

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

Communication from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Addendum

The following statement made under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has been received from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

1. In order to give the provisions contained in the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade the force of Law, the Agreement must be enacted into Law. All relevant Government Departments and Regulatory Authorities responsible for the implementation and administration of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures have been provided with copies of the Agreement, and have been informed accordingly of their obligation under it.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade is the central authority responsible for notifications under the WTO Agreement. The Ministry also serves as the Focal Point for disseminating information to departments and authorities on Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' obligations under the Agreement. Its address is:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade
3rd Floor Administrative Center
Bay Street
Kingstown
Saint Vincent, West Indies

Telephone: 784 456 2442
Telefax: 784 456 2610
Email: mtrade@caribsurf.com

3. In accordance with Article 10 of the WTO/TBT Agreement, the Enquiry Point of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for Standards, Technical Regulations, Certification and Conformity Assessment Procedures is:

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Bureau of Standards
P.O. Box 1506
Kingstown
Saint Vincent, West Indies

Telephone: 784 457 8092
Telefax: 784 457 8175
E-mail: svgbs@caribsurf.com

4. The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Bureau of Standards (SVGBS) is responsible for the preparation, promotion and implementation of national standards in relation to goods, services, processors and practices. These standards are based on and /or adopted from international standards of ISO, CODEX and IEC. The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Bureau of Standards holds membership in Codex Alimentarius and the CARICOM Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ).

5. The scope of the work of the SVGBS includes:

- Standardization;
- Quality assurance and control;
- Quality systems implementation and facilitation;
- Metrology;
- Product certification; and
- Testing and conformity assessment.

6. The national legislation governing standards, technical regulations and certification includes the following:

- Standards Act No. 70 of 1992.

7. Notice of all standards/technical regulations made by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines are published in the Official Government Gazette. The general public is also informed through the local press. National Standards are published by the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Bureau of Standards (SVGBS) and the existence of national standards is made known through the press and in the SVGBS Standards Catalogue.
