

# THE STANDARDIZATION PROCESS AND PUBLICATION PRACTISES

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# HISTORY OF DBOS

➤ **DBOS** is the National Standards Body as mandated by Standards Act No. 4 of 1999 to develop and promote standards.

## ➤ **January 2000**

-DBOS was designated the WTO/TBT Enquiry Point on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica; and

-Codex Contact Point

## ➤ **January 2005**

- DBOS became the National Authority for the organization for the Prohibition of the Chemical Weapons(OPCW)

## MISSION OF THE DBOS

- *To facilitate continual improvement in the global competitiveness of Dominican Goods and Services and enhance the overall quality of Life of the Citizenry of the Commonwealth of Dominica through the Promotion and Maintenance of Standards and Standards-related Activities.*

## VISION

- *To be a leading National Standardization Body in the Region.*

# RESPONSIBILITY

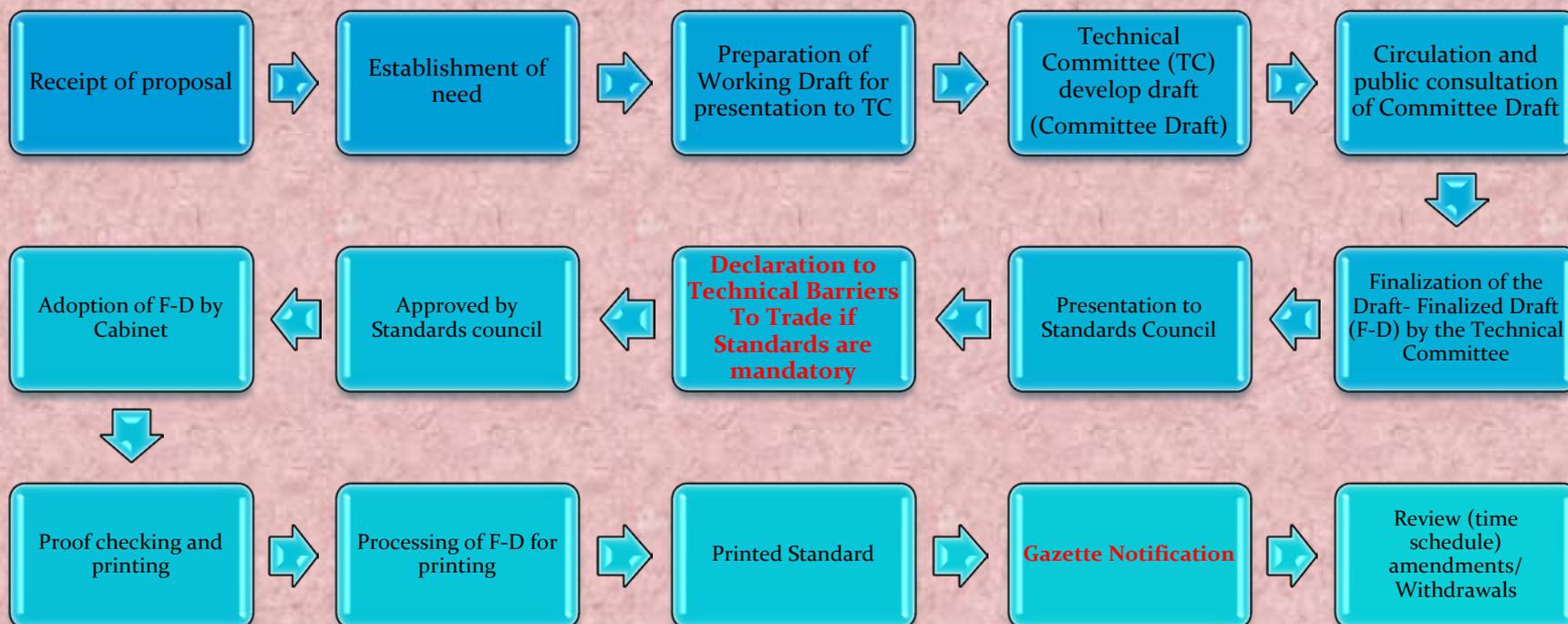
- The Dominica Bureau of Standards has the responsibility for the TBT Enquiry Point.
- The Ministry of Employment, trade, industry, and Diaspora Affairs had the responsibility for the TBT Notification Authority.



# DBOS Standards Development PROCESS

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# PROCESS FOR STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT



## ADOPTED STANDARDS

<u>DNCP 1 Part 1 2007</u>	Code of practice for General Principles of Food Hygiene
<u>DNS 2 Part 1 2007</u>	General Principles for the labelling of Goods
<u>DNS 2 Part 2 2007</u>	Specifications for the labelling of Prepackaged Goods
<u>DNS Part 3 2007</u>	Specifications for the labelling of Prepackaged Foods
<u>DNS Part 4 2007</u>	Specifications for the Care Labelling of Textiles
<u>DNS Part 5 2007</u>	Specifications for the labelling of All Products Manufactured from Textiles
<u>DNS Part 6 2007</u> <u>#CS97030</u>	Specifications for labelling of Domestic Electrical Appliances
<u>DNS 10 2007</u>	Specifications for the labelling of Brewery Products
<u>DNS Part 8 2007</u>	Specifications for the labelling of Retail Packages of Cigarettes
<u>DNS 19 Part 3 2007</u>	Specifications for the Lead Content in Paints



# PROPOSED STANDARDS FOR ADOPTION

<b>DNS 3: 2012 (CRS 27: 2010)</b>	<b>Specification for Fruit and Vegetable Juices and Drinks, and Fruit Nectars</b>
<b>DNS 4: 2012</b>	<b>Specification for Hollow Concrete Blocks</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 1: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 1: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Banana</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 2: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 2: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Cabbage</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 3: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 3: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Grapefruit</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 4: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 4: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Hot Peppers</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 5: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 5: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Mangoes</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 6: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 6: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Oranges;</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 7: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 7: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Pineapples</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 8: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 8: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Pumpkins</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 9: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 9: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Sweet Peppers</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 10: 2012 (CRS 24: Part 10: 2009)</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Tomatoes</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 11: 2012</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Dasheen</b>
<b>DNS 7: Part 12: 2012</b>	<b>Specification for Grading of Agricultural Produce: Plantain</b>



# STANDARDS NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION

# STANDARDS NOTIFICATION

- Notification by the Minister responsible for Standards (National Level)
  - This process is outline in the Standards Regulation.
  - The Minister issues a first Notice informing the public of his intent to adopt the standard (s) as Dominica standard (The step allows for 90 days for public comment).
  - A second notice is issued informing the public of the adoption of the standard and effective date of implementation.
- Notifications to the WTO
  - Draft notifications and related document are prepared by DBOS and submitted to the Ministry of Trade, the National Notification Authority.
  - Draft Notifications and related document are reviewed and finalised by the Ministry and Submitted to the WTO for comments.



## PRINCIPLES OF THE WTO TBT AGREEMENT

- Regulations and certification procedures shall not create unnecessary obstacles;
- Adoption of appropriate standards for interests of overriding importance;
- Applying of international standards;
- No discrimination: between countries or between domestic and external products;
- Recognition of conformity assessments procedures; and
- Notification of all new or changed regulations.



# WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS OF REGULATORY BODIES?

If international standards, guides or recommendations are not available

AND

Technical regulations/conformity assessment procedures affect international trade



***Inform WTO and consider comments from other countries***



## TBT ARTICLES

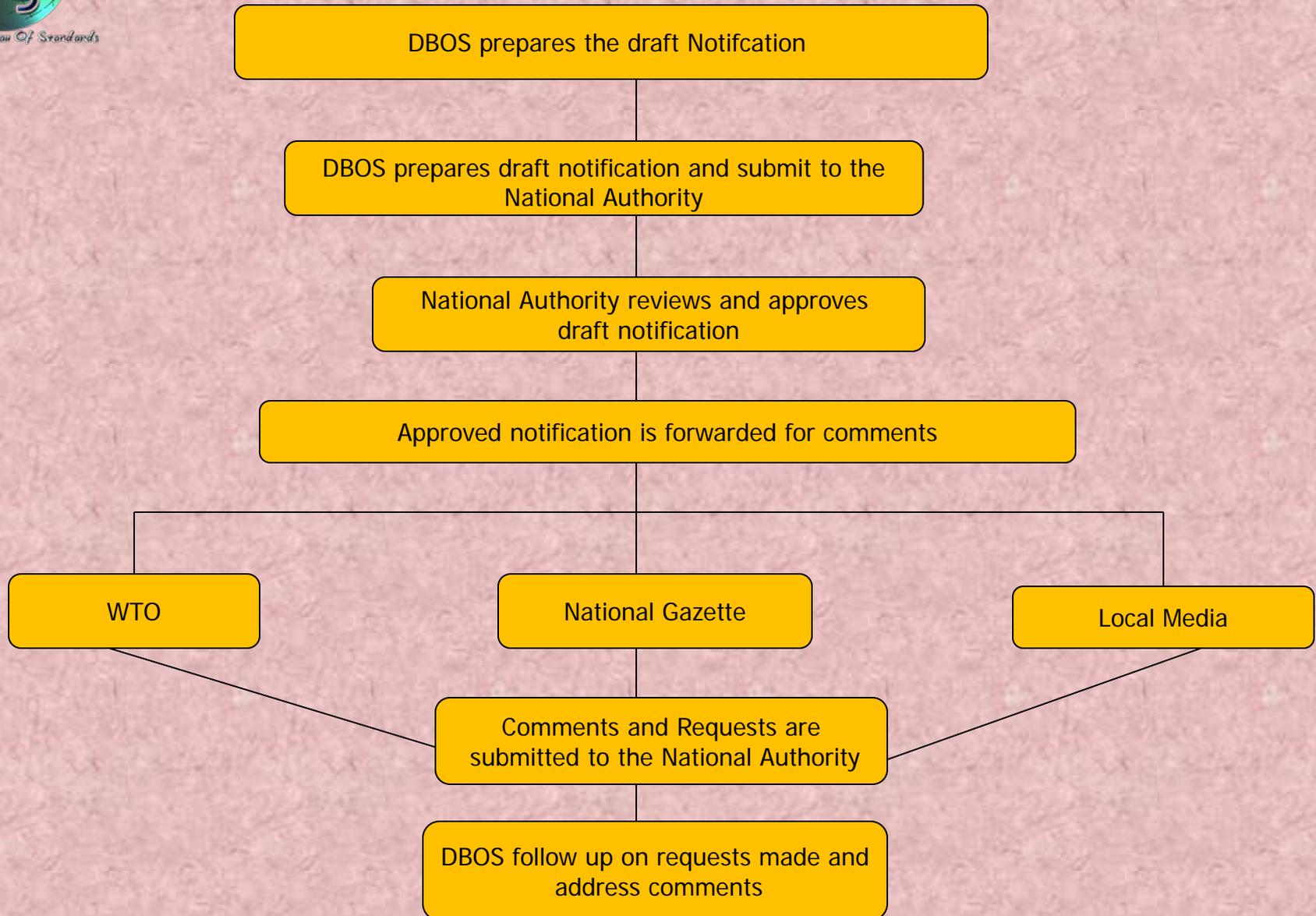
***If Technical Regulations are non-existent or the content is not in accordance with the technical content of relevant international standards;***

**ARTICLE 2.9.1** – “ Publish a notice in a publication at any early appropriate stage, in such a manner as to enable interested parties in other Members to become acquainted with it that they propose to introduce a particular technical regulation.

***Whenever a relevant guide or recommendations issued by an international standardizing body does not exist or is not in accordance with relevant guides and recommendations issued by international standardizing bodies;***

**ARTICLE 5.6.1-** “ Publish a notice in a publication at an early appropriate stage, in such a manner as to enable interested parties in other Members to become acquainted with it, that they propose to introduce a particular conformity assessment procedure.

# NOTIFICATION PROCESS





# PROCEDURES USE TO DISSEMINATE NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE WTO

- DBOS receives WTO Notifications (Ministry of Trade, WTO Secretariat, WTO- Web-site).
- Notifications are circulated to all relevant stakeholders for information, review and comment.
- Stakeholders consultations are convened to formulate and prepare national positions on issues of national interest.
- Draft National Position Papers are submitted to the National Authority for final review and submission to the WTO-Secretariat.
- All Notifications received, Consultations Reports and National Position Papers are all archived for future reference.

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You*

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