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STANDARDS HARMONIZATION PROCEDURES



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SCOPE

This document lays down:

- basic principles, procedures and mechanisms for harmonising and maintaining Standards by ECOWAS Commission, THCs, and Member States

 - Does not cover the means by which individual Member States are to implement the text of such standards within their own national systems of standards.
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OBJECTIVES

- ▶ The establishment of Common Market.
 - ▶ Elimination of multiplicity of standards for one product
 - ▶ Harmonization of Standards, and conformity assessment procedures and Measures in order to reduce Technical Barriers to Trade.
 - ▶ Harmonisation of National Investments and Codes
 - ▶ Promotion of Integration Programmes.
 - ▶ Promote intra and international Trade as well as enhance the industrialization of ECOWAS
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REFERENCES

- ECOSHAM
 - ASHAM
 - TREATIES, AGREEMENTS AND PROTOCOLS ESTABLISHING ECOWAS AND NSBs
 - ISO/IEC DIRECTIVES -PART 1: TECHNICAL WORK
 - ISO/IEC DIRECTIVES -PART 2: RULES FOR STRUCTURE AND DRAFTING
 - WTO TBT AGREEMENT
 - ISO/IEC GUIDE 2
 - ISO/IEC 17000
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RESPONSIBILITIES

ECOWAS COMMISSION

- liaise with Member States and NSBs
 - establish priority and provide inputs
 - provide logistics and support to THC
 - arrange public review of draft harmonised stds
 - maintain catalogue
 - publicise and promote
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TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (TMC)

- establishes and dissolves technical committees
 - appoints chairmen of technical committees
 - allocates secretariats of technical committees
 - approves stds proposed by THCs
 - coordinates the technical works
 - monitors progress of technical work of THCs
 - ensure maintenance of this procedures
 - considers matters of due process
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TECHNICAL HARMONISATION COMMITTEE (THC)

- undertake and coordinates TC activities
 - develop and establish framework for compliance
 - prepare implementation programmes
 - submit harmonise stds
 - establish procedures for development ,approval, notification and withdrawal of harmonised stds
 - Establish subcommittees and working groups to assist its operations
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NATIONAL STANDARDS BODIES (NSBs)

- liaise with regional, continental and international stds orgs.
 - implement the decisions and recommendations of ECOWAS Commission with regards to harmonised stds.
 - promote and facilitate the use of harmonised stds as the basis for development of Technical Regulations
 - circulate committee drafts to stakeholders
 - collate comments from stakeholders into national position for submission
 - designate delegates to THCs
 - ensure delegations to THCs are briefed
 - provide support to THC secretariat if held by NSB
 - implement all harmonised stds and withdraw any conflicting national stds
 - sell and distribute harmonised
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STAGES IN THE HARMONISATION PROCESS

- preliminary stage
 - proposal stage
 - preparatory stage
 - committee stage
 - enquiry stage
 - approval stage
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APPEAL PROCESS

- ✓ Appeal is opened for only P-Members
- ✓ Appeal can be against decision/action/inaction



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