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CHAPTER 295**STANDARDS (PREPARATION AND DECLARATION)
REGULATIONS***(Section 6, 8, 9 and 19)*

23 of 1997.

Act 4 of 1992.

[15th March, 1997.]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

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2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:-

Interpretation.

(a) “Act” means the Standards Act;

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(b) A word or a phrase not specifically defined in these Regulations but defined in the Act shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Act.

3. (1) In the exercise of the powers conferred upon the Bureau by section 6 of the Act, it shall be lawful for the Bureau to appoint technical committees to assist it in the preparation, formulation, adaptation or adoption of specifications intended to be declared as standards.

Technical committees.

(2) The technical committees referred to in sub-regulation (1) above shall include persons

(a) with an expert knowledge of the subject, article or activity;

(b) with experience in the activity or the manufacture

or use of the article;

- (c) representative of consumers, users, branches of commerce and industry, Government Departments, and those whose interest may thereby be affected.

(3) If in any particular case it is not practical or feasible to set up a technical committee as provided in sub-regulations (1) and (2) above, the staff of the Bureau may prepare, formulate, adapt or adopt specifications intended to be declared as standards after consultations with persons:-

- (a) with an expert knowledge or experience of the subject, article or activity; and
- (b) representative of consumers, users, branches of commerce and industry, Government Departments, and those whose interests may thereby be affected.

Procedure for
declaration of
standards.

4. (1) Where the Bureau proposes to recommend to the Standards Council that a specification be declared a standard, it shall publish a notice to that effect, inviting comments from the public and persons interested in or affected by the matter.

(2) The notice shall be published on two occasions in the *Gazette*, in a newspaper circulating in Belize, and in other media. The notice shall include:-

- (a) the title and scope of the specification;
- (b) the reference and title of any foreign or international document from which it was adopted, if applicable;

- (c) the address where details or copies of specification may be obtained;
- (d) the last date on which comments may be received;
- (e) the address to which comments may be received;
- (f) whether it is intended to recommend the specification as compulsory or otherwise.

(3) All comments received in response to the notice shall be considered by the technical committee or by the staff of the Bureau; as the case may be; and the specification may be modified, varied or amended accordingly.

(4) The Bureau shall prepare a report on the comments received in response to the notice and on any modifications, variations or amendments made to the specification.

(5) The Bureau shall submit to the Standards Council a copy of the specification with any variation, modification or amendments thereon, together with the report referred to in sub-regulation (4) above, if it recommends that the specification be declared a standard.

(6) If the Standards Council agree that a specification be declared a standard three copies thereof shall be signed by the Chairperson of the Council and by the Director of Standards appointed under section 4 of the Act.

No. 4 of 1992.

5. A recommendation from the Standards Council to the Minister that a standard be declared compulsory shall include:

Recommendation of compulsory standards to Minister.

- (a) a copy of the standard, signed by the Chairperson and the Director;
- (b) a statement, signed by the Chairperson and

- Director that the standard has been submitted for public comment before declaration by the Council, and indicating the reasons why the standard is recommended to be compulsory;
- (c) a recommendation as to the date from which the standard shall have effect as compulsory, together with a draft Order required under section 9 (3) of the Act.
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- Amendments and withdrawals of standards. 6. Where the Minister does not accept the recommendation of the Standards Council, the standard may continue to be used as a voluntary standard until amended or withdrawn.
- Procedure on amendments or withdrawals of standards. 7. The procedures of Regulations 4 and 5 shall apply to any proposals for amendments to voluntary or compulsory standards that have been declared, or for the withdrawal thereof:
- Provided that correction of typographical or arithmetical errors shall not be deemed to be amendments for the purposes of this Regulation.
- Commencement. 8. These Regulations shall come into force upon signature.

MADE by the Minister of Trade and Industry this 4th day of March, 1997.

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