

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

Communication from the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

Addendum

The following statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has been received from the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

**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. The Direcção de Serviços de Normalização e Promoção de Qualidade (DSNPQ) established under the Standares Programme of UEMOA, Decree No. 12 of 2003 is a Direction of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It is charged with the responsibility of preparing, framing, modifying or amending Standards specifications under the direction of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

**II. TRANSPARENCY**

**A. PUBLICATIONS**

3. Guinea-Bissau publishes notices of draft technical regulations and standards in the local newspaper (i.e. Gazeta de Noticias, Diario de Bissau, Nô Pintcha) for the information of general public and stakeholders.
4. Guinea-Bissau publishes the adopted technical regulations and standards in the Boletim Oficial as part of the requirement of the Trade Standards and Quality Control Decree.

**B. TIME ALLOWED FOR COMMENTS**

5. In accordance with the WTO/TBT requirement, at least 60 days is allowed to stakeholders to provide comments on draft technical regulations.
6. All notices of comments for the draft technical regulations and standards are published in the newspapers as mentioned in para. 3 and notices are also circulated directly to relevant stakeholders.

C. ENQUIRY POINT

7. The Direcção de Serviços de Normalização e Promoção da Qualidade is the TBT Enquiry Point for Guinea-Bissau.

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