

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2003

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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 December 2003, which includes a total of 64 notifications by 18 Members.

Member	Notification and Date of Circulation	Article	Product /Measure	Objective	Deadline for comments
Argentina	G/TBT/N/ARG/150 12/12/2003	2.9.2	Food products	To enhance the population's nutritional status	31/01/2004
Australia	G/TBT/N/AUS/25 08/12/2003	2.9.2	121.5 MHz and 243.0 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons	To ensure efficient use of the radio frequency spectrum	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/AUS/26 08/12/2003	2.9.2	Radiocommunications devices that: (a) are MF or HF equipment; and (b) are part of a land mobile service; and (c) use single sideband suppressed carrier emission; and (d) operate in the frequency range 2 MHz to 30 MHz.	To ensure efficient use of the radio frequency spectrum	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/AUS/27 08/12/2003	2.9.2	Radio communications data transmission equipment used in the in the 915 to 928 MHz, 2.4 to 2.4835 GHz and 5.725 to 5.875 GHz bands, using spread spectrum modulation techniques	To ensure efficient use of the radio frequency spectrum	Not specified
Belgium	G/TBT/N/BEL/38 11/12/2003	2.9.2 5.6.2	Food products, food supplements	To guarantee product safety and prevent the marketing, as food supplements, of products with therapeutic or prophylactic characteristics.	09/02/2004
Brazil	G/TBT/N/BRA/136 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Instruments and apparatus for measuring/checking liquid flow, level pressure (HS 9026)	Safety requirements	20/01/2004
	G/TBT/N/BRA/137 03/12/2003	2.9.2	Semiochemical products	Protection of human, animal and plant and health, life and safety. Environment safety. Labelling requirements	10/12/2003
	G/TBT/N/BRA/138 03/12/2003	2.9.2	Biochemical products	Protection of human, animal and plant health, life and safety. Environment safety. Labelling requirements	10/12/2003

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Brazil	G/TBT/N/BRA/139 03/12/2003	2.9.2	Microbiological products	Protection of human, animal and plant health, life and safety. Environment safety. Labelling requirements	10/12/2003
	G/TBT/N/BRA/140 03/12/2003	2.9.2	Control products used in organic agriculture	Protection of human, animal and plant health, life and safety. Environment safety. Labelling requirements	10/12/2003
	G/TBT/N/BRA/141 03/12/2003	2.9.2	Natural enemies used for biological control	Protection of human, animal and plant health, life and safety. Environment safety. Labelling requirements	10/12/2003
	G/TBT/N/BRA/142 03/12/2003	2.9.2	Cosmetics, perfumes and personal hygiene products. (HS 33)	Human health and safety protection. Labelling requirements	01/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/BRA/143 03/12/2003	5.6.2	Motor vehicles for transportation of goods (HS: 87.04), Bodies for road tractors and motor vehicles included in HS: 87.04 (HS: 87.07.90), Motor vehicles bumpers and parts (HS: 87.08.10)	Consumers' safety	13/01/2004
	G/TBT/N/BRA/144 09/12/2003	2.9.2	Tetrachlorine ethylene (HS: 2903.23)	Protection of human health and of the environment	07/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/BRA/145 18/12/2003	2.9.2	Plastics and articles thereof (HS Chapter 39)	Consumer's safety	03/02/2004
Colombia	G/TBT/N/COL/46 03/12/2003	2.9.2	Sound equipment, mini component systems, home theatre systems, radios, radio-cassette recorders and tape recorders	Prevent practices which mislead or are likely to mislead sound equipment consumers	01/03/2004
Czech Republic	G/TBT/N/CZE/82 10/12/2003	2.9.2	Public swimming pools, saunas, and hygienic limits of sand in sand pits of outdoor playgrounds	Protection of human health and safety	29/12/2003

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Czech Republic	G/TBT/N/CZE/83 10/12/2003	2.9.2	Hot-water boilers	Achievement of the unambiguity of some provisions on full compliance with relevant provisions of Directive 93/68/ECC that amends Directive 92/42/ECC	10/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/CZE/84 10/12/2003	2.9.2	Provision of information	Transposition of Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards	10/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/CZE/85 10/12/2003	2.9.2	Construction products	Achievement of full compatibility with the EC law, European standardization and conformity assessment procedures	10/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/CZE/86 10/12/2003	2.9.2	Lifts	Achievement of full compatibility with the relevant EC law	10/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/CZE/87 11/12/2003	2.9.2	Drinking water, frequency and extent of the drinking water control	Protection of human health and safety	29/12/2003
	G/TBT/N/CZE/88 11/12/2003	2.9.2	Veterinary medicaments, and biologically active substances used in the manufacturing process of foodstuffs and raw materials for food use	Protection of human health and safety	09/02/2004
Denmark	G/TBT/N/DNK/29 22/12/2003	2.9.2	Code of practice for the safety of structures	To provide the users of codes of practice an improved insight into the background and principles of robustness of the codes of practice of structures	20/02/2004
El Salvador	G/TBT/N/SLV/37 11/12/2003	2.9.2	Bread products (Harmonized System heading 19.05)	Protection of human health	09/02/2004

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El Salvador	G/TBT/N/SLV/38 11/12/2003	2.9.2	Meters (International Classification for Standards (ICS) No. 17.220.20)	Prevention of misleading practices	09/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/SLV/39 11/12/2003	2.9.2	Edible fats and oils (Harmonized System chapter 15)	Protection of human health	09/02/2004
European Communities	G/TBT/N/EEC/44 08/12/2003	2.9.2 5.6.2	Products containing or consisting of genetically modified organisms	Food safety, public health and animal health, protection of the environment	07/01/2004
	G/TBT/N/EEC/45 12/12/2003	2.9.2	Certain textile products (CN Section XI, i.e. Chapters 50-63, if labelling of the textile product is required according to Directive 96/74/EC and the textile product contains the new fibre polylactide)	To better inform consumers about textile products containing this fibre	10/02/2004
France	G/TBT/N/FRA/30 08/12/2003	2.9.2	Lifts	To improve the safety of lift users	End of January 2004
Israel	G/TBT/N/ISR/29 23/12/2003	5.6.2	Protective gloves - ICS: 13.340.40 – HS: 4015; 3926.20	Consumer protection and safety	21/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/ISR/30 23/12/2003	5.6.2	Mattresses ICS: 97.140; 97160 – HS: 9404	Consumer safety	21/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/ISR/31 23/12/2003	5.6.2	Lifting platforms for disabled persons - ICS: 11.180.10; 53.020.99 – HS: 8428	Consumer safety	21/02/2004
Italy	G/TBT/N/ITA/2 22/12/2003	5.6.2	Custom-made glasses and lenses	To lay down further and more detailed technical requirements as well as specific warnings and precautions for use	03/03/2004
	G/TBT/N/ITA/3 22/12/2003	5.6.2	Leather, furs, whatever leather goods and articles of clothing originating from dogs (Canis familiaris) and cats (Felis catus)	Animal welfare: to prohibit the commercial use of pelts and furs of dogs and cats which is considered indecent	16/03/2004

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Japan	G/TBT/N/JPN/106 02/12/2003	2.9.2	Soy sauce (HS: 21.03.10)	Protection of the consumers' interest	12/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/JPN/107 02/12/2003	2.9.2	Radio equipment for high-speed and high-capacity aeronautical mobile-satellite communications system using the Ku-band	To establish the technical standards for high-speed and high-capacity aeronautical mobile-satellite communications system using the Ku-band in order to provide broadband communications to aircraft	02/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/JPN/108 16/12/2003	2.9.2	Fertilizer (HS: 3101)	Animal health	16/01/2004
	G/TBT/N/JPN/109 23/12/2003	5.6.2	Industrial or mineral products (excepting drugs, agricultural chemicals, chemical fertilizers, silk yarn and agricultural products)	To develop an internationally harmonized conformity assessment system which is based on international guides/standards, thereby facilitating international trade	20/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/JPN/110 23/12/2003	2.9.2	Gas Containers (Composite Cylinder for Compressed Gases)	To make new technical standards on containers for compressed hydrogen fuel to be loaded on vehicles	24/02/2004
Korea	G/TBT/N/KOR/64 03/12/2003	2.9.2	Medical Device	To stipulate detailed provisions in the Enforcement Decree, as entrusted by the Medical Device Act promulgated on 29 May 2003	31/01/2004
	G/TBT/N/KOR/65 16/12/2003	2.9.2	Medical Device	To stipulate detailed provisions in the Enforcement Regulation, as delegated by the Medical Device Act promulgated on 29 May 2003	31/01/2004
Mexico	G/TBT/N/MEX/86 08/12/2003	2.10.1	New motor vehicles - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)	Greater security and certainty to individuals engaging in commercial transactions involving such vehicles with a view to the trade liberalization scheduled for 1 January 2004	Not specified

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Mexico	G/TBT/N/MEX/87 23/12/2003	2.9.2	Sterile and non-sterile PVC and natural latex rubber surgical and examination gloves	To establish the sanitary quality specifications in order to protect human health and safety	13/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/MEX/88 23/12/2003	2.9.2	Pre-recorded compact discs (audio, data and videogames)	To establish the commercial information and manufacturer identification to be displayed on pre-recorded compact discs to protect the consumer from misleading practices and prevent the unlawful reproduction of such discs	14/02/2004
	G/TBT/N/MEX/89 23/12/2003	2.9.2	Liquid-in-glass general purpose thermometers	To control the quality and metrological characteristics thereof and ensure consumer protection through accuracy of measurement.	15/02/2004
Peru	G/TBT/N/PER/4 16/12/2003	2.9.2	Footwear	To provide information for and prevent practices likely to mislead consumers.	10/03/2004
Saint Lucia	G/TBT/N/LCA/6 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Pesticides and other Toxic Chemicals	Adequate labelling requirements	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/7 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Labelling of Commodities: General Requirements	To prevent fraud and deception arising from misleading labelling as well as allowing the consumer to make an informed choice on purchases.	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/8 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Labelling of Prepackaged Food	To prevent fraud and deception arising from misleading labelling as well as allowing the consumer to make an informed choice on the purchase of prepackaged food.	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/9 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Ketchup, HS2103.201	Quality	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/10 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Shortening, HS 1501.001	To set a level of quality for shortening manufactured and traded in Saint Lucia; To protect the customer or user against danger to health	In force

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Saint Lucia	G/TBT/N/LCA/11 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Cigarettes	To prevent fraud or deception arising from misleading labelling and to give adequate information and health warning to the consumer	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/12 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Brewery products	To ensure that the labelling of these products meets the requirements of regulatory authorities and to enable brewers to compete against products from outside the Region	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/13 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Labelling of prepackaged goods	To prevent fraud and deception arising from misleading labelling as well as allowing the consumer to make an informed choice on the purchase of prepackaged goods	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/14 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Rum, HS 2208.401	Quality	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/15 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Packaged Water – HS 2201.901	Quality and safety	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/16 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Spices and sauces	Quality, purity and acceptability	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/17 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Wheat Flour, HS 2302.30	Quality	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/18 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Coconut Oil, HS 1513.10	To provide a uniform level of acceptance quality	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/19 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Biscuits, HS 19.05	Quality	In force

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Saint Lucia	G/TBT/N/LCA/20 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Pasta, HS 19.02	Quality	In force
	G/TBT/N/LCA/21 01/12/2003	2.9.2	Chocolate Confectionery and Cocoa Products	Quality	In force
Sweden	G/TBT/N/SWE/34 02/12/2003	2.9.2	Building products which shall be used for roads and streets	Incorporate relevant levels for the requirements concerning harmonized as well as other product standards and detailing of the requirements of the Act and Decree	01/02/2004