

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

Communication from Antigua and Barbuda

Addendum

The following statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has been received from Antigua and Barbuda.

In conformity with Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda wishes to inform the Committee of the measures in existence or taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement. Any changes thereafter shall also be notified to the Committee.

1. All government departments and regulatory authorities responsible for the implementation and administration of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures have been supplied with copies of the Agreement, and have been informed accordingly of the obligations under it. No special legislation is needed in Antigua and Barbuda to implement the Agreement.
2. The Antigua and Barbuda Bureau of Standards is a body corporate established under the Standards Act Cap. 411. It is charged with the responsibility to prepare, promote and maintain standards in relation to goods, services, process and practices under the Standards Act Cap. 411 and the Standards Regulations (No. 2 of 1998).
3. Notices of all proposed draft standards are published in the newspapers and the Antigua and Barbuda Gazette. Interested persons are given a period of sixty days to make written comments. In certain cases this could be extended or reduced.
4. Compulsory standards declaration and the date from which compulsory standards shall come into effect are published in the Antigua and Barbuda Gazette.
5. In accordance with Article 10.1 and 10.3 of the Agreement the enquiry point is:

The Antigua and Barbuda Bureau of Standards (ABBS)
Cnr Redcliffe Street & Corn Alley
P.O. Box 1550
St. John's
Antigua (W.I.)

Tel: +(268) 462-1542
Fax; +(268) 462-1625
Email: abbs@candw.ag

6. The Ministry of Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Commerce has overall responsibility for ensuring the obligations under the Agreement are honoured. The address is:

The Ministry of Economic Development
Trade, Industry & Commerce
Cnr. Redcliffe St & Corn Alley
P.O. Box 1550
St. John's, ANTIGUA

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7. In accordance with Article 10.11 Government departments that adopt technical regulations in Antigua and Barbuda include:

- (a) Ministry of Economic Development, Trade, Industry & Commerce;
 - (b) Ministry of Health;
 - (c) Ministry of Agriculture;
 - (d) Ministry of Environment.
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