



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

COMMUNICATION FROM SAMOA

Addendum

The following communication under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, dated 11 July 2017, has been received from the delegation of Samoa.

1 RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

1.1. In Samoa the application of technical regulations is governed by various legislation falling under different Ministries. The regulatory and standard-setting bodies of Samoa pursues policies based on international standards, as developed by, but not limited to the following: The International Organization for Standardization (ISO); the Codex Alimentarius; the International Organization for Legal Metrology (OIML); which Samoa is party to. The Government of Samoa shall be making use of standards, guides and recommendations or relevant parts of them developed by these International standards setting bodies as the basis for our national technical regulations.

1.1 TBT-Relevant Legislation

1.2. The "Food Act, 2015", the "Competition and Consumer Act, 2016", and the "Metrology Act, 2015" are the main legislations that ensure full compliance with the TBT Agreement. The "Food Act, 2015" contains provisions for food safety and human health. The Act comprised a comprehensive set of provisions, which regulates: any food harmful to human health; the sale of poisonous or unwholesome food; deception of character, nature, composition and quality of food (including clear labelling, packaging or advertisements); sanitation in premises where food was being prepared. The Act also regulates the importation of foods, with a focus on labelling.

1.3. The "Competition and Consumer Act, 2016" provides for the protection of consumers, promotion and improvement of competition in trade in Samoa. The Act also provides for the implementation and enforcement of policies, pursuant to protect consumers from unfair practices.

1.4. The "Metrology Act, 2015" contains a comprehensive set of provisions, which covers system of units and other metric units of measurements, with the aim to provide a harmonized system to aligned with international measuring standards.

2 TRANSPARENCY

2.1. All Technical Regulations and standards governed by various Ministries are posted on the Parliament of Samoa website <http://www.palemene.ws> for public information. Before adopting a standard, it accords interested parties at least 60 days for the submission of any comments, in accordance with the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards contained in Annex 3 of the TBT Agreement.

2.2. The Fair Trading, Codex Alimentarius, Consumer Protection and Metrology Division of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour is the Enquiry Point of the Government of Samoa, and can be contacted at:

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