

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2004

Note by the Secretariat¹

In the Second Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the TBT Agreement (concluded in November 2000), Members instructed the Secretariat to prepare a monthly list of notifications. The attached table contains a list of all notifications issued during the month of October 2004, which includes a total of 26 new notifications by 13 Members.

¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and without prejudice to the positions of Members and to their rights and obligations under the WTO

Member	Notification and date of circulation	Article	Product /Measure	Objective	Deadline For Comments
Australia	G/TBT/N/AUS/36 05/10/2004	2.9.2	Towing equipment used to connect trucks and trailers	To protect human health and safety; to facilitate trade and improve administrative efficiency through closer harmonization	30/11/2004
	G/TBT/N/AUS/37 05/10/2004	2.9.2	All categories of road vehicles	Protection of human health and safety; to facilitate trade and improve administrative efficiency through harmonization	30/11/2004
Canada	G/TBT/N/CAN/107 08/10/2004	2.9.2	Diesel Fuel (ICS: 75.160)	Protection of the environment and human health	01/12/2004
	G/TBT/N/CAN/108 08/10/2004	2.9.2	Medicinal ingredients which require a prescription for both human and veterinary use (ICS: 11.120, 11.220)	Protection of human and animal health	16/12/2004
Costa Rica	G/TBT/N/CRI/14 20/10/2004	2.9.2	HS tariff heading 2009	Protect human health and the food safety of the population, prevent consumer deception and provide information on the true nature of the product	19/12/2004
Czech Republic	G/TBT/N/CZE/93 11/10/2004	2.9.2	Fresh fruit and fresh vegetables	To amend the provisions laying down the quality requirements for potatoes and relates to products labelled "jam" and "marmalade", in particular on local markets	10/12/2004
	G/TBT/N/CZE/94 11/10/2004	2.9.2	Foodstuffs and tobacco products	labelling of all types of packaged foodstuffs and tobacco products intended for consumers or catering service establishments	10/12/2004
	G/TBT/N/CZE/95 26/10/2004	2.9.2	Natural sweeteners, honey, sweets, cocoa powder and mixtures of cocoa and sugar, chocolate and chocolate sweets	To set out the requirements for natural sweeteners, honey, sweets, cocoa powder and mixtures of cocoa and sugar, chocolate and chocolate sweets	20/12/2004
Japan	G/TBT/N/JPN/128 26/10/2004	2.9.2	Canned agricultural products and bottled agricultural products	Protection of the consumers' interest	04/01/2005
Korea	G/TBT/N/KOR/77 21/10/2004	2.9.2	Medical Devices	To provide consumers with medical devices that meet quality requirements	15/11/2004
Korea	G/TBT/N/KOR/78 21/10/2004	2.9.2	Medical Devices	To protect consumers from false and/or exaggerated advertisements and establish a reliable market order	15/11/2004
Netherlands	G/TBT/N/NLD/66 27/10/2004	2.9.2	Small plastic bottles for soft drinks and waters (up to max. 0.75 litre)	From 1 January 2005, a collection system for small bottles will be tested in the Netherlands to collect bottles in a way so that they can be recycled	As soon as possible

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Nicaragua	G/TBT/N/NIC/43 25/10/2004	2.9.2	Building construction	Protection of human health and safety	11/10/2004
Philippines	G/TBT/N/PHL/36 05/10/2004	2.9.2	Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), PCB equipment, PCB-contaminated equipment, PCB wastes, PCB articles or PCB packaging	Protection of human health and the environment	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/PHL/37 05/10/2004	2.9.2	Sanitary wares – urinals, bidet, water closets and lavatories (ICS 81.060.20)	To provide better understanding between suppliers and users, and to furnish a basis for this competition in furnishing sanitary wares to meet the principal demands of the traders	22/11/2004
	G/TBT/N/PHL/38 05/10/2004	2.9.2	PVC rigid electrical conduit (ICS 23.040.20)	Protection of electrical wires and cables	15/12/2004
South Africa	G/TBT/N/ZAF/41 20/10/2004	2.9.2	HS: 2009	To assist with the analysis of fruit juices for authenticity	18/01/2005
Switzerland	G/TBT/N/CHE/44 07/10/2004	2.9.2	Telecommunications equipment: radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment	Evolution of the type of the equipment on the market (SDR Equipment), linguistic corrections and alignment of the Swiss legislation with the directive 1999/5/EC	06/12/2004
	G/TBT/N/CHE/45 07/10/2004	2.9.2	Telecommunications equipment: radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment	To follow the evolution of the European legislation; correction of existing radio interface regulation and introduction of new frequency bands according to CEPT/ECC decisions	06/12/2004
Switzerland	G/TBT/N/CHE/46 27/10/2004	2.9.2 5.6.2	Measuring instruments	Modernization of national regulations; harmonization with EC regulations	27/12/2004
Thailand	G/TBT/N/THA/160 20/10/2004	2.9.2	Fluorescent lamps. Discharge lamps (HS Chapter 8536 - ICS: 29.140.30)	Safety and consumer protection	19/12/2004
	G/TBT/N/THA/161 20/10/2004	2.9.2	Small kitchen appliances (HS Chapter 8516 - ICS: 13.120; 97.040.50)	Safety and consumer protection	19/12/2004
United States	G/TBT/N/USA/82 05/10/2004	2.9.2	Microbiology Devices (HS Chapter 9018 - ICS 11.100)	Protection of human health	29/12/2004
	G/TBT/N/USA/83 08/10/2004	2.9.2	Seafood Labelling (HS Chapter 0304 - ICS 67.120)	Prevention of deceptive practices	03/01/2005

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	G/TBT/N/USA/84 08/10/2004	2.9.2	Cosmetics (HS Chapter 3304 - ICS 71.100)	To allow the use of D&C Black No. 2 as a colour additive in a number of cosmetics	Comments on the rule can be submitted anytime; the final date for filing objections to the rule was 27 August 2004. No objections were received.
	G/TBT/N/USA/85 20/10/2004	2.9.2	Pesticide (HS Chapter 3808 - ICS 13.020)	Protection of environment	07/12/2004