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Resolution 8/2010

SADCTRLC approves that country reports on the establishment of national function within government will be submitted 1 month before the annual SADCTRLC AGM meeting.

1. National TRLC Forum Status (Establishment and Functions)

Zambia is currently working towards establishing a Technical Regulations framework and the appropriate legislation to support it as per the National Quality Policy.

Following this, Zambia intends to establish an office that will have the responsibility to coordinate the division of responsibilities amongst the various regulatory authorities, the division of labour between the regulatory authorities and the NQI institutions, and which would ensure that all Ministries follow the Technical Regulation Framework.

2. Update on National TRLC Awareness Campaign Activities (ROPs, TBT Annex, Current TRLC Resolutions)

The Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry conducted sensitization workshops on the importance of the National Quality Policy in southern,

Central and Northern Provinces of Zambia. The National Quality Policy places emphasis on the need to reengineer and upgrade Zambia's quality infrastructure, enhance its technical regulation regime and harmonise the relationship between the two.

Further, the Ministry in consultation with stakeholders met during the period under review to consider the proposed Technical Regulation Framework Act.

3. Regional and International Meetings/ Workshops and conferences attended (relevant to TRLC)

At regional level, Zambia attended the SADC Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) Workshop in January 2011.

Zambia also participated in the GHS Extended Working Group Workshop tasked to spearhead the drafting of the SADC GHS Policy in Pretoria in December 2011

Zambia submitted comments in February 2012 on the draft SADC GHS Policy circulated after the Working Group Workshop by the SADC GHS Policy Paper Consultant Dr. O. Chinyamakobvu.

4. Harmonization of Technical Regulations

4.1 Current Status

- The Zambia Bureau of Standards and Energy Regulation Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of standards in the energy sector.
- The Zambia Bureau of Standards in consultation with the Zambia Environmental Management Agency (ZEMA), Road, Transport and Safety Agency (RATSA), National Council for Construction (NCC) are developing standards in the respective sectors.

4.2 Proposals for future Harmonization

- Recognition of Certificates of Conformity at regional level.
- Harmonization for used motor vehicles at regional level.

5. Future Developments and plans

- Establishment of a common Technical Regulation Framework.
- Establishment of an inter-ministerial Committee on Technical regulations.

- **Establishment of a Compulsory Standards Unit**

6. Challenges

- **The lengthily process of passing of legislation on Technical Regulations.**
- **Little or no knowledge on Technical Regulations among the General Public.**

7. Conclusion

- **The National Quality Policy is an added advantage as it will create a platform for the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry and other relevant stakeholders to undertake a comprehensive restructuring of the technical regulation regime and the current national quality infrastructure.**