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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Bureau of Product Standards, Department of Trade and Industry 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:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Paper, board and pulps (85.040 / 85.060)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Philippine National Standard (DPNS) 126:2002 – Paper, board and pulps – Newsprint – Specification (4 pages)
6.	Description of content: This standard specifies the requirements for newsprint used generally for newspaper and other printing and writing purposes.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: For users satisfaction
8.	Relevant documents: PNS/ISO 1924:1976 – Paper and board – Determination of tensile strength PNS/ISO 534:1980 – Paper and board – Determination of the thickness of single sheets (and method of calculation of the apparent density of board PNS/ISO 2471:1977 – Paper and board – Determination of opacity (paper backing) Diffuse reflectance method PNS/ISO 2470:1977 – Paper and board – Measurement of diffuse blue reflectance factor (ISO brightness) PNS/ISO 5627:1984 – Paper and board – Determination of smoothness (Bekk method) TAPPI T 437-OM-96 – Method of test for dirt count of paper
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Fifteen (15) days after publication in the Proposed date of entry into force: } Official Gazette or newspaper of general circulation.
10.	Final date for comments: 17 December 2002
11.	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: 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: bps@dti.dti.gov.ph