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**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade** 

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

## 1. Notifying Member: BOTSWANA

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

## 2. Agency responsible:

Botswana WTO-TBT Enquiry Point

Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:

BOTSWANA BUREAU OF STANDARDS PRIVATE BAG BO 48 GABORONE BOTSWANA TEL: (+267) 3903200 FAX: (+267) 3903120 EMAIL: <u>infoc@hq.bobstandards.bw</u> <u>enquires@bobstandards.bw</u> Toll free: 0800 600 941

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): ICS and HS not applicable
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: STANDARDS (COMPULSORY STANDARDS) REGULATIONS, 2023 (Published on 23rd June 2023); (35 page(s), in English)
- **6. Description of content:** These Regulations shall apply to:
  - a. Procedures for inspection, testing and certification of products that are imported into Botswana in a manner consistent with the provisions of the TBT Annex to the SADC Trade Protocol and the WTO/TBT Agreement Principles;
  - b. Procedures for inspection, testing and certification of products that are locally manufactured in Botswana in a manner consistent with the provisions of the TBT Annex to the SADC Trade Protocol and the WTO/TBT Agreement Principles; and
  - c. the protection for human safety or health, environmental protection, legitimate security interests and prevention of deceptive practices.

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- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of animal or plant life or health; Protection of the environment; Quality requirements; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade
- 8. Relevant documents: STANDARDS ACT 1995 (Cap. 43:07)
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: 3 months

Proposed date of entry into force: 3 months

## **10.** Final date for comments: Six months

**11.** Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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