

CATALOGUE OF BELIZE DRAFT STANDARDS

“The Belize Bureau of Standards improving and enhancing the economy and the quality of life for all Belizeans by promoting the use of quality management systems and international standards.”

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Foreword

The role of the Bureau of Standards

The Belize Bureau of Standards is a statutory body established by the Standards Act of 1992 and continues to operate under the confines of the Standards Act Revised Edition of 2000 as the national organization for the preparation, promotion and implementation of standards in relation to goods, services and processes.

The Bureau's mandate under the Standards Act is achieved by:

- (a) Fostering, promoting and encouraging standardization in relation to commodities, processes and practice in industry and commerce.
- (b) Developing, adapting and adopting standards covering technical criteria in relation to domestically produced, imported and exported goods.
- (c) Providing or making arrangements for the examination and testing of products for compliance to national, regional requirements and issue certificates.
- (d) Assuming the role of national information point for regional and international trade sensitive matters.

The Bureau of Standards operates by the recommendations made by the Standards Advisory Council, which is responsible for the policy and general administration of the Bureau with respect to standardization. The Bureau is headed by a public officer known as the Director of Standards.

The Bureau formulates standards through the establishment of technical subcommittees and working groups. These committees comprise representation from consumer interests, the public and private sectors, line ministries and international consultation. The Standards Unit is responsible for the work of the technical committees and the publishing of standards.

Procedure for the development of standards documents

The following is an outline of the procedures for the development of standards documents:

1. The preparation of standards documents is undertaken upon the Standards Advisory Council's authorization. This initiative for standards development may arise from proposals made by local industry, existing Bureau of Standards committees or any matter of national interest relating to trade. If the Standards Advisory Council accepts the standards development proposal then the work programme is referred to an appropriate Technical Committee or if there is none then a new committee is formed depending on the nature of the standards to be developed.
2. With the approval of the Standards Advisory Council, the draft document is made available for general public comment. All interested entities, by means of a notice in the press, are invited to comment. Copies are also forwarded to those directly affected or those interested in the development of the standard document.
3. The commenting period is for three (3) months .The committee considers all the comments received and recommends a final document to the Standards Council.
4. The Standards Advisory Council recommends the document to the Minister for publication.
5. The Minister approves the recommendation of the Standards Advisory Council. The Minister may declare a standard compulsory based on recommendations from the Standards Advisory Council.
6. The declaration of the standards is gazetted.
7. Amendments to, and revisions of standards normally require the same procedure as is applied to the preparation of the original standard.
8. Standards are revised every three (3) to five (5) years.

Section One – Standards Under Development

Caribbean Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ), Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SME) Project	
CRS 1	Specification for Packaged Water
CRS 2	Packaged Water – Code of Hygienic Practice
CRS 3	Specification for Packaged Natural Coconut Water
CRS 4	Packaged Natural Coconut Water – Code of Hygienic Practice
CRS 5	Labeling Standard for Prepackaged Foods
CRS 6	Code of Practice – Food Hygiene General Principles
CRS 7	Handling of Fish and Fishery Products – Code of hygienic practice
CRS 8	Frozen Fruit Pulp & Purees – Code of Practice
CRS 9	Tour Guides – COP
CRS10	Tour Operators – COP
CRS11	Tourist Accommodation
CRS 12	Short Term Car Rentals
CRS 13	Code of Practice for Organically Produced Foods
CRS 14	Good Management Practices for SMEs (9001, 14000, OSH)
CRS 15	Wooden Craft & Souvenir Items – COP
CRS 16	Specification for Botanical Cosmetics
CRS 17	Specification / Marking Requirements for Gold Jewelry
CRS 18	Specification for Honey
CRS 19	Specification for Cassava Bread
CRS 20	Specification for Wooden Furniture
CRS 21	Specification for Indigenous Furniture (Bamboo, Rattan, Wicker, Nibbi)
CRS 22	Specifications for Chutneys (Amchar, and Kuchela)
-----	Specification for Indigenous Confectionery

CRS 24	Specification for Grading of Fresh Agricultural Produce, Pts. 1 - 10
CRS 27	Specification for Fruit and Vegetable Juices and Fruit Nectars
Other Draft Belize Standards	
	Code of Practice for GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FOOD HYGIENE FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING
	Code of Hygienic Practice for the Collecting, Processing and Marketing of Bottled Water (Mineral Water, Spring Water, Purified Water)
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Sweet Potatoes
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Fruit Squashes
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Orange Juice
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Coconut Oil
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Yoghurt (Yogurt) and Sweetened Yoghurt (Sweetened Yogurt)
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Carambola
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Guavas
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Palm Kernel Oil
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Citrus Marmalade
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Margarine & Cooking Margarine
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Shortening
	Draft Code of Practice for Milk and Milk Products
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for the Labeling of Animal Feed (General)
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Carrots
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Tomatoes
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Sampling and Methods of Analysis of Sugars
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Jams, Jellies and Marmalades
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Crotons
	Draft Belize Standard Specification for Vinegar