

## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### 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>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>  Household appliances – Non-ducted air conditioners
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Philippine National Standards (PNS) 396-1:1998 – Household appliances – Energy efficiency ratio (EER) and labelling requirements Part 1: Non-ducted air conditioners (4 pages, English)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This standard specifies the requirements for energy efficiency ratio (EER) and labelling for non-ducted air conditioners for domestic and similar use. This standard is a revision of PNS 396-1:1995. In this revision, air conditioner is specified as non-ducted air conditioner. The standard method of testing and rating for performance was adopted from ISO 5151:1994.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> This standard is the first of a series of energy standards dealing with appliances. Prioritization was based on the study made by the Department of Energy on the energy consumption of household appliances and equipment in relation to efficiency. The series of energy standards will consist eventually of appliances like refrigerators and freezers, electric flat irons, and other appliances. In this standard, the minimum energy efficiency ratio requirements accommodate the year 1995-2002. This standard will provide the consumers easy reference to the energy efficiency ratio required for manufacturers, assemblers and importers.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> PNS 240:1997/ISO 5151:1994 – Non-ducted air conditioners and heat pumps – Testing and rating for performance contains provisions which, through reference in this text form part of this national standard.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> } Immediately <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> }

<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> Immediately
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:</b>  (In English) 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. No.: (632) 890-5227 Fax No.: (632) 890-4926 E-mail: <a href="mailto:bps@dti.gov.ph">bps@dti.gov.ph</a> Homepage: <a href="http://www.dti.gov.ph/bps">www.dti.gov.ph/bps</a>