

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

Communication from Jamaica

Addendum

The following statement under Article 15, paragraph 2 of the Agreement has been received from the Government of Jamaica.

1. Government Departments in Jamaica which are responsible for the operation of technical regulations, standards, and conformity assessment procedures are aware of Jamaica's obligations under the TBT Agreement. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade has overall responsibility for ensuring that obligations under the Agreement are honoured. The Agreement is, for the most part, being implemented through existing legislation, for example, the Standards Act 1968, the Process Foods Act 1955, the Weights and Measures Act 1976 and the Food and Drug Act 1964. The need for institutional and legislative reform in this area is recognized.
2. Notices of proposed technical regulations, and standards are published in the Jamaica Gazette.
3. In general a period of at least 60 days is allowed for making comments on the adoption of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures.
4. The enquiry point of Jamaica for the purposes of Articles 10.1 and 10.3 is:

Jamaica Bureau of Standards  
6 Winchester Road  
P.O. Box 113  
Kingston 10

Tel:       +(876) 926-3140-6  
              +(876) 968-2063-71  
Fax:       +(876) 929- 4736  
Email:     jbs@cwjamaica.com

5. In accordance with Article 10.10, responsibility for the implementation of the Agreement at the national level rest with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. The address is:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade  
21 Dominica Drive  
Kingston 5  
Jamaica, W.I.

Tel: + (876) 926-4220-8  
Fax: + (876) 929-6733  
Email: [ftmfa@cwjamaica.com](mailto:ftmfa@cwjamaica.com)

6. Responsibility for the adoption of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures rest fully with the Government of Jamaica. Government Departments responsible for the adoption and operation of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are aware of Jamaica's obligations on notifications under the Agreement.

7. In accordance with Article 10.11, Government Departments which adopt technical regulations in Jamaica are:

- (a) Ministry of Commerce and Technology
    - Jamaica Bureau of Standards
    - Infestation Division
  - (b) Ministry of Health
    - Public Health Inspection Services
    - Pharmaceutical Services Department
    - Pesticides Control Authority
  - (c) Ministry of Agriculture
    - Plant Quarantine Division
    - Veterinary Division
  - (d) Ministry of Environment and Housing
    - Natural Resources Conservation Authority
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