

## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>PHILIPPINES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Bureau of Product Standards, Department of Trade and Industry <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Paper, board and pulps – Grade school pads - Specification (ICS 01.040.85.080)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Philippine National Standard (PNS) 473:1997 – Paper, board and pulps – Grade school pads - Specification (6 pages, in English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This Philippine National Standard specifies the requirements for grade school pads.  The paper used for grade school pads shall be either bond paper which conforms to PNS 70 or newsprint which conforms to PNS 126. The minimum number of leaves per pad was changed from 100 to 90 leaves and shall be marked in the board backing of each pad.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> The mandatory implementation of this standard is hereby ordered, for the protection of consumers and the general public.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text form part of this national standard.  PNS 70:1986 – Specification for bond paper, white and colored  PNS 126:1988 – Specification for newsprint  PNS 303:1996/ISO 186:1994 – Paper and board – Sampling to determine average quality  PNS 305:1996/ISO 534:1988 – Paper and board – Determination of the thickness and apparent bulk density or apparent sheet density

<p>PNS 306:1996/ISO 536:1995 – Paper and board – Determination of grammage</p> <p>PNS 307:1996/ISO 1924-1:1992 – Paper and board – Determination of tensile properties – Part 1: Constant rate of loading method</p> <p>PNS 308:1996/ISO 2144:1987 – Paper and board – Determination of ash</p> <p>PNS 309:1996/ISO 2470:1977 – Paper and board – Measurement of diffuse blue reflectance factor (ISO brightness)</p> <p>PNS 310:1996/ISO 2471:1977 – Paper and board – Determination of opacity (paper backing) – Diffuse reflectance method</p> <p>PNS 311:1996/ISO 6588:1981 – Paper, board and pulps – Determination of pH of aqueous extracts</p> <p>PNS 317:1996/ISO 5627:1995 – Paper and board – Determination of smoothness (Bekk method)</p> <p>PNS 327:1996 – Method of test for dirt count of paper</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> } Year 2004</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 5 December 2003
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</b></p> <p>Bureau of Product Standards (WTO-TBT Enquiry Point), 3/F Trade and Industry Building, 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines;  Tel.: (632) 890-5227; Fax No.: (632- 890-5131; e-mail: <a href="mailto:bps@dti.dti.gov.ph">bps@dti.dti.gov.ph</a></p>