



National TBT Enquiry Point: The Jamaican Experience

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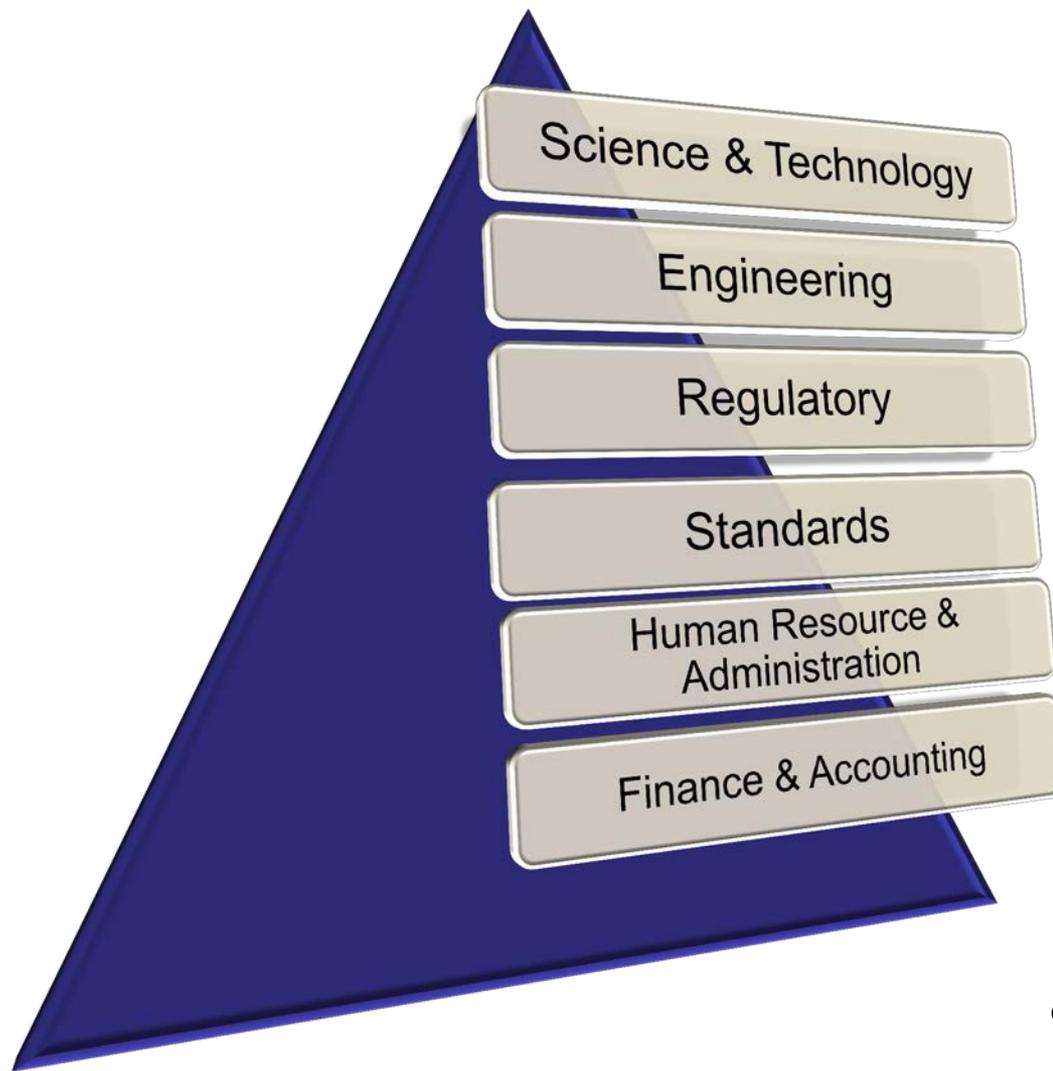
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DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE BSJ





JAMAICA'S INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Participation:

- P - Member of 27 ISO Technical Committees
- O - Member of 74 ISO Technical Committees



Mirror Committees:

- Tourism and Related Services
- Social Responsibility
- TC 93 Starch
- Information Communication Technology

Secretariat:

ISO TC 93 Starch and Starch derivatives

Other: Adoption of relevant ISO standards

JAMAICA'S INVOLVEMENT IN REGIONAL STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

Participation

- Member of CROSQ's Technical Management Committee (TMC)
- Chair of the Editorial Committee of CROSQ
- Member of the CROSQ Council
- Jamaica hosts the Regional Technical Committee (RTC) for Labelling and Regional Technical Sub-Committees (RTSC) for Organically Produced Foods and Ketchup

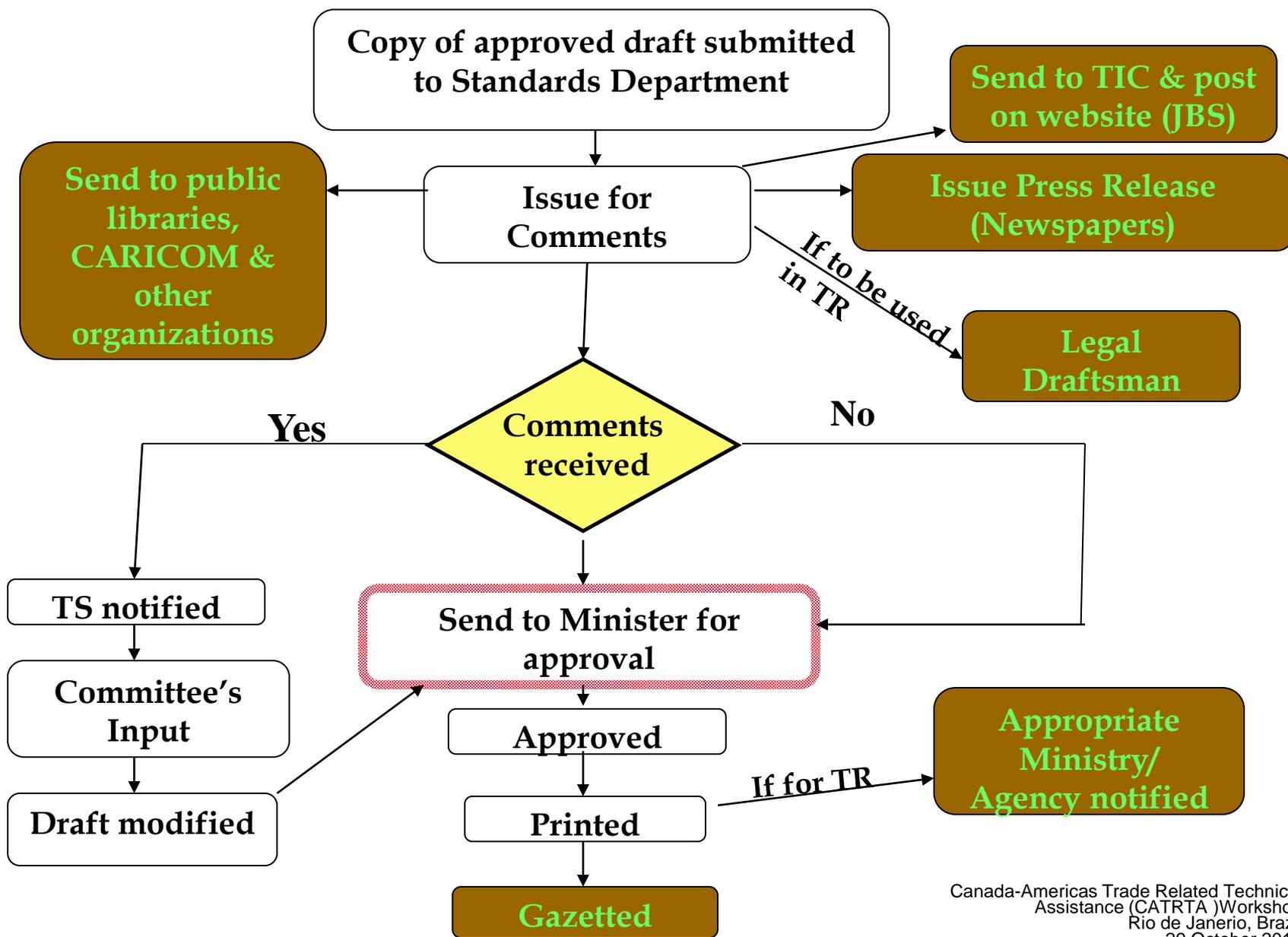


JAMAICA'S STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

INDUSTRY'S FUNCTION

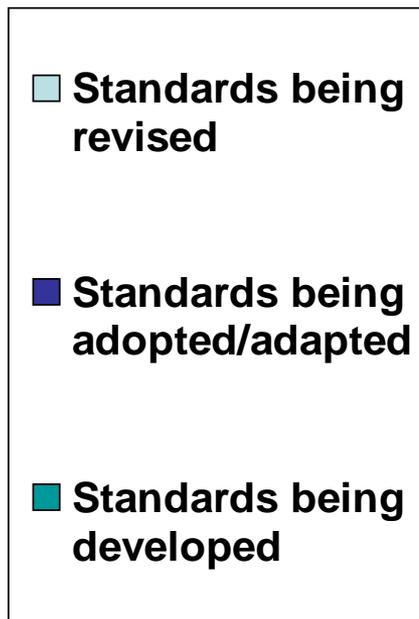
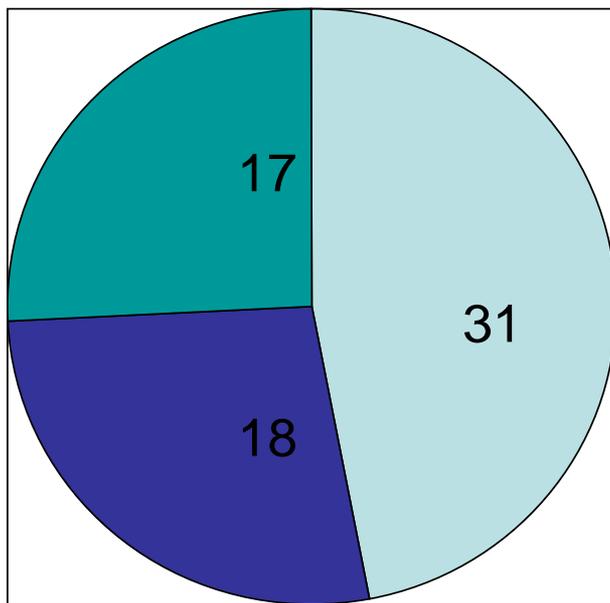


THE BUREAU'S ROLE



NATIONAL STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

- Number of Technical Committees – 30
- **TOTAL standards in process – 66**



ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE NATIONAL TBT ENQUIRY POINT

- Source information in response to queries received.
- Issue WTO/TBT Notifications to the stakeholders.
- Respond to request for full text.
- Submit work programmes and notifications to the National Notification Authority.

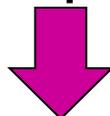


ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE NATIONAL TBT ENQUIRY POINT (2)

- Submit comments on standards to the relevant persons within the BSJ.
- Provide technical advice to the relevant Agencies/Ministries on TBT related matters.
- Coordinate the Jamaica Standards Network for information dissemination.

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION BY THE WTO/TBT NATIONAL ENQUIRY POINT

Standards Development Department



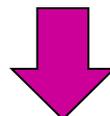
BSJ's Regional & International Office –
National TBT Enquiry Point



Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign
Trade – National Notification Authority



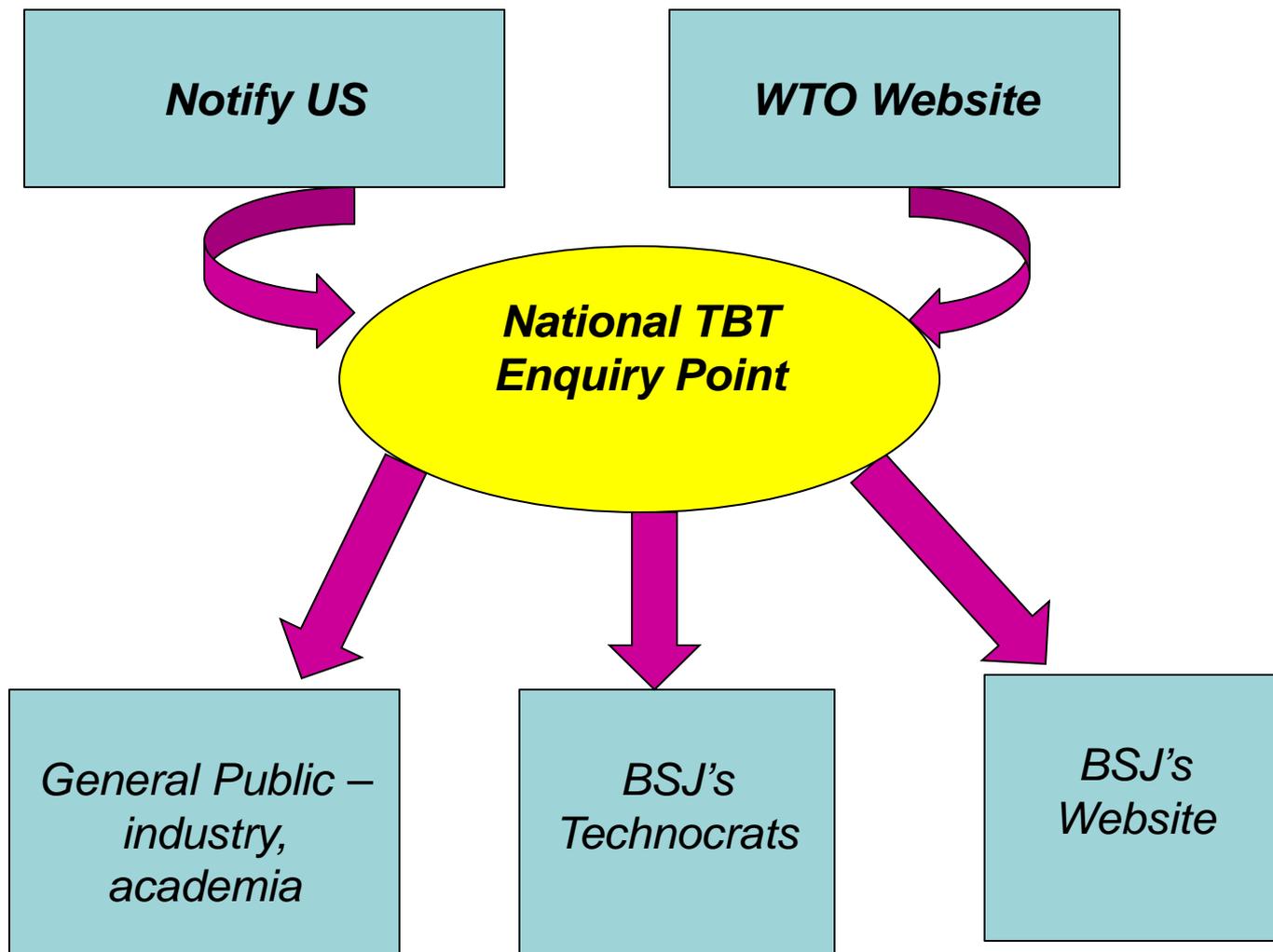
Mission in Geneva



WTO Secretariat



ISSUING WTO/TBT NOTIFICATIONS



STANDARDS NOTIFIED TO WTO

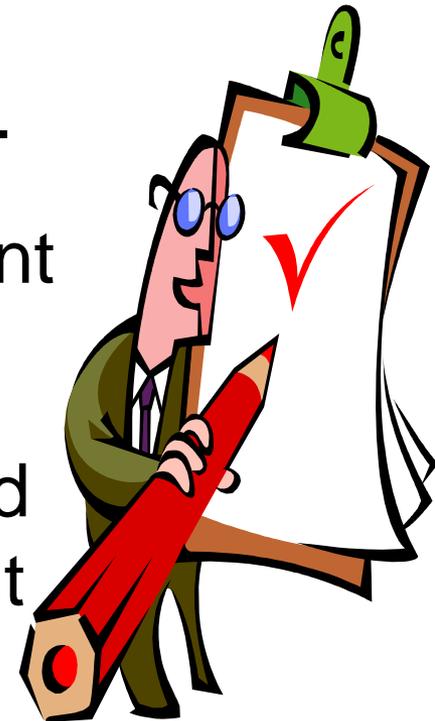
The following Compulsory Standards were notified to WTO for the period April – September 2012:

- Specification for The labelling of commodities Part 25: The labelling of retail packages of tobacco products
- Safety and Performance Specification for football goals ([WTO Notification for Football Goals.doc](#))
- Specification for Synthetic laundry detergent powder
- Specification for Cassava bread (adoption of CARICOM Standard)
- Specification for The labelling of retail packages of aerosol insecticides (adoption of CARICOM Standard)
- Standard Specification for Amchar, achar and kuchela (adoption of CARICOM Standard)



ALIGNING JAMAICA'S STANDARDIZATION PROCESS WITH THE WTO/TBT AGREEMENT

- Regional & International Standards are consistently adopted or adapted.
- All standards have a 30 day comment period.
- All compulsory standards are notified to WTO and have a 60 day comment period.



ALIGNING JAMAICA'S STANDARDIZATION PROCESS WITH THE WTO/TBT AGREEMENT

- Work Programmes are submitted to WTO twice yearly.
- Copies of full text are provided within 2 working days of receiving request.
- Full texts are requested from notifying countries within 1 day of receiving request.
- Written responses are provided for all comments received.



The Way Forward

Establish a TBT Mirror Committee

A

Seek international assistance for the translation of full text from other countries.

B

Increase the dissemination of information to the public regarding the TBT Enquiry Point.

C

Expand the database for the issuing of WTO/TBT Notifications

D

Thanks for your Attention!!

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