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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 GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI

Addendum

The following communication under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) has been received from delegation of Burundi.

1. Burundi recalls that it has accepted the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO) done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994 and the agreements and instruments contained in Annexes 1, 2 and 3, including the TBT Agreement. The Ministry of Trade is responsible for ensuring compliance with the obligations assumed under all of the WTO Agreements.

2. The Burundian Standardization and Quality Control Bureau (BBN), created in 1992, is under the supervision of the Ministry responsible for trade, and manages and coordinates standardization and quality control in Burundi.

3. The BBN also acts as the enquiry point for the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and is the Codex contact point. The BBN represents Burundi in the African Regional Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO) and is a correspondent member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It is also Burundi's coordinating body for the harmonization of standards at East African Community (EAC) level. The BBN's contact details are as follows:

Address:

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Boulevard de la Tanzanie N° 500

B.P. 3535 Bujumbura - Burundi

Tel.: +257 22 22 1577 / +257 22 22 1815

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Website: <http://bbn-burundi.org>

4. The Foreign Trade Directorate is the body responsible for implementing the provisions concerning notification procedures under the TBT Agreement. The Director of Foreign Trade is the national notification authority in Burundi. The Director's contact details are as follows:

Address:

Ministère du Commerce, de l'Industrie et du Tourisme

Direction du Commerce Extérieur

B.P. 492 Bujumbura – Burundi

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5. Legislative texts relating to TBT:

1. Law No. 1/03 of 4 January 2011 on the national standardization, metrology, quality assurance and testing system;
 2. Decree No. 100/092 of 29 August 2001 on the statutes of the Burundian Standardization and Quality Control Bureau (BBN);
 3. Decree No. 100/99 of 30 March 2013 on the creation, role, organization and operation of the National Committee for the Coordination and Monitoring of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures;
 4. Letter No. 750/1207/CM/DCE/2013 appointing the national notification authority;
 5. Law No. 1/07 of 26 April 2010 on the Commercial Code;
 6. Law No. 1/06 of 25 March 2010 on the legal regime for competition;
 7. Ministerial Order No. 770/590/CAB of 1 June 2011 amending Ministerial Order No. 770/989/CAB of 21 June 2010 prohibiting the logging and exportation of *Pinus* and *Callitris* products in Burundi;
 8. Draft law revising Decree Law No. 1/033 of 30 June 1993 on plant protection in Burundi;
 9. Draft law on pesticide management in Burundi;
 10. Decision No. 750/1103/2013 banning the importation, manufacture and marketing of liquor in plastic sachets and bottles;
 11. Joint Order No. 540/1618 of 19 November 2013 on quality control of products marketed in Burundi;
 12. Order No. 750/1582 of 6 November 2013 establishing the rules and procedures for the preparation of national standards;
 13. Official Journal of Burundi (B.O.B) No. 5/2015 establishing the list of products subject to mandatory standards in Burundi.
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