



# Seychelles Bureau of Standards

## SADC TRLC

### Country Report 2012

#### **1.0 Introduction**

This report provides an overview on the implementation of SADC TRLC activities carried out by the Seychelles in 2011.

#### **2.0 National TRLC Forum Status**

As Seychelles is in the process of acceding to the WTO, the Trade Division in the Ministry for Finance and Trade have been given the task to oversee the coordination of the national regulatory framework in order to ensure that good regulatory practices are followed by various national agencies when preparing and adopting of technical regulations.

As most of the national agencies involved with technical regulations in the Seychelles are represented on the "Market Access Task Force", such task force is designated the National TRLC forum.

#### **3.0 National TRLC Awareness campaign Activities**

Campaign about the SADC TRLC activities is being provided in various forums and meetings by the representative from SBS along with other representatives of those national agencies that participate in any particular SADC TRLC Activity (e.g..SADC GHS).

A new representative has been sought from the Department of Enforcement and Wildlife in the Ministry of Environment to act as the SADC TRLC representative of Seychelles. The necessary awareness about SADC TRLC, Rules of procedures, TBT Annex of the protocol, and 2011 TRLC resolutions and the current projects in hand were provided to Mr. Flavien Joubert (SADC TRLC representative).

During the month of August 2011, an SBS representative had a formal meeting with Mr. Lemmy Payet, the coordinator of national SAICM Secretariat (Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management). The purpose of this meeting was to create the awareness on the SADC TRLC activities and the GHS project currently being undertaken.

#### **4.0 Regional and International Meetings/Workshops and Conferences attended (relevant to TRLC)**

A Seychelles representative participated in the SADC TRLC Working Group meeting that was organised from 4 – 5 August 2011, DTI campus, Pretoria, South Africa.

The Department of Environment in collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) organised a 2 day National GHS workshop from 22 – 23 August 2011. The aim of this workshop was to introduce national stakeholders to the Globally Harmonised System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. The facilitator of this workshop was GHS expert, Johannes Van Der Kolk, along with Lemmy Payet, National coordinator for Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management (SAICM) and project coordinator, Flavien Joubert.

A representative from Seychelles participated in the SADC GHS Working group meeting that was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011, at DTI, Pretoria, South Africa. A briefing of the outcome of the workshop was provided to national stakeholders.

#### **5.0 Harmonisation of Technical Regulations**

##### **5.1 Current Status**

Through the SAICM programme, Seychelles has already made some advancement on the issue of GHS and is in the process of finalising the drafting of an action plan for implementation of GHS at the national level. An information booklet on GHS is being prepared.

The national secretariat of SAICM is closely following the development of work in the area of GHS currently being undertaken by SADC TRLC so that both efforts can be synergised.

##### **5.2 Proposal for future harmonisation**

The most common traded goods within the SADC that can have an impact on health and safety or environment should be the area where future harmonisation should be made.

#### **6.0 Future Development and Plans**

- Finalise and Implement the national GHS Action Plans for Seychelles;
- Final the adoption of the harmonised text on GHS as a national standard.

#### **7.0 Challenges**

Need for further awareness and training of all national stakeholders concern for the effective implementation of GHS in the Seychelles.

## **8.0 Conclusion**

In view that SAICM is assisting other countries within the region in regards to GHS, there is a need for SADC TRLC to have a close collaboration with SAICM while finalizing the GHS policy paper in order to synergized efforts being made in this particular area.