

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

Communication from the Republic of Niger

Addendum

The following statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has been received from the Republic of Niger.

1. The Government of the Republic of Niger accepted, with effect from January 1997, the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, together with the Agreements and associated legal instruments contained in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 (including the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade).

2. The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Standardization has overall responsibility for ensuring strict compliance with the obligations entered into under the Agreements. The Ministry is the focal point for disseminating information to the authorities of the Ministries and organizations concerned on the Republic of Niger's obligations under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. Its address is:

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3. Notices concerning technical regulations or the rules and regulations relating to certification prepared by the Government are published in ministerial orders for public information. The orders are published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Niger.

4. The Niger Supervisory Agency is responsible for verifying the conformity of products for import and export. International and other standards are adopted only if they are deemed to be applicable to the situation in the Republic of Niger.

5. The standards of the Niger Supervisory Agency are not mandatory, except for those which are incorporated in the technical regulations of the ministries on the grounds of public health and public safety.

6. The Niger Supervisory Agency is the enquiry point for standardization, quality control and certification. Its address is:

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I. RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

7. All governmental and statutory bodies are required to comply with the principles and provisions of the WTO Agreement, including the TBT Agreement.

8. The Directorate of Standardization, Quality and Metrology (DNQM), attached to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Standardization, is responsible for preparing, framing or modifying standards specifications under the direction of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Standardization.

II. TRANSPARENCY

A. PUBLICATIONS

9. The Republic of Niger publishes notices of draft technical regulations and standards in the daily information journal *Le Sahel* for the information of the general public and interested parties.

10. The Republic of Niger publishes technical regulations and standards that have been adopted in the Official Journal of the Republic.

B. TIME ALLOWED FOR COMMENTS

11. In accordance with the WTO/TBT requirement, at least 60 days is allowed to interested parties to submit comments on draft technical regulations.

12. All notices concerning comments on draft technical regulations and standards are published in a newspaper, as indicated in paragraph 9; notices are also circulated directly to the interested parties.
