

Standard-Setting in Yemen

Yemen Standards and Metrology Organization (YSMO)

Facts and Figures (2005)

- YSMO has adopted 337 standards / GCC standards adopted (2002)
- In 2005, took 3880 samples
 - 1396 were for food
 - 1662 microbiological
 - 501 chemical
 - 237 textiles, paper, plastics and leather
- 473 Product Assessment reports published
 - 227 for food products
 - 130 products conformed with standards
 - 250 did NOT conform with standards
 - 93 found unacceptable
- 14,088 Sea Shipments verified
 - 12,049 immediately released, 1,744 kept for testing
 - 64 trashed, 50 re-exported
- 100 inspections (visits) to markets and facilities
- 7 certificates issued for manufacturing practices
- 12 export licenses issued

Common Components of a Technical Regulation

A. Preamble

- Reference source of decision-making
- Reference historical documents
- Reference principles guiding regulation
- Justify need for regulation

C. Annex

- Techniques/methods
- Exceptions
- Forms/templates
- Lists (products/countries)
- Correlation table if needed between different rules

B. General provisions

- Objective
- Definitions
- Scope (exemptions or in annex)
- Obligations/Responsibilities
- Procedures
- Consultation/Notification Provisions
- Authorization provisions/consent
- Monitoring/Conformity Assessment
- Review period/Safeguard Clause
- Reporting requirements
- Penalties
- Legal provisions
- Supersedes/repeals previous regs
- Transposition (e.g., between old/new laws)
- Entry into Force (date and place)
- Signatures