

GUYANA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS
STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAMME
JANUARY 2025 TO JUNE 2025



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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 thirty (30) standards to the National Standards Council (NSC) for approval by December 31, 2025.	<p>2.1.1 Conduct Technical Committee meetings to review (draft) standards.</p> <p>2.1.2 Conduct public consultations sessions with stakeholders and receive comments on draft standards.</p> <p>2.1.3 Submit final draft standards to the National Standards Council (NSC) for approval.</p> <p>2.1.4 Conduct standards review surveys of national standards.</p> <p>2.1.5 Revise national standards</p> <p>2.1.6 Adopt regional/international standards to be used nationally.</p> <p>2.1.7 Adopt with modification regional/international standards to be used nationally.</p> <p>2.1.8 Update the Standardisation Department Work Plan</p>	<p>Completed/updated Work Programme</p> <p>Number of Public Consultations conducted.</p> <p>Number of standards approved.</p> <p>Number of standards developed.</p> <p>Number of Standards reviewed.</p> <p>Number of standards revised.</p> <p>Number of standards adopted.</p> <p>Number of standards adopted with modification.</p>	<p>Public Consultations Sessions</p> <p>Approved National Standards</p>	Approved national standards	January 2025-December 2025

2.2	To review at least eight compulsory standards by December 31, 2025.	<p>2.2.1 Conduct standards review surveys of national standards.</p> <p>2.2.2 Conduct meetings to review the standard if needed.</p> <p>2.2.3 Collate the review results and prepare the Standards Review Results form.</p>	Number of compulsory standards reviewed.	<p>Compulsory standards to be confirmed.</p> <p>Compulsory standards recommended to be revised.</p> <p>Compulsory standards to be amended.</p>	<p>Updated compulsory standards</p> <p>Reduction of non-compliant products and services on the market</p>	January 2025-December 2025
2.3	To review at least three (3) sections of the National Building Code by December 31, 2025.	<p>2.3.1 Conduct standards review surveys of national standards.</p> <p>2.3.2 Conduct meetings to review the standard if needed.</p> <p>2.3.3 Collate the review results and prepare the Standards Review Results form.</p>	Number of Codes reviewed.	<p>Revised codes</p> <p>New Codes</p> <p>Implementation framework</p>	Improved physical infrastructure in Guyana.	January 2025-December 2025
2.4	To actively participate in at least five (5) CROSQ TMC meetings by December 31, 2025.	<p>2.4.1 Attend CROSQ TMC Online and Special Extraordinary Online meetings held.</p> <p>2.4.2 Attend CROSQ TMC Face-to Face Meeting.</p>	Number of CROSQ TMC Meetings attended.	Participation in CROSQ TMC Meetings	<p>Continued awareness of work being undertaken in regional standards development.</p> <p>Continued access to the regional forum to share national inputs on regional standards development.</p>	January 2025-December 2025

2.5	To actively participate in the development of CARICOM regional standards in at least nine (9) RTCs (or RTSCs) and host at least three (3) RTCs (or RTSCs) by December 31, 2025.	<p>2.5.1 Engage national stakeholders participating in regional standards development.</p> <p>2.5.2 Circulate regional draft standards to the public for comments.</p> <p>2.5.3 Conduct public consultations on draft regional standards</p> <p>2.5.4 Collate national comments for submission to CROSQ Secretariat</p> <p>2.5.5 Vote on Final Draft standards.</p> <p>2.5.6 Adopt approved regional standards.</p> <p>2.5.7 Participates in TMC meetings.</p> <p>2.5.8 Prepare briefs for COTED on regional standards development.</p>	<p>Number of CROSQ Regional 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 2025-December 2025
2.6	To collaborate with at least five (5) international bodies on standardisation matters during 2025.	<p>2.6.1 Participate in ISO activities.</p> <p>2.6.2 Participate in ASTM activities.</p> <p>2.6.3 Participate in other standard developing organisations (SDOs) activities (API, UL, IEC,</p>	Number of ISO, IEC and ASTM activities participated in.	Active participation	Increased input in the development and acceptance of international standards by stakeholders.	January 2025-December 2025

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2.7	To host the National Codex Secretariat for 2025 and facilitate at least four (4) National Codex Committee meetings.	<p>2.7.1 Host the Secretariat for the National Codex Contact Point (CCP)</p> <p>2.7.2 Participate in the National Codex Committee meetings.</p> <p>2.7.3 Train regulators, food business operators and other food safety stakeholders on Codex standards.</p>	<p>Secretariat hosted</p> <p>No. of promotional activities completed.</p> <p>Number of NCC meetings held.</p> <p>Number of stakeholders/participants trained.</p> <p>Percentage Completed Communications strategy</p>	<p>Quarterly meetings</p> <p>Minutes of meetings</p> <p>Codex Standards promoted</p> <p>Promotional activities</p> <p>Trained stakeholders</p> <p>Communication strategy</p>	Protection of human, animal, and plant health and the environment.	January 2025-December 2025
2.8	To publish and have available for sale at least thirty (30) new, revised, confirmed, adopted or adopted with modification or adopted via endorsement standards approved by the National Standards Council during 2025.	<p>2.8.1 Printing and binding of standards</p> <p>2.8.2 Publishing of standards</p> <p>2.8.3 Sale of standards</p> <p>2.8.4 Responding to the needs of visitors, clients or wider stakeholders.</p> <p>2.8.5 Maintain a web-based platform to offer standards for sale</p>	<p>Number of standards printed and bound</p> <p>Number of standards published</p> <p>Number of standards sold</p> <p>Number of walk-in visitors tended to</p>	<p>Bound standards</p> <p>Published standards</p> <p>Standards sold</p>	Implementation of standards by stakeholders	January 2025-December 2025

2.9	To maintain the publications and documents in the Standardisation Department throughout 2025.	<p>2.9.1 Update Categories of Standards publication</p> <p>2.9.2 Issue Standards loans</p> <p>2.9.3 Retrieve and file media information related to the GNBS (clips)</p> <p>2.9.4 Maintain inventory of standards, publications, documents and items in the Standardisation department.</p>	<p>Percentage of categories of standards updated</p> <p>Number of loans issued</p> <p>Number of media clipping retrieved and stored</p>	<p>Updated categories of standards</p> <p>Loans</p>	Effective Services provided to stakeholders.	January 2025-December 2025
2.10	To operate the National WTO/TBT Enquiry Point in 2025.	2.10.1 Operate the national WTO/TBT Enquiry Point.	Percentage of requests from WTO members addressed.	Record of requests and enquiries from stakeholders.	Effective Services provided to stakeholders.	January 2025-December 2025

2.11	To develop and implement a National Standardisation Strategy (2025-2027).	<p>2.11.1 Facilitate and assist the UNIDO Consultancy Team leading the development of the National Standardisation Strategy.</p> <p>2.11.2 Lead the GNBS' effort to execute the activities in the National Standardisation Strategy.</p> <p>2.11.3 Collect feedback from stakeholders for input into the National Standardisation Strategy.</p> <p>2.11.4 Develop an implementation plan for the National Standardisation Strategy based on assigned priorities.</p>	<p>National Standardisation Strategy project achievements outlined in the implementation plan.</p> <p>Significant feedback/inputs from national stakeholders</p>	Completed NSS	Guidance and clarity on stakeholders' standards gaps and needs.	January 2025-December 2025
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STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT WORK PLAN JANUARY 2025 – JUNE 2025

No.	TITLE OF STANDARD	SECTOR	TYPE OF PROCESS	ICS CODE	STATUS
1.	GYS 260: 2004- Specification for an Abattoir	Livestock	Revision	67.10.10	Committee
2.	GYS 9-5: 2003, Specification for Labelling of commodities-Part 5: Labelling of furniture	Wood Products	Revision	97.140	Preparatory
3.	GCP 1: 2003, Code of Practice for Grading of hardwoods	Hard woods	Review-Withdraw	79.020	Approval
4.	GYS 208: 2002 Specification for Accident prevention tags	Accident prevention tags	Revision	13.200	Committee
5.	GCP 9-3: 2005, Building Code – Section 3: Code of practice for Buildings - Fire safety use and occupancy	Building codes	Review	13.220.50	Preparatory
6.	GYS 459:2009, Specification for Milk	Milk	Revision	67.100.10	Approval
7.	GYS 192: 2000, Specification for Bread and rolls	Bread and rolls	Revision	67.060	Approval
8.	GYS 10: 2007, Specification for Food grade salt	Food grade salt	Revision	67.220.20	Approval
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- Withdraw	61.120	Approval
11.	GYS 219: 2003, Specification for Ice- cream and related products	Ice-cream	Revision	67.100.40	Approval

12.	GYS 80: 1997, Specification for the Sizing of gents' clothing	Clothing	Revision- Withdraw	61.120	Approval
13.	GYS 81: 1997, Specification for Sizing of children's clothing	Clothing	Revision- Withdraw	61.120	Approval
14.	GYS 17: 2004, Specification for Brown sugar	Brown sugar	Review- Confirmation	67.180.10	Approval
15.	GYS 19: 2003, Specification for vinegar	Vinegar	Revision	67.220.20	Preparatory
16.	GCP 6: 1997, Code of Practice for Persons carrying out the business of beautifying and improving the skin, hair and nails	Cosmetics	Revision	71.100.70	Preparatory
17.	GYS 21: 1995, Specification for Toilet soap	Toilet soap	Revision	71.100.70	Preparatory
18.	GYS 22: 1995, Specification for Hard laundry soap	Hard laundry soap	Revision	71.100.70	Preparatory
19.	BNS EAA 002:2017, Road Vehicles – Code of Practice for Inspection and Testing of Used Motor Vehicles for Roadworthiness	Used motor vehicles	Adoption	-	Preparatory
20.	GYS 9-12: 2002, Specification for Labelling of commodities - Part 12: Labelling of toys and playthings.	Toys and playthings	To be made compulsory	13.300	Preparatory
21.	GCP 22: 2005, Code of practice for Production, processing, labelling and marketing of organically produced foods	Organically produced foods	Review- Confirmation	67.040	Approval
22.	GCP 4: 1997, Code of Practice for Storage of tyres, inner tubes and flaps	Tyres, inner tubes and flaps	Review- Confirmation	83.160.10	Approval
23.	GCP 15: 2003, Code of Practice for Assessment,	Accommodation	Revision	03.080.30	Approval

	licensing, registration, classification and grading of the accommodation sector				
24.	GCP 17: 2003, Code of practice for Quality management in the restaurant service	Accommodation	Revision	03.080.30	Approval
25.	GYS 77: 1997, Specification for Care labelling of textiles	Textiles	Review- Confirmation	59.080.01	Approval
26.	GCP 9-5: 1999, Building Code – Section 5: Plumbing	Building Code	Review	91.140.00	Preparatory
27.	GYS 583: 2021, Requirements for Sale of used motor vehicles	Used Motor Vehicles	Review	43.080.01	Committee
28.	GYS 67: 2017 (Amd. 2021) Requirements for pneumatic passenger car tyres	Passenger Car Tyre	Review	83.160.10	Preparatory
29.	GYS 213: 2002, Specification for Liquid household chlorine bleaches	Chlorine Bleach	Review	71.100.35	Preparatory
30.	GYS 193: 2017, Specification for domestic gas stoves for use with liquefied petroleum gases	Domestic Gas Stoves	Review	97.040.20	Preparatory
31.	GYS 264: 2021, Specification for the storage, handling and transportation of LPG cylinders	LPG Cylinders	Review	75.160.30	Committee
32.	GYS 453: 2021, Specification for the storage, handling and transport of steel compressed gas cylinders	Steel Compressed Gas Cylinders	Review	23.020.35	Committee
33.	GYS 523: 2018, Specification for low pressure regulators for use with Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)	Low Pressure Regulators	Review	23.060.40; 75.160.20	Committee

34.	GYS 169: 1998, Specification for the Content of warranties for goods	Warranty Content	Review	55.020	Preparatory
35.	GYS 28: 2006, Specification for Safety matches	Safety Matches	Review	71.100.30	Committee
36.	GYS 173: 1998, Glossary of terms relating to textile and clothing	Textile and Clothing	Review	59.080.01	Preparatory
37.	GYS 174: 1998, Methods of test for the determination of dimensional change in washing and drying of textiles	Textile	Review	59.080.01	Preparatory
38.	GYS 16: 1995, Specification for Sugar for canning	Sugar	Review	67.180.10	Preparatory
39.	GYS 61: 1996, Specification for Grades eddoe	Eddoe	Review	67.040	Preparatory
40.	GYS 62: 1996, Specification for Grades of boulangier (Eggplant)	Eggplant	Review	67.080	Preparatory
41.	GYS 9-17: 2019, Part 17- Specification for Labelling of protective helmets for road users	Protective Helmets	Review	13.340.20	Preparatory
42.	Guidelines for the Labelling of clothing	Clothing	Development	-	Approval

STANDARDS UNDERGOING REVIEW

National Review
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