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**SADC MODEL REGULATION FOR CEMENT**

**PREAMBLE**

**THIS SADC MODEL REGULATION FOR CEMENT IS PROPOSED BY THE SADC TRLC AS A GUIDING DOCUMENT TO ASSIST SADC MEMBER STATES DRAFT THEIR REGULATIONS FOR CEMENT IN LINE WITH PRINCIPLES OF THE WTO TBT AGREEMENT AND THE TBT ANNEX TO SADC PROTOCOL ON TRADE**

**SCOPE**

1. This model regulation covers the requirements for the manufacture, importation, properties and performance of cement, intended for use in building and construction, irrespective of whether it is distributed in bulk or packaged form.

**DEFINITIONS**

2. The definitions in the following EN Standards or adopted equivalent National standards apply for the purposes of this model regulation, unless the context indicates otherwise:
  - 2.1. **EN 197-1**, Cement - Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements.
  - 2.2. **EN 413-1**, Masonry cement - Part 1: Composition, specifications and conformity criteria and
  - 2.3. **EN 197-2**, Cement - Part 2: Conformity evaluation.
3. In addition to the definitions in 2.1, the following apply -
  - 3.1. **cement**: a hydraulic binder used for construction purposes as defined in EN 197-1 for Common cements and EN 413-1 for Masonry cement.

## **PROVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

4. Common cements must comply with the requirements of the latest edition of **EN 197-1** and Masonry cement must comply with the requirements of the latest edition of **EN 413-1**.
5. Conformity Assessment procedures for cement must be conducted in accordance with **EN 197-2**, without prejudice to Member States that do not apply this standard.

## **CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT: INSPECTION, TESTING AND PRODUCT CERTIFICATION**

6. In conformity assessment, regulatory authorities shall ensure that regulated cement placed on the market comply with the relevant technical regulations and shall monitor cement placed on the market to ensure that it complies with the provisions of the applicable technical regulation(s) and/or compulsory standards.
7. Regulatory authorities shall, where possible, collaborate with stakeholders, manufacturers, suppliers and ports of entry in order to prevent the placing of the non-compliant cement on the market.
8. A manufacturer, importer and/or supplier is responsible for placing safe cement on the market and for monitoring their cement on the marketplace. They are obliged to subject their product to the necessary conformity assessment procedures before placing it on the market.
9. Regulatory authorities shall have the competence and resources to:
  - 9.1. Conduct inspection (at premises where regulated cement and services are manufactured, produced, processed, treated, sold or otherwise dealt with) including sampling where necessary. Inspection shall include examining or copying any records or taking extract of documents produced in line with the production of the product.
  - 9.2. Allow for re-working of the product to be done on cement found to be non-compliant and re-workable. For non-compliant cement that can't be reworked, re-exportation or disposal shall be allowed where required.
  - 9.3. Consider Mutual Recognition Arrangements (agreements) on cement to facilitate the equivalence of standards and conformity assessment procedures.
  - 9.4. Notify, through the relevant notification authority, WTO and SADC Member States of any changes in these conformity assessment procedures.
  - 9.5. Consider recognition and exemption from further conformity assessment before placement in the market, a cement accompanied by conformity assessment documents demonstrating compliance with the relevant technical regulation and issued by an accredited conformity assessment body.
  - 9.6. In the case where cement is accompanied by conformity assessment documents from un-accredited conformity assessment bodies, conformity assessment documents from institutions recognized through a Mutual Recognition Arrangement shall be accepted by the regulatory authority. Periodic peer review at agreed periods shall be done on recognized institution(s).

- 9.7. Conduct market surveillance of the regulated cement as required;

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

10. The SADC Member States shall, in accordance and subject to their applicable domestic laws develop and share administrative requirements for cement. This includes all applicable documentations, fees and forms.