

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

Communication from the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Addendum

The following communication, under Article 15.2 of the Agreement has been received from the Delegation of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

**I. RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The process of implementation and administration of the TBT Agreement is supported by the following legislative acts:

**A. LAW ON STANDARDIZATION**

1. The Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution Ordinance; 1985 (Ordinance No. XXXVII of 1985) regulates the objective and principles of the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution for Standardization, its scope of activities, membership and funding, the preparation, adoption/formulation and publication of the Bangladesh national standards and their application.

**B. LAW ON PRODUCTS' MANDATORY TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT**

2. Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution Ordinance, 1985; BSTI (Amendment) Act, 2003 and regulations made there-under govern the certification marks scheme, under which the manufacturer/importers get licence from BSTI to use the standard marks on products produced/imported by them in conformity with the relevant Bangladesh Standards (BDS).

**C. LAW ON METROLOGY**

3. "The Standards of Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1982" (Ordinance No.XII of 1982), "The Bangladesh Standards of Weights and Measures Rules, 1982" and "The Standards of Weights and Measures (Amendment) Act, 2001" were promulgated by the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh to introduce and implement the Metric System (SI unit) of weights and measures in the country; and to build up infrastructure of legal metrology in Bangladesh.

4. These laws regulate the following mandatory matters, amongst others:
- (a) Every manufacturer and dealer of commercial weights and measures have to obtain licence from BSTI;
  - (b) Every commercial weights and measures are to be verified and stamped by BSTI every year;
  - (c) Every exporter and importer of weights and measures are to be registered with BSTI;
  - (d) Use of non-metric weights and measures is completely banned by the law.

## **II. TRANSPARENCY**

5. The address, telephone, and fax numbers of National Enquiry Point on TBT are as follows:

Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution  
Maan Bhaban  
116/A, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka – 1208  
Bangladesh  
Tel: +8802989760  
Fax: +88029131581  
E-mail: [bsti@bangla.net](mailto:bsti@bangla.net)  
Contact Person: Mr. M. Liaquat Ali

6. Ministry of Commerce and BSTI under the Ministry of Industry act as the notification authorities under Article 10.10 and 10.11 of the TBT Agreement.

Address, telephone and fax numbers are as follows:

Director General Council  
WTO Cell  
Ministry of Commerce  
Bangladesh Secretariat  
Dhaka – 1000

Tel: +88027164383  
Fax: +88027165741  
Email: [Min\\_com@bd\\_online.com](mailto:Min_com@bd_online.com)

7. Technical rules adopted in the form of laws and regulations are published in the Official Gazette of the People's Republic of Bangladesh are announced in the Bulletin (yearbook) of the BSTI or in the website of BSTI.
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