The Certification Division of TTBS provides CONFIDENCE. Confidence that products you sell and purchase are of acceptable quality, and confidence that the quality and safety of the goods they produce will be maintained.

The Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS) was established in 1974 and started the activity of writing and adopting National Standards. Its mission was weights and measures and the inspection of measurement devices, pre-packaged goods and calibration of measuring instruments.

The Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards is responsible for storing and maintaining the National Compulsory Standards and the Technical Barriers to Trade Act. In 2015, the TTBS implemented the National Regulated Products and Services (NRS) system, which allows for the regulation of products and services as per the National Standards. This system is in line with the World Trade Organization’s (WTO) Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT).

The TTBS is well-equipped to handle the challenges of today and to meet the needs of the future. It has developed a comprehensive regulatory framework to ensure that products and services in the market are safe, reliable, and meet the quality standards expected by consumers. The TTBS is committed to excellence and the implementation of the NRS system is a testament to its dedication to providing assurance of the technical competence of testing and calibration laboratories and to ensuring that products and services meet the required standards.

The TTBS has a wide range of services, including inspection, testing, calibration, and accreditation. It offers services to various sectors, including manufacturing, construction, and healthcare. The TTBS is also committed to ensuring that the products and services it regulates are compliant with international standards and are competitive in the global market.

The TTBS is proud of its accomplishments and looks forward to the future. It is committed to continuing its dedication to excellence and to providing assurance of the technical competence of testing and calibration laboratories to ensure that products and services meet the required standards.

The TTBS is an integral part of the Trinidad and Tobago National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) and plays a crucial role in supporting the country’s economic development. The TTBS is committed to ensuring that the products and services it regulates are safe, reliable, and compliant with international standards, which is essential for the country’s economic growth and development.
The Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards was established to develop, promote and enforce standards in order to improve the quality and performance of goods produced or used in Trinidad and Tobago. After forty years, it has made some significant strides towards fulfilling its mandate.

In those early days, the Bureau provided services in standards writing, training in quality control and consumer education.

QUALITY IN EVERY LIFE

We all take for granted that any flash drive will fit into any USB port on any computer or that we generally can withdraw cash from different ATMs using the same debit card. We also expect that a compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) will normally switch on in any lamp base or that that a male plug will fit into any wall outlet. If in attempting any of these simple, everyday activities we meet the slightest mismatch, we will immediately recognize that "something is wrong".

First Employees

The Bureau’s first employees included:

- Dr. Michael Lines, Director
- Ms. Esther Telesford, Secretary
- Ms. Merlyn Jones, Accounting Assistant
- Ms. Annette Rampersad, Clerk I
- Mr. Simeon Sandiford, Standards Officer I
- Mr. Bertrand Harnanan, Laboratory Technician
- Mr. Gene Hutchinson, Training Coordinator
- Mr. John Broadley, Maintenance Engineer
- Dr. Geoffrey Rostant, Manager Caribbean Beachwear Ltd, Francis Street, Curepe.

In addition to the development of standards, TTBS is also engaged in enforcement activities. Over the last forty years, TTBS has been charged with ensuring the safety and quality of a wide array of goods reaching local consumers.

TTBS enforcement arm, the Implementation Division, plays a critical role in this task and continues to respond to these demands.

With the launch of TTBBiLink and the computerisation of major import processes, the Division has developed and implemented the Automated Information Management System (AIMS) to facilitate the transition from paper-based to electronic processing of documents – saving its clients time and money.

In Trinidad and Tobago, we have approximately 400 national standards, most of which were adapted from widely accepted international or foreign standards.

In developing national standards, the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS) is partnering with industry, regulatory agencies, consumers and other stakeholders to identify the need for standards in key areas.

More recently, we have been involved in developing national standards for:

- Travel and tourism
- Health and Safety
- Construction
- Agriculture
- Food and Beverage
- Telecommunications
- Communications

National standards in some key areas, include:

- Construction e.g. building blocks, sanitary, steel bars, roof shingles, PVC pipes
- Petroleum e.g. diesel, LPG, CNG
- Environment e.g. environmental management, ISO 9001/14001, calibrations and laboratory practice
- Food e.g. agriculture, training rooms and dining rooms are also available for rental.
- Health and Safety e.g. safety boots, eye and face protection, work at height, contract safety management
- Tourism e.g. health and safety, motor vehicle rental, dining, tour guides, accommodations, packaging and labelling
- Consumer Goods e.g. safety matches, bleach, and clothing offered at trade fairs.

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At TTBS turns forty years, we look forward to making greater strides in the development and enforcement of the right standards to propel our country forward along the path to greater competitiveness and sustainability.

We can only do so, however, as we successfully engage all stakeholders to work together and exercise the pursuit of excellence in all areas of the economy.

Thank you for joining us and we look forward to working together to advance quality for the benefit of the entire nation.