

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## VOLUNTARY NOTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS OR RESPONSES

<b>1. Member notifying (including, if applicable, an indication of relevant bodies):</b> <u>UGANDA</u>
<b>2. The technical assistance activity needed or provided may be relevant to the following Article(s) of the TBT Agreement:<sup>1</sup></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Articles 2 and 3 on technical regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Article 4 and Annex 3 on standards and the Code of Good Practice <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Articles 5, 7 and 8 on development of conformity assessment procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article 6 on recognition of conformity assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article 9 on international and regional systems for conformity assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Articles 2, 5 and 10 on information exchange (e.g. notifications, enquiry point) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article 11 on technical assistance to other Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article 12 on special and differential treatment of developing country Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Article 13 on the TBT Committee (participation in work of TBT Committee) <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

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<sup>1</sup> For needs: if there is difficulty in establishing which Articles of the TBT Agreement are relevant, it is recommended that the "Needs assessment" and/or "Awareness raising" box be crossed under Point 4. Under Point 2 it may then be sufficient to cross the "Other" box and indicate "General".

**3. Brief description of objective and rationale of the technical assistance activity, including, if possible, an estimation of the resources needed or on offer (e.g., financial or man-hours):<sup>2</sup>**

To facilitate capital-based technical officials to attend meetings of the WTO TBT Committee. To facilitate the National TBT/SPS Committee Secretariat with funds required for operating and carrying out the activities of the National TBT/SPS Committee. To train technical officials on the development of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures based on international good regulatory best practices. To setup a system to be used for getting feedback from the industry and exporters on trade related problems/concerns they experience in accessing markets of WTO Member States. To replace the Internet connectivity at the WTO TBT National Enquiry Point with state-of-the-art Internet connectivity to enable the Enquiry Point to effectively carry out its information dissemination obligation as required by the TBT Agreement. To review the national conformity assessment systems with a view to develop a workable framework that facilitates trade. To benchmark the national standardization process with Annex 3 of the TBT Agreement. To support the Ugandan National Bureau of Standards in the areas where it does not have testing capacity, in accreditation of non accredited laboratories and human resource capacity development. To build capacity in developing mutual recognition agreements with a view to facilitating trade. To develop capacity in animal health systems that will lead to effective scientific risk analysis and management with regard to animal diseases, vectors, apiculture – sericulture, veterinary inspection – certification and regulatory enforcement. To carry out annual residue monitoring programme for honey and other bee products.

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<sup>2</sup> This description should explain how this activity is intended to enhance implementation of specific provision(s) of the TBT Agreement listed in Point 2.

**4. Nature and timing of technical assistance activity needed or on offer (key words):**

*Type of assistance*

- ☒ Awareness raising  
☒ Needs assessment  
☒ Skills training  
☒ Infrastructure development  
☐ Other:

*Policy area covered*

- ☒ Technical regulations  
☒ Conformity assessment procedures  
☒ Standardization  
☒ Information exchange  
☐ Other:

*Mode of delivery*

- ☒ Workshop, seminar or other event  
☒ Project-based activity  
☐ Other:

*Dates*

- ☒ Envisaged start date for activity: **Third quarter 2006**  
☐ Estimated duration:

**5. Further information available from:**

- ☒ WTO TBT National Enquiry Point  
Uganda National Bureau of Standards  
Plot M217 Nakawa Industrial Area  
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☐ Other contact point: <sup>3</sup>

☐ Other reference: <sup>4</sup> .....

<sup>3</sup> Name of a contact person with telephone and e-mail address.

<sup>4</sup> For example an Internet address, or the address of a body other than that of the Enquiry Point. For response notifications, this space could be used to make reference to previous relevant submissions or statements made in the TBT Committee (or other body).