	Misleading products, which endanger the health or safety of consumers	<p>The Ministry of Economic and Sustainable Development of Georgia has issued this notification concerning standards on misleading products, which endanger the health or safety of consumers.</p> <p>The brief of regulation is as follows:</p> <p>This draft applies to products which, although not foodstuffs, possess a form, odour, colour, appearance, packaging, labelling, volume or size, such that it is likely that consumers, especially children, will confuse them with foodstuffs and in consequence place them in their mouths, or suck or ingest them, which might be dangerous and cause, for example, suffocation, poisoning, or the perforation or obstruction of the digestive tract.</p> <p>Under the EU neighbourhood policy, EU and Georgia are agreed to have bilateral cooperation. Under the EU Georgia DCFTA, Georgia has agreed to gradually align its regulations with EU.</p> <p>Georgia has their own regulation on advertising but it does not specify the details of misleading products labelling. Hence, they are aligning with EU regulation on misleading products.</p>
3	G/TBT/N/USA/1144/Ad	6/3/2017	United States of	Chemical Bulk Storage (CBS)	As per the notification, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has requested that

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	d.6		America		<p>the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) add the following to the list of hazardous substances;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA-acid, Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) No. 335- 67-1),</li> <li>• ammonium perfluorooctanoate (PFOA-salt, CAS No. 3825-26-1),</li> <li>• perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS-acid, CAS No. 1763-23-1), and</li> <li>• perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS-salt, CAS No. 2795-39-3)</li> </ul> <p>DEC has concluded that these four substances meet the definition of a hazardous substance based upon the conclusion of the NYSDOH that prolonged exposure to significantly elevated levels of these compounds can affect health and, consequently, pose a threat to public health in New York State when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of or otherwise managed.</p> <p>This rule makes no changes to reporting, recordkeeping, or other compliance requirements for these chemicals. This rule requires that facilities storing these chemicals have to register each facility with one or more regulated storage tanks that store listed hazardous substances, display the registration certificate issued by the Department, maintain appropriate storage tank systems as explained in the attached regulation, complete annual spill prevention reports, and inspect storage equipment every five years.</p>
4	G/TBT/N/USA/1216/Ad d.2	6/3/2017	United States of America	Ozone-Depleting Substances	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued this notification concerning standards of use of ozone-depleting substances.

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					<p>This final rule relates to ozone-depleting substances, medical equipment, air quality, aerosol containers and products of the chemical industry.</p> <p>The Food and Drug Administration amended its regulation on uses of ozone-depleting substances (ODSs), including chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), to remove the designation for certain products as "essential uses" under the Clean Air Act. Essential-use products are exempt from the ban by FDA on the use of CFCs and other ODS propellants in FDA-regulated products and from the ban by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the use of ODSs in pressurized dispensers.</p> <p>A drug, device, cosmetic, or food contained in an aerosol product or other pressurized dispenser that releases a CFC or other ODS propellant is generally not considered an essential use. This final rule has removed the essential-use exemptions for sterile aerosol talc for human use and for metered-dose atropine sulfate aerosol human drugs administered by oral inhalation. FDA has finalized this rule because alternative products that do not use ODSs are now available in US market and because these products are no longer being marketed in versions that contain ODSs.</p>
5	G/TBT/N/AUS/100/Add. 2	7/3/2017	Australia	Food	<p>The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science has issued this notification announcing the enactment of the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Act 2017. The labelling requirements are applicable to products that are required to bear a label as per the Food Standards Code.</p>
6	G/TBT/N/DMA/15	7/3/2017	Dominica	Tyres (83.160.10)	<p>The Dominica Bureau of Standards has issued this notification concerning draft standards for trucks</p>

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					and bus Tyres and rims (Metric Series). This standard refers ISO 4209 norms, which specifies the designation, dimensions and load ratings of the metric series of tyres primarily intended for trucks and buses. It is applicable to bias-belted, diagonal and radial tyres for trucks and buses, mounted on 5° tapered rims.
7	G/TBT/N/USA/539/Rev. 1	7/3/2017	United States of America	9404-Mattress supports; articles of bedding and similar furnishing (for example, mattresses, quilts, eiderdowns, cushions, pouffes and pillows) fitted with springs or stuffed or internally fitted with any material or of cellular rubber or plastics, whether or not covered.	The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued this notification concerning revisions to safety standard for toddler beds. The safety standard has two aspects, a) products need to be certified and certifications have to be based on a test report and samples drawn by an accredited third party conformity assessment body. The final rule also prescribes the process and criteria of availing the accreditation from the US authority.
8	G/TBT/N/CHE/216	9/3/2017	Switzerland	Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment	The Federal Office of Communications has issued this notification concerning draft revision of the Ordinance of the Swiss Federal Office of Communications on telecommunications installations. The draft specifies how manufacturers have to inform the user on potential restrictions for the use of radio equipment. First of all on the packaging of the radio equipment (either with text in a language understandable by the buyer/user or by using a specific pictogram). Secondly, detailed information on the restriction shall be in the user manual. These provisions are based on the according delegated act from the EU Commission.
9	G/TBT/N/HUN/33	10/3/2017	Hungary	Fire fighting products, flammable or explosive appliances, machines, equipment	The Ministry of Interior - Regulatory Department has issued this notification concerning standards for fire-fighting products, flammable or explosive appliances, machines, equipment.



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					<p>The Hungarian authorities have proposed to align with the regulation (EU) No 305/2011 for the marketing of construction products. In respect of the flammable or explosive appliances, machines, equipment, the requirements applicable to obtaining the certificate of fire safety conformity is simplified. However, in the course of the repeated certification of the product, the certificates and inspection reports obtained previously may be used.</p> <p>The amendment of the decree serves two purposes: on the one hand, the repeal of the rules which had become obsolete due to the changed product scope classification, changes in the procedure for the appointment of the certification body, clarification of the field of activity applicable to fire fighting products, and flammable or explosive appliances, machines, equipment; on the other hand, easing the bureaucratic burdens to be borne by clients.</p>
10	G/TBT/N/FIN/51	13/03/2017	Finland	Ventilation products for buildings	<p>The proposed decree concerns the design and construction of the indoor climate and ventilation of new buildings. It also concerns the expansion of a building and the increase of gross floor area. The decree does not, however, apply to the design and construction of agricultural production buildings or new residential buildings that are intended to be used for a period of less than four months a year.</p>
11	G/TBT/N/FIN/52	13/03/2017	Finland	Energy products	<p>The proposed decree concerns the numerical values of coefficients for forms of energy used in buildings. The proposed decree is necessary to implement the obligations vis-à-vis nearly zero-energy buildings in Directive 2010/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the energy performance of buildings, as well as to support national and EU commitments to reducing climate change and</p>

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					limiting carbon dioxide emissions. The proposed decree is also necessary in order to implement the changes relating to the adoption of construction regulations ordered by the amendment (958/2012) to the Land Use and Building Act (132/1999), with regard to the energy efficiency of new buildings.
12	G/TBT/N/FIN/53	13/03/2017	Finland	Construction products	The proposed decree applies to the design and construction of new buildings which are made of wall and roof structures and in which energy is used in order to maintain appropriate indoor climate conditions. It also concerns the expansion of a building and the increase of gross floor area. It includes requirements for nearly zero-energy building.
13	G/TBT/N/TPKM/266	13/03/2017	Chinese Taipei	Food sold by vending machines	The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued this notification concerning draft regulations governing the labelling of food products sold by vending machines This Regulation applies to food products sold in vending machines. The term "vending machines businesses" refers to those businesses that sell food by means of vending machines. The vending machines businesses shall be clearly displayed on the exterior of the machine the company name or personal name, address and the telephone number.
14	G/TBT/N/OMN/293	14/03/2017	Oman	Air-Conditioners	The Ministry of Commerce & Industry has issued this notification concerning draft ministerial decision for energy labelling and minimum energy performance requirements for air-conditioners. The draft ministerial decision proposed for enforcement of the GSO 2530:2016 (Energy labelling requirements and the Minimum Energy Performance Standard (MEPS) for Air-Conditioners).

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15	G/TBT/N/UGA/614	21/03/2017	Uganda	Copper rod, bar and wire.	The Uganda Bureau of Standards has issued this notification concerning draft Uganda Standard for copper and copper alloy rods and. The draft Uganda Standard specifies composition, electrical properties and other properties, and the tolerances of shape and dimensions of the rods, bars and copper wire.
16	G/TBT/N/UGA/615	21/03/2017	Uganda	Steel tubes for non-pressure purposes.	The Uganda Bureau of Standards has issued this notification concerning draft Uganda Standard for specifications on steel for non-pressure applications. This draft standard establishes requirements, methods and tests for scaffold tubes, structural and of general technical use, and tubes formed in cold with or without welding.
17	G/TBT/N/UGA/616	21/03/2017	Uganda	Plastic cling wrap film for food contact use.	This Standard specifies the definitions and terms, product classifications, marking, requirements, test methods, inspection rules, labels, packaging, transport and storage of plastic cling wrap film for food contact use. This Standard applies to plastic cling wrap film for keeping food fresh (hereinafter referred to as cling wrap film) which is made of resin such as polyethylene, polyvinylchloride, polyvinyl dichloride, processed by the method of monolayer or multilayer extrusion.
18	G/TBT/N/CAN/520	22/03/2017	Canada	On-road heavy-duty vehicles, engines and trailers (ICS: 13.040, 43.060, 43.080, 43.160)	The Environment and Climate Change Canada has issued this notification concerning Greenhouse Gas Emission Regulations for heavy-duty vehicle and engine. The objective of the proposed amendments is to further reduce GHG emissions in Canada from new on-road heavy-duty vehicles, engines and trailers by establishing more stringent emission standards to help protect Canadians and the environment from

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					the effects of climate change. Additionally, the proposed Amendments aim to maintain common Canada- United States GHG emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles, engines and trailers, and contribute to minimizing the overall regulatory burden for companies operating in the Canada-U.S. market.
19	G/TBT/N/ISR/945	23/03/2017	Israel	Pressure regulators for LPG	The Ministry of Economy and Industry has issued this notification concerning standards for Pressure regulators for LPG. The Israeli authorities have revised the existing Mandatory Standard SI 1921, dealing with pressure regulators for LPG. This draft standard revision adopts both the European Standard EN 16129: June 2013 and the American Standard ANSI/UL 144 - Eighth Edition: 25 May 2012 and allow compliance with either.
20	G/TBT/N/KEN/551	24/03/2017	Kenya	77.140 - Iron and steel products;	This Kenya Standard specifies the dimensions and sectional properties of cold rolled steel sections of thicknesses up to 8 mm for use in structural and general purpose applications. This standard contains tables of section properties and dimensions of cold rolled steel sections which are available in Kenya.
21	G/TBT/N/KEN/552	24/03/2017	Kenya	77.140.70 - Steel profiles;	This Kenya Standard specifies the requirements for nominal dimensions, mass and basic sectional properties of hot-rolled structural steel sections. It also lays down rolling and cutting tolerances. The sections covered include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equal angles</li> <li>• Unequal angles</li> <li>• Channels</li> <li>• Flats</li> </ul> The standard specifies the requirements of hot-rolled structural steel sections, which are currently

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					<p>rolled in Kenya. Hot-rolled structural steel sections are widely used in the construction of steel structures. It is hoped that this standard will control the variation in dimensions, chemical composition and, hence, the strength of these sections. The standard has excluded sections of imperial sizes or direct metric conversions as these sizes will be discarded with the adoption of fully metric sizes.</p>
22	G/TBT/N/KEN/553	24/03/2017	Kenya	77.140 - Iron and steel products;	<p>This Kenya Standard covers the requirements for hard-drawn steel wire fabric for the reinforcement of concrete consisting of hard-drawn wire with cross wires welded to them. Steel fabric is widely used in the country in the reinforcement of concrete, and there exists a great potential for its development and use.</p> <p>This standard lays down the specifications of such fabrics and emphasis was laid on the metrication of the meshes. This fourth edition of KS 574 has incorporated more reference meshes and width measurements to broaden its scope. Additional illustrations were also included during the revision of this standard. This fourth edition of KS 574:2015 cancels and replaces the third edition of KS 574:2014, Steel fabric for reinforcement of concrete-specification.</p>
23	G/TBT/N/KEN/554	24/03/2017	Kenya	77.140 - Iron and steel products;	<p>This Kenya standard covers the requirements for weld mesh for general engineering works. Weld mesh is widely used in the country in many applications and there exists a great potential for its development and use.</p> <p>This standard lays down the specifications of weld mesh and emphasis is laid on the mesh sizes and wire diameters.</p>

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24	G/TBT/N/KEN/555	24/03/2017	Kenya	77.140 - Iron and steel products;	<p>This Kenya Standard specifies requirements for ribbed weldable reinforcing steel used for the reinforcement of concrete structures. The standard covers steel delivered in the form of bars, coils and decoiled products.</p> <p>The standard contains provisions for three steel grades, all of 500 MPa characteristic yield strength, but with different ductility characteristics. The three grades are B500A, B500B and B500C.</p> <p>The weldability requirements for all grades of steel are specified in terms of the chemical composition, and in particular the carbon equivalent value. Steel bars produced by re-rolling finished products, or by rolling material of which the metallurgical history is not fully documented or not known, are not covered by this Kenyan Standard.</p>
25	G/TBT/N/JPN/552	27/03/2017	Japan	Wood; and Goods which are manufactured from wood as a major raw material and are designated by a Ministerial Ordinance, including furniture and paper (excluding recycled goods)	<p>The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has issued this notification concerning promotion of use and distribution of legally-harvested wood and wood products.</p> <p>The Act on Promotion of Use and Distribution of Legally-Harvested Wood and Wood Products ("Clean Wood Act") encourages entities to endeavour to use legally-harvested wood and wood products. Wood-related entities are requested to collect relevant information to confirm the legality of wood and wood products that they handle. It also prescribes the implementation of the voluntary registration system for wood-related entities who are accountable for confirming the legality.</p> <p>As per the draft, buyer will have to collect information on wood products from the seller concerning product category, product species, country of origin, weight, volume, name and address</p>

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					of seller. Seller will provide relevant documents to buyer certifying the above mentioned information. Third part registered entities in exporting country will provide certification for exports of wood products. For accreditation, entities have to apply with the Japanese authorities for approval.
26	G/TBT/N/CHL/395	29/03/2017	Chile	Motorcycles	The Ministry of Environment has issued this notification concerning draft revision of emission standard for motorcycles. As per the notification, the Chilean authorities proposed draft revision of the emission standard of Motorcycles, and aims to establish the Euro 3 standard for all motorcycles entering Chile.
27	G/TBT/N/CHL/304/Add.1	29/03/2017	Chile	Televisions	The Ministry of Energy has issued this notification concerning specifications techniques for the design of the label of energy efficiency for televisions. As per the notification, the energy efficiency of televisions is based on the power consumption as well as reporting the power consumption in standby mode. This document is based on the delegated regulation (EU) No 1062/2010 of the European Directive 2010/30 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on labeling energy of televisions.
28	G/TBT/N/CHL/305/Add.1	29/03/2017	Chile	Clothes dryers	The Ministry of Energy has issued this notification concerning specifications techniques for the design of the label of energy efficiency for cloth dryers. As per the notification, these technical specifications set the Energy efficiency label for a tumble dryer type drum for use domestic appliance, with or without cold water supply and the incorporation of a heating. However, this regulation excludes the

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					<p>following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dryers that use gas or other fuels as a source of heating</li> <li>• Dryers for commercial laundries</li> <li>• Washers with built in drum dryers</li> </ul> <p>The Chile authorities are of the view that, the focus of this notification is consumer information and energy efficiency.</p>
29	G/TBT/N/CHL/306/Add.1	29/03/2017	Chile	Dishwashers	<p>The Ministry of Energy has issued this notification concerning specifications techniques for the design of the label of energy efficiency for dishwashers. As per the notification, the technical specifications set the energy efficiency label for a Dishwasher for household use, with cold and / or hot water. The tests required to determine the variables that go in the efficiency label, are based on PE Protocol No. 1/04/2 of the Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels.</p>
30	G/TBT/N/MEX/181/Add.4	29/03/2017	Mexico	Respirators	<p>The Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare has issued this notification concerning draft amendment to Mexican Official Standard NOM 116 STPS 1994 on specification and testing of air purifying respirators. The notified standard establishes the characteristics and minimum requirements to be met by air purifying respirators for protection against particulate hazards. It applies to the domestic and foreign manufacturers, importers, distributors and resellers of this type of respirator who market their products in Mexico. This Mexican Official Standard is not applicable to air purifying gas and vapour respirators or to canister respirators.</p>



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31	G/TBT/N/ARG/319	22/03/2017	Argentina	Machines for the production of tablets and capsules 5	<p>The Ministry of Security has issued this notification concerning standards for machines for the production of tablets and capsules.</p> <p>The draft regulation states that, Natural or legal persons who manufacture, sell, acquire, import, export or store machines for the production of tablets and capsules, must, prior to carrying out any of these activities, register with the National Register of Chemical Precursors.</p> <p>The above persons must submit, in the form of a sworn statement and under the category "Machine operator", a request for registration, or, where necessary, re-registration in the Register, in accordance with the prescribed forms.</p>

**Note:**