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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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

### Communication from the Republic of Sierra Leone

#### Addendum

The following communication under Article 15.2 of the Agreement has been received from the Republic of Sierra Leone.

1. The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone accepted with effect from 15 January 1995, Agreements establishing the WTO, the Agreements and the associated Legal Instruments included in Annexes 1, 2 & 3 (*Inter alia* the Agreements on the WTO).
2. The Ministry of Trade and Industry, which is responsible for the implementation of the WTO Agreements, has the overall responsibility for ensuring that the obligations under the agreements are fulfilled.
3. A National Coordinating Committee on Trade (NCCT), an Advisory Body on trade and trade-related matters has been approved by Cabinet, and is charged with the responsibility of trade policy coordination.
4. The membership of the NCCT consists of relevant government Ministries, agencies and the private sector, namely:
  - (i) Office of the Vice President.
  - (ii) Customs and Excise Department.
  - (iii) Sierra Leone Standards Bureau.
  - (iv) Sierra Leone Ports Authority.
  - (v) Sierra Leone Telecommunications Company (SIERRATEL).
  - (vi) Administrator and Registrar General's Department.
  - (vii) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation.
  - (viii) National Commission for Privatization.
  - (ix) National Tourist Board.
  - (x) Sierra Leone Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (SLCCIA).
  - (xi) National Cooperative Development Bank (NCDB).
  - (xii) Ministry of Tourism and Culture.
  - (xiii) Sierra Leone Export Development and Investment Corporation (SLEDIC).
  - (xiv) Ministry of Finance.
  - (xv) Ministry of Marine Resources.
  - (xvi) Sierra Leone Indigenous Businessmen Association (SLIBA).
  - (xvii) Ministry of Transport and Communications

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- (xviii) The Cooperative Department
- (ix) The Income Tax Department.
- (xx) Statistics Sierra Leone.
- (xxi) Bank of Sierra Leone.
- (xxii) Ministry of Trade and Industry (Chair).

5. The Sierra Leone Standards Bureau (The Bureau) is the WTO/TBT Enquiry Point in Sierra Leone. The Bureau has been designated by the Ministry of Trade and Industry as the Focal Point for disseminating information to stakeholders, in fulfillment of Sierra Leone's obligations, in line with the TBT Agreement.

6. The Bureau's address is as follows:

WTO/TBT Enquiry Point  
Sierra Leone Standards Bureau  
SLPMB Headquarters Building  
C.T. BOX 11  
Cline Town Freetown  
Sierra Leone.

Telephone: + (232) 22 228374  
E-mail: slstandard@sierratel.sl

7. The Sierra Leone Standards Bureau operates under the regulatory framework of the Standards Act no. 2 of 1996 and is responsible for standardization, testing, certification and metrology. The mode of preparation of Sierra Leone Standards involves all the relevant stakeholders with all standards based on international standards.

8. Notices of standards/codes of practice/technical regulations designated by the Sierra Leone Standards Bureau are published in the Sierra Leone Gazette, the official publication of Government.

9. The Sierra Leone Standards Bureau is the coordinating organ for all standards activities in Sierra Leone.

10. Another government agency involved in conformity assessment is the Sierra Leone Pharmacy Board, responsible for the registration of drugs.

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