BHUTAN

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BHUTAN STANDARDS ACT 2010

Bhutan Standards Bureau (BSB)

TBT-EP

ACTS

Bhutan Agriculture & Food Regulatory Authority Food (BAFRA)

SPS-EP

INSTITUTIONAL BASIS – National Legislation
REGULATIONS under the ACT

Bhutan Agriculture & Food Regulatory Authority:

✓ Plant Quarantine Rules and Regulations 2003
✓ Food Act Rules & Regulations 2007
✓ Livestock Rules and Regulations 2008

Bhutan Standards Bureau:

✓ Product Brand Approval Scheme 2010
✓ Certification Rules and Regulations 2014
Status of Accreditation system in BHUTAN:

National Accreditation Focal Point (NAFP) (under the SAARC-PTB cooperation)

➢ To facilitate accreditation of Testing, Calibration Laboratories, Certification and Inspection bodies.

Identified Accreditation Bodies:

NABCB & NABL, India
1. Accreditation of National Metrology Laboratory (BSB) in the following parameters:

1. Mass
2. Length

2. National Food Testing Laboratory under BAFRA, MoA&F

1. Microbiology
2. Chemistry
Accreditation under process

1. Product Certification Body ---------
   from NABCB, India

2. Product Testing Laboratory ---------
   From NABL, India

3. National Metrology Laboratory -------
   Volume, Pressure and Temperature
   From NABL, India
PRODUCTS REGULATED

Food & Agricultural Sector (BAFRA):
- Processed (frozen) Meat Items, Animal feeds
- Based on GMP and GHP

Non Agricultural (Engineering) - BSB:
The mandatory list of products requiring BSB certification are:

- Reinforcement Steel bars
- Cement
- Water supply pipes and fittings
- CGI sheets
- Water storage tanks
- Red bricks, concrete and stabilized soil-cement blocks
- Switchgears & control gears
- Wires & Cables
- Electrical switches and fittings
- Water heaters
BASIS OF REGULATING STANDARDS

1. Food & Agricultural Sector - BAFRA:
   - GMP AND GHP
   - CODEX

2. Non Agricultural (Engineering) – BSB:

   ✓ ISO
   ✓ IEC
   ✓ SARSO
   ✓ BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS (BIS) STANDARDS
 CONSTRAINTS AND CHALLENGES

- No Systematic Monitoring system;
- Porous Border;
- Human Resource Capacity;
- Lack of coordination among Regulatory Agencies;
- Lack of awareness on Standardization, Metrology and Conformity Assessment;
- Acceptance of Conformity Assessment results; (absence of Accredited CA bodies)