

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

Communication from Zambia

Addendum

The following communication, dated 23 June 2011, has been received from the delegation of Zambia.

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1. In accordance with Article 15.2 of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and considering the decision of the TBT Committee of 14 July 1995, concerning Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement as contained in document G/TBT/1/Rev.10 of 9 June 2011, the Zambian Government submits to the Committee this statement on the implementation and administration of the Agreement in Zambia.
 2. The Government of the Republic of Zambia accepted with effect from 1 January 1995 the Agreement establishing the WTO, as well as Agreements and associated Legal Instruments included in the Annexes.
 3. The Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry is the contact point on all matters relating to the implementation of the WTO Agreements, and has the overall responsibility of ensuring that the obligations under the Agreements are fulfilled. According to the requirements of the Agreement, the Government of the Republic of Zambia has designated the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry as the Notification Authority and the Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS) as the National Enquiry Point for WTO/TBT Notifications.
 4. The principal responsibility of the National Notification Authority is the fulfilment of the notifications obligations under the TBT Agreement while the responsibilities of the National Enquiry Point include: responding to technical enquiries from other WTO Members regarding Zambia's domestic regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures in force.
 5. ZABS is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament and draws its mandate from the Standards Act, Cap 416 of the Laws of Zambia. ZABS is responsible for the development and promulgation of National Quality Standards and offers Metrology, Testing and Quality Assurance services in relation to goods, services, processes and practices. The implementation and administration of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade is therefore supported by the Standards Act 1994, Cap 416 of the Laws of Zambia.
 6. Notices regarding Standards and Technical Regulations developed issued or adopted by the Zambian Government are published in the Zambia Government Gazette.

7. Zambia, through ZABS has accepted the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards (Annex 3 to the TBT Agreement).

8. The Documentation and Information Centre at ZABS is the WTO/TBT Enquiry Point for disseminating information to stakeholders in fulfilling Zambia's obligations in line with the TBT Agreement.

9. All enquiries concerning Zambia's domestic regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures in force should be addressed to:

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