

SADC TECHNICAL REGULATION LIAISON COMMITTEE (SADCTRLC)



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SADCTRLC

- Established in terms of the the TBT Annex to SADC Protocol on Trade (SADC TBT Annex);
and
- Promote and facilitate implementation of the SADC Technical Regulation Framework.

SADC Technical Regulation Framework

- The objective of the Framework provides the identification, prevention and elimination of unnecessary TBTs amongst the Member States and between SADC and other Regional and International Trading Blocks through harmonized texts, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures in order to facilitate and increase trade.

SADC Technical Regulation Framework cont..

- The purpose of harmonization and equivalence is not to establish identical technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures for the protection of human animal or plant life and health, safety, prevention of deceptive practices and protection of the environment, but to facilitate and increase trade.

Specific Functions of the SADCTRLC

- Develop mechanisms to facilitate equivalence and incorporation of harmonized text in technical regulations;
- Request TBT Cooperation Structures to develop appropriate standards, conformity assessment procedures, and support Conformity Assessment Services for use in the regulatory domain;
- Facilitate access to current databases and information of Member States technical regulations.
- Participate in mediation and conciliation in respect of technical regulations

Structure of the SADCTRLC

- Executive Committee
- Ordinary Members
- Associate members
- Stakeholders

Stakeholders

- SADC Technical Regulations Liaison Committee (SADCTRLC)
- SADC TBT Stakeholders Committee (SADCTBTSC)
- SADC Cooperation in Accreditation (SADCA)
- SADC Cooperation in Legal Metrology (SADCMEL)
- SADC Cooperation in Measurement Traceability (SADCMET)
- SADC Cooperation in Standardisation (SADCSTAN)
- SADC TBT Expert Group (TBTEG)

SADCTRLC Current Work Programme

- SADCTRLC Website;
- Regulatory and Risk and Impact Assessment (RIA) Guidelines;
- Data Collection SADC Baseline Study on Technical Regulations Affecting Trade in the SADC Region;
- Need Analysis: Globally Harmonised System on the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) Project/s; and
- SADC Non-compliant products alert system.

Brief Regulatory System in SA

- Legislation (the Act)
- Department of Trade and Industry (**the dti**)
- NRCS
- Key Institutions (NMISA, SABS, and SANAS)
- Consultations
- RIA
- Technical Regulations (VC Model)

Thank You
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