

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

Communication from Jordan

Addendum

The following statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

**I. THE LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TAKEN
AS A RESULT OF THE NEGOTIATION OF THE AGREEMENT OR CURRENTLY IN
EXISTENCE TO ENSURE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE
APPLIED:**

1. To ensure that the provisions of the TBT Agreement are fulfilled and that Jordan's commitments to the WTO are met, Jordan has incorporated all of the activities covered in the TBT Agreement in the fields of standards, technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and information within the provisions of the new Standards and Metrology Law No. (22) for the Year 2000, which has been effective since 16 May 2000. The below table shows the Article in the Agreement and where it was incorporated in the Standards and Metrology Law.

Reference of TBT Article	Reference of Standards and Metrology Law
Article 1.2 and Annex 1	Article 2/Definitions
Article 1.3	Article 5.a.1
Article 2.1	Article 16.a
Article 2.2	Article 11.b
Article 2.3	Article 12.b
Article 2.4	Article 11.c
Article 2.5	Article 11.b
Article 2.6	Article 5.11
Article 2.7	Article 12.a

Reference of TBT Article	Reference of Standards and Metrology Law
Article 2.8	Article 11.a
Article 2.9	Article 23.a
Article 2.9.1	Article 23.a.1
Article 2.9.2	Article 23.a.2
Article 2.9.3	Article 25.a.3
Article 2.9.4	Article 23.a.3
Article 2.10	Article 23.c
Article 2.10.1	Article 23.c.1
Article 2.10.2	Article 25.a.3
Article 2.10.3	Article 23.c.3, 23.c.1
Article 2.11	Article 23.b
Article 2.12	Article 23.b
Article 4	Implied in Article 13
Article 5.1.1	Article 14.b
Article 5.1.2	Article 14.a
Article 5.2.1	Article 15.a
Article 5.2.2	Article 15.a
Article 5.2.3	Article 15.a
Article 5.2.4	Article 15.c
Article 5.2.5	Article 15.a
Article 5.2.7	Article 15.b
Article 5.2.8	Article 15.a
Article 5.4	Article 14.a
Article 5.5	Article 5.11
Article 5.6	Article 23.a

Reference of TBT Article	Reference of Standards and Metrology Law
Article 5.6.1	Article 23.a.1
Article 5.6.2	Article 23.a.2
Article 5.6.3	Article 25.a.3
Article 5.6.4	Article 23.a.3
Article 5.7	Article 23.c
Article 5.7.1	Article 23.c.1
Article 5.7.2	Article 25.a.3
Article 5.7.3	Article 23.c.3, Article 23.c.1
Article 5.8	Article 23.b
Article 5.9	Article 23.b
Article 6.1	Article 15.a
Article 6.1.1	Article 20.d
Article 6.3	Article 19. 20.c
Article 6.4	Implied in Article 20.b
Article 10.1	Article 25
Article 10.1.1	Article 25.a.1
Article 10.1.2	Article 25.a.1
Article 10.1.3	Article 25.a.1
Article 10.1.4	Article 25.a.2
Article 10.4	Article 25.a.3
Annex 3	Article 13
A, B, C, D, H, J, K, L, M, N of Annex 3	Implied in Article 13
E of Annex 3	Article 11.b
F of Annex 3	Article 11.c
G of Annex 3	Article 5.11

Reference of TBT Article	Reference of Standards and Metrology Law
I of Annex 3	Article 11.a
O of Annex 3	Article 23.b
P of Annex 3	Article 25.a.3

2. The Jordanian Institution of Standards and Metrology (JISM) is the sole authority responsible for issuing standards in the Kingdom in accordance with Article (5.b) of the Standards and Metrology Law. However, other ministries and governmental bodies may issue technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures, but must comply with the provisions incorporated in the Standards and Metrology Law (Article (24)).

3. Moreover, Jordan has adopted the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards in Article (13) of the Law. JISM is currently revising the Instructions for the Preparation of Standards to ensure their compliance to the Code of Good Practice.

II. THE NAME OF THE PUBLICATIONS USED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WORK IS PROCEEDING ON DRAFT REGULATIONS OR STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSMENT OF CONFORMITY AND THOSE IN WHICH THE TEXTS OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS OR PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSMENT OF CONFORMITY ARE PUBLISHED UNDER ARTICLES 2.9.1, 2.11; 3.1 (IN RELATION TO 2.9.1) AND 2.11); 5.6.1, 5.8; 7.1, 8.1 AND 9.2 (IN RELATION TO 5.6.1 AND 5.8); AND PARAGRAPHS J, L AND O OF ANNEX 3 OF THE AGREEMENT:

4. The publication used to announce that work is proceeding on draft standards and procedures for assessment of conformity is called "the Standards and Metrology's News", which is issued every three months and contains the Institution's work plan. The Board at JISM might then adopt draft standards as technical regulations, if they fulfil any of their legitimate objectives.

5. The titles of the technical regulations and the conformity assessment procedures' instructions are published in the Official Gazette. The WTO is notified at an early stage of the products covered by the proposed technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures, together with a summary of their objectives and rationale. The actual texts are not published but are available at the Information Center/TBT Enquiry Point upon request.

III. THE EXPECTED LENGTH OF TIME ALLOWED FOR PRESENTATION OF COMMENTS IN WRITING ON TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, STANDARDS OR PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSMENT OF CONFORMITY UNDER ARTICLES 2.9.4 AND 2.10.3; 3.1 (IN RELATION TO 2.9.4 AND 2.10.3); 5.6.4 AND 5.7.3; 7.1, 8.1 AND 9.2 (IN RELATION TO 5.6.4 AND 5.7.3); AND PARAGRAPH L OF ANNEX 3 OF THE AGREEMENT:

6. The time allowed for Members to present their comments in writing on proposed technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures is 60 days as suggested by the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade.

IV. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ENQUIRY POINT(S) FORESEEN IN ARTICLES 10.1 AND 10.3 OF THE AGREEMENT:

7. Name of the enquiry point: TBT Enquiry Point
Address: Enquiry Point
Information Center
Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology
Postal address: P.O. Box 941287
Amman – 11194 Jordan

Contact person: Rula Madanat/Director of Information Center
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Fax: +962-6-5681099
E-mail: jism@nic.net.jo

V. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY OTHER AGENCIES THAT HAVE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THOSE FORESEEN IN ARTICLES 10.10 AND 10.11 OF THE AGREEMENT:

8. The body that performs tasks related to standardization, technical regulations and conformity assessment is:

Jordan Institution for Standards and Metrology
Postal address: P.O. Box 941287 Amman
11194 Jordan
Contact person: Hassan Saudi/General Director

Tel: +962-6-5680139
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Email: jism@nic.net.jo

9. The Standards and Metrology Law as mentioned above grants other official bodies the right to prepare, adopt and apply technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures. These official bodies must comply with provisions of the aforementioned Law, which are in compliance with the Agreement. There is no other TBT enquiry point, except the one mentioned above, in the Kingdom.

The TBT Notification Body is:
Address: Directorate of International Organization Affairs
Ministry of Industry and Trade
Postal address: P.O. Box 2019 Amman
11181 Jordan
Contact Person: Miss Maha Ali

Tel: +962-6-5607191
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VI. MEASURES AND ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT NATIONAL AND SUB-NATIONAL AUTHORITIES PREPARING NEW TECHNICAL REGULATIONS OR PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSMENT OF CONFORMITY , OR SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING ONES, PROVIDE EARLY INFORMATION ON THEIR PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE MEMBERS IN QUESTION TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS ON NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLES 5.7, 5.6, 3.2, 2.10, 2.9 AND 7.2 OF THE AGREEMENT:

Announcing standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures

10. Article 23

A. When international standards, guidelines or recommendations do not exist or the technical content of a proposed technical regulation or conformity procedure is not in accordance with the technical content of the relevant international standards, guidelines or recommendations, and if the proposed technical regulation or the conformity assessment procedure may have a significant effect on trade, the Institution and any other relevant official body shall:

- (i) Publish a notice in its newsletter at an early stage of preparation of the proposed new technical regulation or conformity assessment procedure.
- (ii) Notify the World Trade Organization (WTO) through the national competent authority at an early stage of the products to be covered by the proposed new or amended technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures, together with a brief summary of their objectives and rationale. A reasonable time shall be allowed for written comments from the WTO's Members thereupon, and such comments shall be taken into account without discrimination and shall be incorporated, where appropriate, into the finalized version of the technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures.
- (iii) Upon request thereof, any interested parties shall be allowed to become acquainted with the proposed technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures.

B. The conformity assessment procedures instructions, and the numbers and titles of the standards and technical regulations, the prices for obtaining such, and the effective date thereof shall be published in the Official Gazette, provided that the approved instructions, standards and technical regulations enter into force in not less than three months from the publication date.

C. Notwithstanding what is stated in this Article, where urgent problems of national security, safety, health, or environmental protection arise, technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures may be approved and applied immediately, provided that:

- (i) The WTO is notified immediately of that and of the products to be covered by these technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures, together with a brief summary of their objectives and rationale, provided that the written comments received from the WTO Members shall be taken into account.
 - (ii) Publish the titles of the technical regulations and the conformity assessment procedures' instructions in the Official Gazette.
 - (iii) Upon request thereof, any interested parties shall be allowed to become acquainted with the approved technical regulation or conformity assessment procedures.
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