

## BENEFITS OF STANDARDS

- ◆ Can facilitate the entry of products to regional and international markets, i.e. it can prevent barriers to trade;
- ◆ Can guarantee consistent quality of products;
- ◆ Makes products more competitive in local, regional and international markets;
- ◆ Can provide assurance that the advertised quantities are correct;
- ◆ Encourages more effective production, supervision and quality control in the manufacturing industry;
- ◆ Gives unbiased information about product;
- ◆ Reduces waste.



## BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION


- ◆ It provides a third party guarantee of the product's quality, i.e. consumers and dealers would know at a glance that your quality is acceptable and consistent;
- ◆ It increases consumer confidence in the product;
- ◆ It provides protection against competition from sub-standard products;
- ◆ Products could have less difficulty in getting accepted into new and foreign markets;
- ◆ It reduces the need for repetitive and un-coordinated testing activities by individual purchasers.



► **Role & Functions  
of Grenada Bureau of  
Standards**

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## Grenada Bureau of Standards

Grenada Bureau of Standards was established by Standards Act No. 6 of 1989. It is situated at Queen's Park, St. George's.

### MANDATE

The following Acts and their attendant regulations give force to the work of the Bureau:

- ◆ Standards Act No. 6 of 1989
- ◆ Metrology Act and Regulations, 1997
- ◆ Exportation of Fresh Produce Act, 1998

### MISSION STATEMENT

'Improving the quality competitiveness of Grenadian Industries thus enhancing the quality of life of Grenadians through standardization.'

### ROLES OF THE BUREAU

- ◆ To encourage standardization in commerce and trade;
- ◆ To encourage manufacturers to produce quality products without limiting the consumer's choice or restricting freedom in design or manufacture;
- ◆ To safeguard the country against the 'dumping' of inferior quality goods;
- ◆ To prepare national standards;
- ◆ To provide for the testing and calibration of precision instruments;
- ◆ To offer technological advice and consultancy

services to both government and industry in relation to standards.

### STRUCTURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Bureau is a body corporate within the Ministry of Finance, Trade & Industry.

It is governed by a fifteen (15) member Standards Council, who are the Board of Directors of the organization.

The day-to-day activities are conducted by a Secretariat headed by a Director and twenty (20) staff members. The Bureau is divided into five (5) divisions: Administration & Finance, Compliance, Implementation, Standardization and Materials Testing.

### SERVICES OFFERED BY THE GDBS

(a) Standards Development - This is made possible by technical committees consisting of manufacturers, consumers and professionals. The Bureau has the following technical committees established:

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| - Accommodation Sector         | - Advertising       |
| - Animal Feeds                 | - Animal Feeds      |
| - Child Care Homes             | - Consumer Products |
| - Engineering                  | - Environment       |
| - Food & Food Products         | - Fresh Produce     |
| - Fruits & Vegetables          | - Furniture         |
| - Herbs & Spices               | - Metrology         |
| - Pesticides                   | - Pneumatic Tyres   |
| - Quality Assurance            | - Quality Control   |
| - National Codex Committee     |                     |
| - Occupational Health & Safety |                     |
| - Tourism Products & Services  |                     |
| - Weights & Measures           |                     |

The Bureau has developed 139 standards so far, of which twenty-four (24) are **compulsory**.

- (b) Standards Implementation
- (c) Standards Information
- (d) Product Development
- (e) Testing of Products
- (f) Certification of Products
- (g) Metrological Services
- (h) Training in Standardization, Quality Control & Metrology
- (i) Materials Testing

**GDBS has attained membership in the following organizations:**

- ◆ Pan American Standards Organization (COPANT) - Active Member
- ◆ CARICOM Regional Organization for Standards & Quality (CROSQ) - Member
- ◆ Codex Alimentarius Commission - National Contact Point
- ◆ Inter - American Metrology System (SIM) - Member
- ◆ International Electro-technical Commission (IEC) - Affiliate Member
- ◆ ASTM International - Co-operative Relationship

The Bureau is also the national Enquiry Point for the WTO/TBT Agreement.

### DEFINITIONS

**Standards** are documents stating the technical information necessary for achieving reasonable safety, quality and efficiency.

**Standardization** involves the process of formulating, issuing and implementing of standards.