



Public Enquiry Notice on Identical Adoption of Proposed Draft Liberian Standards

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Chapter 29, Section 29.2(a) of the Executive Law grants the Minister of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**) the power to regulate commodity and trade standards. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry also exercises broad powers with respect to protection of the public interest and the achievement of national goals through the establishment and enforcement of standards for commodities and for trade.

Therefore Ministry of Commerce and Industry through the Bureau of Industrial Services (**BOIS**) has initiated the Liberia Standards Harmonization Model (**LiSHAM**) as an intervention strategy to address compelling needs associated with the availability of national harmonised standards for trade facilitation and to enhance customer protection through regulations.

LiSHAM is based on ECOWAS Standards Harmonization Model (**ECOSHAM**) and the African Union Model (**ASHAM**), and complies with relevant ISO/IEC Directives. It also takes due account of WTO Agreements on TBT.

The standard harmonization process is carried out through six National Technical Harmonization Committees (**NTHCs**) and is managed by a National Technical Management Committee (**NTMC**).

In this regard, the National Technical Harmonization Committees (**NTHCs**) on *Food and Agriculture* and *Environmental Management System* are pursuing the identical adoption of a total of thirty-four regional and international standards as Liberian Standards. Therefore the National Standards Desk is making these standards available for Public comments. The purpose of the Public Enquiry Stage is to collect, from the largest audience possible, comments, opinions and remarks on the identical adoption of proposed standards as national standards. In this respect, it is deemed appropriate to use the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's website for this Public Enquiry Stage.

We therefore would like you to send us your comments, observations and remarks on the attached listing of the proposed draft Liberian standards to be adopted on the comment form (herewith enclosed). For all interested individuals and parties, you are advised to

