

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

### Communication from Papua New Guinea

#### Revision

The following statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has been received from Papua New Guinea.

### **I. RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

1. The circulation of the WTO Agreement, including the TBT Agreement, to all governmental and statutory bodies requires them to comply with its principles and provisions.
2. Act – 1993, which established the National Institute of Standards and Industrial Technology (NISIT), requires NISIT to assist all sectors of the Papua New Guinea (PNG) economy to reduce technical barriers to trade. NISIT is the responsible agency for standard-setting activities and for the accreditation of laboratories. The Technical Standards Division of NISIT is responsible for drafting primary and industrial standards. The Papua New Guinea Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (PNGLAS), a division in NISIT, is responsible for the accreditation of testing and calibration laboratories.

### **II. TRANSPARENCY**

#### **A. PUBLICATIONS**

3. Papua New Guinea notices of draft technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are published in the PNG local newspapers and in the NISIT Quarterly Newsletter.
4. Papua New Guinea notices of adopted technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are published in the Papua New Guinea National Gazette. They are then published in the PNG local newspapers and in the NISIT Quarterly Newsletter.
5. All technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are published in two of NISIT's documents: Technical regulations are published in the "Register of Mandatory Standards, Reference in the Legislation of PNG". Standards and conformity assessment procedures are published in the "Papua New Guinea Standards Catalogue". They can also be consulted on the NISIT website ([www.nisit.gov.pg](http://www.nisit.gov.pg)).

B. TIME ALLOWED FOR COMMENTS

6. According to NISIT Directive 1994 – Part I, the TBT Agreement and the TBT Committee's Recommendation, at least two months (60 days) are provided for comments on PNG draft technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures. Time may vary depending on the urgency.

7. Notices of all PNG draft technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are published in the local newspaper and in the NISIT newsletter. In future, notices will be published on the website. Notices of drafts are also circulated directly to the relevant parties.

C. ENQUIRY POINT

8. The National Institute of Standards and Industrial Technology (NISIT) is the TBT Enquiry Point:

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