

# The role of SADCTRLC in SADC

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# TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FRAMEWORK

The SADC Technical Regulations Liaison Committee (SADCTRLC), has been established to promote and facilitate implementation of the SADC Technical Regulation Framework



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# TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FRAMEWORK

“The objective of the Framework shall be the identification, prevention and elimination of unnecessary TBTs amongst the Member States and between SADC and other Regional and International Trading Blocks through harmonized standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures in order to facilitate and increase trade in goods and services.”



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# SADCTRLC Membership

“The SADCTRLC shall consist of representatives of government departments of SADC Member States that have been given the overall responsibility for compliance with the WTO TBT Agreement and the obligations set forth ....”



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# TECHNICAL REGULATIONS LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS

“Member States shall ensure that the technical regulation is promulgated through a legislative instrument that describes the range of products covered, and / or the legitimate objective it intends to fulfil.”



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## TECHNICAL REGULATIONS LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS

“Member States shall ensure that responsible government departments and/or their regulatory agencies meet the obligations on advance notification through the National Notification Authorities in respect of the WTO TBT Agreement obligations on technical regulations that are to be implemented for their area of responsibility.”



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## Implementation and Maintenance of Technical Regulations

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## IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

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# CHALLENGES ON IMPLEMENTATION

1. Member States must ensure the relevant officers within Ministries of Trade are identified to run with the TRLC activities.
2. The TRLC members should have a coordinated approach at national level to enable effective consultative process when harmonised Technical Regulations are to be circulated for national consultations.



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## CHALLENGES (ctd)

3. Member states must be willing to support the activities of SADCTRLC to ensure their representatives participate in most of the TRLC activities.



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## SADCTRLC Roll Out

The SADCTRLC is a fairly young structure that is just gaining its feet after the first two complete years of operation.



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# SADCTRLC Roll Out

Main activities include the identification, prioritization and the harmonisation of TRs.

Currently, the EXCO is working on the development of guidelines.



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# SADCTRLC Roll Out

The first project has been the SADC Globally Harmonised System for classification and labelling of chemicals (SADC GHS) which is now at an advanced stage. A presentation will be done by the consultant on Wednesday.



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# SADCTRLC Roll Out

The EXCO is also working on the road map to be followed in the whole process of harmonisation of TRs from start to finish including the consultative process and referencing to the relevant harmonized texts.



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## Conclusion

SADCTRLC now recommends that SADCSTAN consults with the TRLC on what Standards to prioritise for their harmonisation process so that once harmonised, they can be referred to by the TRs.



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