

# **FIRST TBT QUARTERLY REPORT**

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## **TBT QUARTERLY REPORT (1<sup>ST</sup> OF JANUARY '19 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH '19): 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 2019 to 31st March 2019 was 695. Out of these 695 notifications, India issued four TBT notifications. Hence, a total of 691 notifications were studied in the quarter 1st of January 2018 to 31st March 2018 which was relevant to India. Out of 691 notifications, 225 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 691 TBT notifications which were relevant to India, 214 related to food products, 112 related to electronic products and appliances, 44 related to machinery, 35 related to auto and auto component, 29 related to textile, 27 related to chemical, 26 related to construction, 18 related to cosmetic, 18 related to measuring instrument, 16 related to pharmaceutical, 15 related to iron & steel, 14 related to communication, 14 related to tobacco, 11 related to medical device, 11 related to plastic and the remaining 87 related to other products.

**Country-wise Information:** Out of the total 691 TBT notifications relevant to India, Kuwait issued 79 notifications, followed by Kenya, USA, Chinese Taipei, Tanzania, Uganda, Chile, Finland, Argentina, Malawi, Czech Republic, Mexico, Rwanda, Brazil, Ukraine with 78, 36, 34, 32, 32, 26, 22, 21, 21, 19, 19, 17, 15 and 15 notifications, respectively. These countries are among the top 15 TBT notification issuing countries. The remaining 225 notifications were from other WTO Member countries.

## Details Pertaining to Responses Sent

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

Responses have been sent on 3 TBT notifications in the quarter January 2019 to March 2019. 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>S.no.</b>	<b>Notification Number</b>	<b>Notifying member</b>	<b>Product concerned</b>	<b>Details of Response</b>
1	G/TBT/N/ISR/1034	Israel	Motor Vehicles	Sought equivalence and acceptance of India's emission standards for motor vehicles.
2	G/TBT/N/THA/534	Thailand	Pneumatic tyres	Sought equivalence and acceptance of BIS standard for pneumatic tyres

**Note:**