



Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON
TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE**

COMMUNICATION FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Revision

The following updated statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement is being forwarded on behalf of the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago.

1.1. The Ministry with responsibility for Trade is the Focal Point for the World Trade Organization (WTO) and has overall responsibility for ensuring that obligations under multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral trade agreements are honoured.

1.2. The Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS) is a body corporate established by the Standards Act No. 18 of 1997 under the aegis of the Ministry with responsibility for trade and industry. TTBS is responsible in accordance with Article 10.10 thereof, for the implementation and administration of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) which covers Technical Regulations, Standards and Conformity Assessment Procedures. TTBS is a member of the Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ), and participates in regional standardization. TTBS' activities are supported by the following legislation:

- Standards Act No. 18 of 1997
- Standards Regulations 2007
- Metrology Act No. 18 of 2004
- Metrology Regulations, 2015
- Metrology (Quantities of Goods) Regulations, 2015
- CROSQ Act 2005

1.3. TTBS is the national Standards Body and has accepted the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards, in Annex 3 to the Agreement. The institution develops, adapts and adopts voluntary and compulsory standards based on International Standards. Disciplines under TTBS' purview include:

- Standardization
- Certifications of Management Systems and Products
- Testing
- Inspection
- Metrology and
- Accreditation

The Standards Body, Testing, Metrology and Accreditation Services can be contacted at <http://www.ttbs.org.tt>; Lab.Services@ttbs.org.tt; Metrology@ttbs.org.tt; and Lab.Accreditation@ttbs.org.tt respectively.

1.4. Notices of all proposed national draft standards, compulsory standards and conformity assessment procedures including those developed regionally are published in the daily

newspapers. In addition, Trinidad and Tobago's WTO Notifications under Articles 2.9.4 and 5.6.4 of the Agreement, for compulsory standards and conformity assessment procedures respectively, are notified to the TBT secretariat. A period of no less than 60 (sixty) days is allowed for all comments except in cases of emergency as provided for under Articles 2.10 and 5.7.

1.5. Notices of the intention to declare compulsory standards and enforce conformity assessment procedures and the date from which they shall come into effect are published in the national Gazette and daily newspapers.

1.6. In accordance with Article 10 of the Agreement, the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has designated the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards as the national Enquiry Point for WTO/TBT Notifications. Trinidad and Tobago's Enquiry Point can be contacted at:

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1.7. The Chemistry, Food and Drugs Division of the Ministry of Health has statutory responsibility for goods and services covered under the Food and Drugs Act Chap: 30:01 and the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Act No. 11 of 19.8.6. The Division maintains the secretariats for the Food and Advisory Committee, the Drug Advisory Committee and the Pesticides and Toxic Chemicals Control Board. These bodies are responsible for drafting regulations for food, drugs, cosmetics, medical devices, pesticides and toxic chemicals. The Division's address is:

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