

## **THE STANDARDS BILL, 2017**

### **MEMORANDUM**

The objects of this Bill are to—

- (a) continue the existence of the Zambia Bureau of Standards and re-define its powers and functions;
- (b) provide for standardisation and quality assurance of products and services through the setting of national standards and provision of conformity assessment services for products and services;
- (c) repeal and replace the Standards Act, 1994; and
- (d) provide for matters connected with or incidental to the foregoing.

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28th January, 2017

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# A BILL

ENTITLED

**An Act to continue the existence of the Zambia Bureau of Standards and re-define its powers and functions; provide for standardisation and quality assurance of products and services through the setting of national standards and provision of conformity assessment services for products and services; repeal the Standards Act, 1994; and provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. This Act may be cited as the Standards Act, 2017, and shall  
5 come into operation on a date that the Minister may appoint by  
statutory instrument. Short title and  
commencement
2. (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation
- “ associate ” has the meaning assigned to it in the Anti- Act No. 3 of  
2012  
Corruption Act, 2012;
- 10 “ Board ” means the Board of the Bureau established under  
section 6;
- “ Bureau ” means the Zambia Bureau of Standards continued  
under section 3;
- 15 “ certification mark ” means a Zambia Bureau of Standards  
mark declared under section 26 to be a mark of conformity  
in relation to a product or service;

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- “Chairperson ” means the person appointed Chairperson of the Board under section 6;
- “commodity ” means an article or product, whether manufactured or not;
- “conformity assessment ” means the procedure used to determine, directly or indirectly, that the relevant requirements of a standard or technical regulation relating to a product, process, system or body has been fulfilled, and includes inspection, testing and certification or a combination of inspection, testing and certification; 5 10
- “Director ” means a person appointed as such under section 11;
- Cap. 1 “emoluments ” has the meaning assigned to it in the Constitution;
- Cap. 1 “Emoluments Commission ” means the Emoluments Commission established under Article 232 of the Constitution; 15
- “Executive Director ” means the person appointed Executive Director of the Bureau under section 11;
- “informative document ” means a document to which reference is made in the standard for information, and for which application can be done without referencing; 20
- “inspection ” means the examination of a product, product design, process or installation and determination of its conformity with general or specific requirements or on the basis of professional judgement; 25
- “manufacture ” means to produce, assemble, alter, modify, convert, process or treat;
- “member ” means a person appointed as a member of the Board under section 7; 30
- “National Enquiry Point ” means the centre that is charged with the responsibility of providing information regarding technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment notified to the WTO as required in terms of the WTO TBT Agreement; 35
- “normative document ” means a document relating to a standard to which reference is made in a standard in a manner that makes the reference indispensable for the application of the standard;