

**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

**NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2002**

Note by the Secretariat

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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 October 2002, which includes a total of 66 notifications by 21 Members.

Member	Notification and Date of Circulation	Article	Product /Measure	Objective	Deadline for comments
Argentina	G/TBT/N/ARG/58 24/10/02	2.9.2	Medicinal preparations for human use	To safeguard public health	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/ARG/59 24/10/02	2.9.2	Medicinal preparations for human use	To safeguard public health	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/ARG/60 24/10/02	2.9.2	Medicinal preparations for human use	To safeguard public health	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/ARG/61 24/10/02	2.9.2	Domestic appliances	Human safety	Not specified
Australia	G/TBT/N/AUS/12 02/10/02	2.9.2	Medicines with specified ingredients	Protection of human health and safety, and to minimize accidental poisoning in children	30/11/02
Belgium	G/TBT/N/BEL/32 21/10/02	2.9.2	Disposable cameras	To fill a legal vacuum	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/BEL/33 21/10/02	2.9.2	Radiocommunications transmitters and receivers	To update the list of categories of equipment exempt from licensing in order to bring it into line with CEPT recommendations and reflect the realities of today's market	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/BEL/34 21/10/02	2.9.2	General accounting and control rules for games of chance which may be operated in Class I gaming establishments	Not specified	Not specified
Brazil	G/TBT/N/BRA/59 01/10/02	2.9.2	Food and food additives (HS Section 4, Chapters 28 and 29)	Labelling requirements and public health	22/09/02
	G/TBT/N/BRA/60 02/10/02	5.6.2	Optic fibre cables (HS Chapter 85)	Conformity assessment procedures	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/BRA/61 02/10/02	5.6.2	Metallic telephone cables (HS Chapter 85)	Conformity assessment procedures	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/BRA/62 02/10/02	2.9.2	Restricted radiation radio communications equipment (HS Chapter 85)	Consumer's protection	Not specified

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Brazil	G/TBT/N/BRA/63 07/10/02	5.6.2	High pressure cylinders for methane gas storage (HS Chapter 87)	Conformity assessment procedures and consumer's safety	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/BRA/64 28/10/02	2.9.2	Radio-communication systems (HS Chapter 85)	Spectrum management and consumer's safety	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/BRA/65 28/10/02	2.9.2	Radio-communication digital systems (HS Chapter 85)	Spectrum management	21/10/02
Canada	G/TBT/N/CAN/46 14/10/02	2.9.2	Living Modified Organisms	Protection of the environment and human health	27/11/02
	G/TBT/N/CAN/47 16/10/02	5.6.2	Medical devices (ICS: 03.120.01, 11.040.01)	Protection of human safety	19/12/02
	G/TBT/N/CAN/48 24/10/02	2.9.2	Canadian foreign air operator certificate (ICS: 03.220.50)	Protection of human safety	19/12/02
	G/TBT/N/CAN/49 24/10/02	2.9.2	Rear impact guard (ICS: 43.040.60)	Protection of human safety	19/12/02
	G/TBT/N/CAN/50 24/10/02	2.9.2	Motor vehicle transmission control functions (ICS : 43.040.50)	Protection of human safety	26/12/02
El Salvador	G/TBT/N/SLV/13 22/10/02	2.9.2	Not specified	Object, scope, definitions, classification and designation, classification of coffee for export or import, minimum standards for domestic consumption, packaging and labelling, sampling, analysis of samples, technical and regulatory documentation, surveillance and verification	21/12/02
Hong Kong, China	G/TBT/N/HKG/13 01/10/02	5.6.2	Domestic gas appliances, including portable cassette cookers	Quality and safety	Not specified
Hungary	G/TBT/N/HUN/4 02/10/02	2.9.2	The government decree covers the packaging and packaging wastes of all products	Harmonization in order to meet the EU obligations	20/10/02

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Japan	G/TBT/N/JPN/55 14/10/02	2.9.2	Digital broadcasting system	To add the digital broadcasting system utilizing large capacity storage functions which realized the new Viewing-and-listening form	19/12/02
	G/TBT/N/JPN/56 25/10/02	2.9.2 5.6.2	Motor vehicles (HS: 87.01-08, 87.11, 87.14 and 87.16)	To prevent accident caused by enlarged blind spot of vehicles with high eye-point, such as MPV; and to harmonize with relevant international standards.	25/12/02
Korea	G/TBT/N/KOR/42 31/10/02	2.9.2	Functional cosmetics	To offer the convenience to manufacturers and importers who want to register their products at KFDA	30/11/02
Mexico	G/TBT/N/MEX/36 16/10/02	2.10.1	Marine mammals	Protection of marine mammals in captivity and natural resources	Not specified
	G/TBT/N/MEX/37 16/10/02	2.9.2	Household refrigerators and freezers	Energy saving (conservation of natural resources) and quality and labelling of household refrigerators and freezers for consumer protection.	17/11/02
	G/TBT/N/MEX/38 16/10/02	2.9.2	Three-phase squirrel-cage AC induction motors with a rated output of 0.746 kW to 373 kW.	Energy saving (conservation of natural resources) and quality and labelling of three-phase squirrel-cage induction AC motors with a rated output of 0.746 kW to 373 kW for consumer protection	22/11/02
	G/TBT/N/MEX/39 24/10/02	2.9.2	Ham	Physical and chemical specifications, trade description and labelling of the different types of ham to protect the consumer	07/12/02

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Mexico	G/TBT/N/MEX/40 25/10/02	2.10.1	Toys - Replica firearms	To ensure that products marketed within the national territory do not constitute a risk to human safety and thus to safeguard property rights which are threatened by the imminent increase in the marketing of toys which resemble firearms and which are being used to perpetrate a range of criminal acts	Not applicable
	G/TBT/N/MEX/41 28/10/02	2.9.2	Disposable enema bags	Protection of human health and safety by way of the definition of the sanitary specifications for and marking, packing and packaging of disposable enema bags	10/12/02
Netherlands	G/TBT/N/NLD/52 01/10/02	2.9.2	Retro-reflective material with which the dimensions of a vehicle are more clearly visible	To implement Rule UN/ECE No	07/12/02
	G/TBT/N/NLD/53 01/10/02	2.9.2	Retro-reflective material with which the size of a vehicle is more clearly visible	To implement Rule UN/ECE No 104	07/12/02
	G/TBT/N/NLD/54 10/10/02	2.9.2	Mining works on land and mining facilities in surface water, pipelines and cables	Protection of the environment and safety	18/11/02
	G/TBT/N/NLD/55 10/10/02	2.9.2	Helidecks, lighting, a safety net, a wind bag, meteorological equipment, fire-fighting equipment and equipment for rescue activities; identifying marks, noise beacons and light beacons; communications equipment; meteorological equipment; closing devices and other equipment accompanying; piping	Protection of the environment and the safety of particularly shipping, aviation and fishing	02/12/02

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New Zealand	G/TBT/N/NZL/10 23/10/02	2.9.2	Glycine max (soybean) seed for sowing	To ensure that genetically modified Glycine max seeds, that are not approved under the HSNO Act, are not released into New Zealand's environment through imports of conventional Glycine max seed	14/12/02
Philippines	G/TBT/N/PHL/25 22/10/02	2.9.2	Lead-acid batteries for motorcycles (ICS: 29.220.20; 43.140)	For users safety and protection	17/12/02
	G/TBT/N/PHL/26 22/10/02	2.9.2	Hot-dip aluminum/zinc-coated steel sheet	Modified adoption of with International Standard ISO 9364:2003	17/12/02
	G/TBT/N/PHL/27 22/10/02	2.9.2	Hot-dip zinc-coated carbon steel sheet	Modified adoption of International Standard ISO 3575:1996.The purpose is due to climatic and geographic requirements of the local condition and the particular needs of galvanizing industry	17/12/02
	G/TBT/N/PHL/28 22/10/02	2.9.2	Steel sheets and coils (ICS 77.120.10)	Modified adoption of the International Standard ISO 14788:1998. Certain modifications have been made due to climatic and geographic local condition and the particular needs of the galvanizing industry	17/12/02
	G/TBT/N/PHL/29 22/10/02	2.9.2	Paper, board and pulps (85.040 / 85.060)	For users satisfaction	17/12/02
South Africa	G/TBT/N/ZAF/18 24/10/02	2.9.2	HS: 03.03; ICS: 67.120.30	Consumer safety	11/12/02
	G/TBT/N/ZAF/19 24/10/02	2.9.2	HS: 03.06; ICS: 67.120.30	Consumer safety	11/12/02
Spain	G/TBT/N/ESP/20 25/10/02	2.9.2	This Standard does not explicitly cover any product	To establish criteria for choosing and designing the most appropriate solution as regards roadbed rehabilitation, on the basis of technical, economic and environmental considerations	23/12/02

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Sweden	G/TBT/N/SWE/14 22/10/02	2.9.2	Ships	Construction of ships that operate Swedish waters during wintertime	02/01/03
	G/TBT/N/SWE/15 30/10/02	2.9.2	3062910	To protect native Swedish freshwater crayfish (Astacus Astacus) from extinction by minimising the risk of spreading of non-native species in Swedish waters	07/01/03
	G/TBT/N/SWE/16 30/10/02	2.9.2	Not specified	To better adapt the regulation to existing EC-directives and ECE-regulations concerning the construction of vehicles, and to give it a linguistic and legal update	10/01/03
	G/TBT/N/SWE/17 30/10/02	2.9.2	Not specified	To better adapt the regulation to existing EC-directives concerning the construction of vehicles and to give it a linguistic and legal update	10/01/03
	G/TBT/N/SWE/18 30/10/02	2.9.2	Not specified	To better adapt the regulation to existing EC-directives concerning construction of vehicles and to give it a linguistic and legal update	10/01/03
	G/TBT/N/SWE/19 30/10/02	2.9.2	Not specified	To give the regulation a linguistic and legal update.	10/01/03
	G/TBT/N/SWE/20 30/10/02	2.9.2	Not specified	To give the regulation a linguistic and legal update.	10/01/03
	G/TBT/N/SWE/21 30/10/02	2.9.2	Not specified	To give the regulation a linguistic and legal update.	10/01/03
	G/TBT/N/SWE/22 30/10/02	2.9.2	Not specified	To give the regulation a linguistic and legal update.	10/01/03
Switzerland	G/TBT/N/CHE/23 01/10/02	2.9.2	Simple pressure vessels	Safety; Protection from accidents, protection of the user/consumer	29/11/02

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Thailand	G/TBT/N/THA/90 21/10/02	2.9.2	Ice cream and ice confectionery (HS Chapter 21.05, ICS: 67.100.40)	Consumer protection	20/12/02
	G/TBT/N/THA/91 22/10/02	2.9.2	Tobacco, Tobacco products (HS Chapter 24.02, ICS: 65.160)	Consumer protection	21/12/02
	G/TBT/N/THA/92 22/10/02	2.9.2	Food products in general (HS Chapter 48.21, ICS: 67.040)	Consumer protection	21/12/02
	G/TBT/N/THA/93 22/10/02	2.9.2	Food products in general (HS Chapter 21.06, ICS: 67.040)	Consumer protection	21/12/02
	G/TBT/N/THA/94 22/10/02	2.9.2	Ice (HS Chapter 22.01, ICS: 13.060.20)	Consumer protection	21/12/02
	G/TBT/N/THA/95 22/10/02	2.9.2	Herb teas (HS Chapter 09.02, ICS: 67.140.10)	Consumer protection	21/12/02
	G/TBT/N/THA/96 22/10/02	2.9.2	Drinking water (HS Chapter 22.01, ICS: 13.060.20)	Consumer protection	21/12/02
Trinidad and Tobago	G/TBT/N/TTO/14 28/10/02	2.9.2	Liquid Chlorine Bleach (ICS 71.100.35)	To protect the consumer or user against danger to health or safety by ensuring a product of acceptable quality	13/12/02
United States	G/TBT/N/USA/24 23/10/02	2.9.2	Fruits and Vegetables (ICS 67)	To protect against the introduction of quarantine pests through imported fruits and vegetables	02/12/02
	G/TBT/N/USA/25 23/10/02	2.9.2	Food labelling (ICS: 67)	To provide industry and consumers with a workable voluntary program that will carry out the intent of the law	09/04/03
	G/TBT/N/USA/26 23/10/02	2.9.2	Fruit and Agricultural Wines (ICS 67)	To make these regulations accurate and consistent	02/12/02