

GUYANA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS
STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAMME
SEPTEMBER 2024 TO DECEMBER 2024



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“Creating a culture of quality through standards”

- Strategic Theme 2:** Enabling the National Quality Infrastructure
- Strategic Goal 2:** Promote and Support Implementation of the NQI.
- Objective 1:** Increase the development, use and revision of standards relevant to Guyana’s Emerging Sectors by 10% by 2027.
- Objective 2:** To incorporate the use of standards in the Public Procurement System by 15 Ministries by 2027.
- Increase the use of Codex standards by local businesses.

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NO.	OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES	TIME FRAME
2.1	To submit at least twenty-one (21) New Work Item Proposals to the National Standards Council (NSC) for approval by December 31, 2024.	2.1.1 Receive and review New Work Item Proposals (NWIP) and research request for new standards. 2.1.2 Submit stakeholder's NWIP(s) to NSC for approval. 2.1.3 Prepare the Standardisation Department Work Programme. 2.1.3.1 Prepare the Standardisation Work Plan	Number of NWIPs approved.	Approved NWIPs	Protection of human, animal and plant health and safety and the environment through the use of standards. Enhance the trade of goods and services through the use of standards.	January 2024-December 2024
2.2	To submit at least twenty-six (26) standards to the National Standards Council (NSC) for approval by December 31, 2024.	2.2.1 Convene Technical Committee meetings to review (draft) standards. 2.2.2 Conduct public consultations sessions with stakeholders and receive comments on draft standards. 2.2.3 Submit final draft standards to the National Standards Council (NSC) for approval. 2.2.4 Conducts standards review surveys of national	Completed/updated Work Programme Number of Public Consultations conducted. Number of standards approved. Number of Standards reviewed.	Public Consultations Sessions Approved National Standards	Approved national standards	January 2024-December 2024

		standards. 2.2.5 Revise national standards 2.2.6 Adopt regional/international standards to be used nationally. 2.2.7 Update the Standardisation Department Work Plan				
2.3	To submit 12 standards to the Minister to be made compulsory by December 31, 2024.	2.3.1 Submit voluntary standards to the Minister of Tourism Industry and Commerce through the National Standards Council (NSC) to be made compulsory. 2.3.2 Prepare and submit TBT Notifications to WTO	Number of standards submitted for approval to Minister to be made compulsory. Number of WTO/TBT Notifications sent to WTO	Compulsory standards Cabinet memorandum WTO/TBT notifications	Reduction of non-compliant products and services on the market	January 2024-December 2024
2.4	To engage a consultant to conduct the revision of the National Building Code by December 31, 2024.	Engage a consultant to revise existing codes, develop new codes, and develop and implement framework of the construction sector	Number of Codes revised and developed. Percentage Implementation framework developed	Consultant engaged. Revised codes New Codes Implementation framework	Improved physical infrastructure in Guyana.	Continuous

2.5	To actively participate in at least four (4) CROSQ TMC meetings by December 31, 2024.		Number of CROSQ TMC Meetings attended.	Participation in CROSQ TMC Meetings	Continued awareness of work being undertaken in regional standards development. Continued access to the regional forum to share national inputs on regional standards development.	January 2024-December 2024
2.6	To actively participate in the development of CARICOM regional standards in at least eight (8) RTCs (or RTSCs) and host at least two (2) RTCs (or RTSCs) by December 31, 2024.	<p>2.6.1 Engage national stakeholders participating in regional standards development.</p> <p>2.6.2 Circulate draft standards to the public for comments.</p> <p>2.6.3 Conduct public consultations on draft standards</p> <p>2.6.4 Collate national comments for submission to CROSQ Secretariat</p> <p>2.6.5 Vote on Final Draft standards.</p> <p>2.6.6 Adopt approved regional standards.</p>	<p>Number of CROSQ Technical/Sub Committees Participated in.</p> <p>Number of TMC meetings participated in</p>	<p>Participation in Regional Technical Committees.</p> <p>Adoption of CARICOM standards.</p>	Harmonisation of regional standards resulting in more local products and services accessing the regional markets.	January 2024-December 2024

		2.6.7 Participates in TMC meetings. 2.6.8 Prepare briefs for COTED on standards development.				
2.7	To collaborate with four (4) international bodies on standardisation matters during 2024.	2.7.1 Participate in ISO activities. 2.7.2 Participate in ASTM activities. 2.7.3 Participate in other standard developing organisations (SDOs) activities (API, UL, IEC)	Number of ISO, IEC and ASTM activities participated in.	Activity participation	Increased input in the development and acceptance of international standards by stakeholders.	January 2024-December 2024
2.8	To host the National Codex Secretariat for 2024 and facilitate at least four (4) National Codex Committee meetings.	2.8.1 Host the Secretariat for the National Codex Contact Point (CCP) 2.8.2 Participate in the National Codex Committee meetings. 2.8.3 Train regulators, food business operators and other food safety stakeholders on Codex standards.	Secretariat hosted No. of promotional activities completed Number of NCC meetings held Number of stakeholders/participants trained Percentage Completed Communications strategy	Quarterly meetings Minutes of meetings Standards promoted Promotional activities Trained stakeholders Communication strategy	Protection of human, animal, and plant health and the environment.	January 2024-December 2024
2.9	To publish and have available for sale at least twenty-six (26) new, revised or adopted standards approved by the	2.9.1 Publishing of standards 2.9.2 Sale of standards 2.9.3 Prepare promotional	Number of standards published Number of standards sold Number of promotional pieces prepared	Published standards Standards sold Promotional	Creating a culture of quality through the implementation of standards by stakeholders	January 2024-December 2024

	National Standards Council during 2024.	<p>information on standards and services.</p> <p>2.9.4 Responding to the needs of visitors, clients or wider stakeholders.</p> <p>2.9.5 Maintain a web-based platform to offer standards for sale</p>	Number of queries address	activity completed		
2.10	To maintain the publications and documents in the Standardisation Department throughout 2024	<p>2.10.1 Update Categories of Standards publication</p> <p>2.10.2 Maintain inventory of standards, publications, documents and items in the Standardisation department.</p>	Percentage of categories of standards updated	Updated categories of standards	Effective and efficient Services provided to stakeholders	January 2024-December 2024
2.11	To operate the National WTO/TBT Enquiry Point in 2024.	<p>2.11.1 Operate the national WTO TBT Enquiry Point</p> <p>2.11.2 Promote the WTO TBT Enquiry Point and related activities</p>	<p>Percentage of requests from WTO members addressed</p> <p>Number of promotional activities/awareness sessions completed</p>	Record of requests and enquiries from stakeholders.	Improved responsiveness to WTO members' inquiries and heightened awareness of the TBT Enquiry Point through promotional efforts, contributing to better stakeholder engagement and support for international trade compliance.	January 2024-December 2024

STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT WORK PLAN SEPTEMBER 2024 – DECEMBER 2024

No.	TITLE OF STANDARD	SECTOR	TYPE OF PROCESS	ICS CODE	STATUS
1.	GCP 17 : 2003, Code of Practice for Quality management system in the restaurant service	Food Service	Revision	03.080.30	Approval
2.	GCP 15 :2003, Codex of Practice for Assessment, licensing, registration, classification and grading of the accommodation sector	Accommodation sector	Revision	03.080.30	Approval
3.	Building Codes (All Sections)	Building Codes	Review	-	-
4.	GCP 9-3: 2005, Code of Practice for Building – Part 3: Fire safety use and occupancy	Building Codes	Review	13.220.50	Review
5.	GYS 459: 2009, Specification for Milk	Milk	Revision	67.100.10	Enquiry
6.	GYS 219: 2003, Specification for Ice-cream and related products	Ice-cream	Revision	67.100.40	Enquiry
7.	GYS 192: 2000, Specification for Bread and rolls	Bread and rolls	Revision	67.060	Enquiry
8.	GYS 10: 2007, Specification for Food grade salt	Food grade salt	Revision	67.220.20	Committee
9.	GYS 179-2: 1998, Baby skin care products- Part 2: baby powder	Baby skin products	Revision	71.100.70	Approval
10.	GYS 79: 1997, Specification for the Sizing of ladies' clothing	Clothing	Revision	61.120	Approval

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11.	GYS 80: 1997, Specification for the Sizing of gents' clothing	Clothing	Revision	61.120	Approval
12.	GYS 81: 1997, Specification for Sizing of children's clothing	Clothing	Revision	61.120	Approval

STANDARDS UNDERGOING REVIEW

National Review
GYS 227: 2003, Specification for Ready-mixed concrete
GYS 212: 2009 (First Revision), Specification for Net content in packages
GYS 77: 1997, Specification for the Care labelling of textiles
GCP 22: 2005, Code of Practice for Production, processing, labelling and marketing of organically produced foods
GCP 6: 1997, Code of Practice for Persons carrying out the business of beautifying and improving the skin, hair or nails
GYS 9-5: 2003, Specification for Labelling of commodities-Part 5: Labelling of furniture
GYS 9-12: 2002, Specification for Labelling of commodities - Part 12: Labelling of toys and playthings
GYS 16: 1995- Specification for Sugar for canning
GYS 9-18: 2005, Specification for Labelling of commodities - Part 18: Labelling of seeds
GYS 21: 1995, Specification for Toilet soap
GYS 22: 1995, Specification for Hard laundry soap
GYS 34: 2003 (First Revision), Specification for Biscuits
GYS 260: 2004, Specification for an Abattoir
GYS 17: 2004, Specification for Brown sugar
GCP 1: 2003, Code of Practice for the Grading of hardwoods
GCP 4: 1997, Code of Practice for the Storage of tyres, inner tubes and flaps

PUBLISHED STANDARDS AS AT SEPTEMBER 2024

REFERENCE NUMBER AND TITLE OF STANDARDS	APPROVED	STATUS
GYS 59: 2024 Specification for carambola	February	(1st revision)
GYS 60: 2024 Specification for Grades of sweet potatoes	February	(1st revision)
GYS 75: 2024 Specification for Cassava	February	(1st revision)
GYS 215:2024 Specification for Load bearing masonry concrete units	February	(2nd revision)
GYS 901: 2024 Requirements for Management system for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises	February	New
GYS 589: 2024/ CRS 66:2021 Sustainable tourism – Environmental management systems – requirements	February	Adoption
GYS 590: 2024/ CRS 39:2022 Pesticides labelling –requirements	February	Adoption
GYS 591: 2024/ CRS 67:2021 Sustainable tourism – Energy management and efficiency – requirements	February	Adoption
GYS 592: 2024/ CRS 68:2021 Sustainable tourism – Food safety and sanitation – requirements	February	Adoption
GYS 593: 2024/ CRS 69:2021 Sustainable tourism – Water treatment, management and efficiency – requirements	February	Adoption
GYS 594: 2024/ CRS 70:2021 Sustainable tourism – Solid waste management – requirements	February	Adoption
GYS 595: 2024/ CRS 71:2021 Sustainable tourism – Sewage treatment and management – requirements	February	Adoption

GYS 596: 2024/ CRS 72:2021 Sustainable tourism – Integrated pest management systems – requirements	February	Adoption
GYS 597: 2024/ CRS 75:2022 Sustainable tourism – Integrated pest management systems – requirements	February	Adoption
GYS 598: 2024/ CRS 76:2023 Hand sanitizers – Alcohol-based hand sanitizers – specifications	February	Adoption
GYS 599: 2024/ CRS 43:2023 Sodium hypochlorite solution (Liquid Chlorine Bleach) – requirements	February	Adoption
GCP 38: 2024/ CRCP 10: 2023 Code of Practice – Construction of houses	February	Adoption
IRATA International Code of practice for industrial rope access – Part 1 – Foreword, Introduction, Scope, Structure, Terms and definitions, Principles, and control	February	Adoption by Endorsement
GYS 235:2024 General requirements for safety in laboratories	February	First Revision
GCP 8:2024 Code of safety for chemical laboratories	February	First Revision
GYS 9-6: 2003 Specification for Labelling of commodities- Part 6: Labelling of animal feed	July	Confirmation
GYS 25:1995 Specification for Grades of sweet orange	July	Confirmation
GYS 29:2024 Specification for Curry powder	July	First Revision
GYS 233: 2024 Specification for Urea, fertiliser grade	July	First Revision
GYS 175:2024 Specification for Compressed oxygen gas	July	First Revision
GYS 63:1996 Specification for Grades of avocado	July	Confirmation

GYS 64:1996 Specification for Grades of passion fruit	July	Confirmation
GYS 324:2024 Specification for Hot-dip zinc coated corrugated steel sheet for general purposes	July	First Revision
GYS 5:1994 Specification for Grades of cucumber	July	Confirmation
GYS 1: 2004 Specification for Lime	July	Confirmation
GYS 194:2024 Specification for pneumatic tyres for highway commercial vehicles	July	Second Revision
GYS 38:2001 Specification for Jams (fruit preserves) and jellies	July	Confirmation
GYS 179-1:2024 Baby skin care products - Part 1 General requirements	July	First Revision

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