



Public Enquiry Notice on Identical Adoption of Proposed Draft Liberian Standards

Opening Date: 24th May 2019

Closing Date: 24th June 2019

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 Liberia 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

collect the hard copies of these proposed standards from the National Standards Laboratory. Once the form is filled, please send it via email to the Officer of the National Standards Desk at the National Standards Laboratory; his email address is mentioned below.

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The Public Stage opened here focuses on the identical adoption of proposed draft Liberian standards:

A. 30 Food ECOWAS STANDARDS (ECOSTANDS) recommended for identical adoption

Table 1. 30 ECOWAS Standards proposed for identical adoption as Liberia Standards

No.	ECOWAS Food Standards
1.0	Cassava Flour – specification
2.0	Principles and guidelines for the establishment and application of microbiological criteria
3.0	Specification for fortified wheat flour
4.0	Salt fortified with iodine
5.0	Code of hygiene practice for milk and milk products
6.0	General standard for labeling of prepackaged food
7.0	General principles of food hygiene
8.0	Standard for degermed maize (corn) meal maize (corn grits)
9.0	Specification for gari
10.0	Standard for unrefined shea butter
11.0	Standard for quick frozen whole fish
12.0	Code of practice for fish and fishery products
13.0	Code of hygiene practice for meat
14.0	Standard for enriched vegetable oil
15.0	Standard for quick frozen fish filets
16.0	Standard for smoke fish, smoke flavored fish, and smoke dried fish
17.0	Standard for processed tomato concentrate
18.0	General standard for bottled/package drinking water
19.0	Standard for tomato
20.0	Code of hygienic practice for bottle/package drinking water other than natural mineral water
21.0	Code of hygienic practice for collecting, processing and marketing of natural mineral water
22.0	Standard for raw milk
23.0	Standard for roasted cashew kernels
24.0	Standard sugar

25.0	Standard for fruit juices and netars
26.0	Standard for natural mineral water
27.0	Specification for Mangoes
28.0	Raw cashew nuts – specification
29.0	Raw cashew nuts –sampling and test methods
30.0	Code of practice for shea nuts and shea butter (unrefined)

B. Environmental Management System Standards

Table 2 4 Environmental Management System Standards

No.	Environmental Management Standards
1.0	ISO 5149 on Refrigerant
2.0	ISO 14001 on Environmental
3.0	Technical Specification for main-voltage General lighting service lamps
4.0	Technical specification for Off-grid products Technical

Signed By: _____


LiSHAM Chairperson

Date: May 22, 2019