



INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT BOTSWANA STANDARDS

Standards for a better Botswana

Botswana Bureau of Standards intends to adopt the following draft standards as a Botswana Standards:

1. PDS 163-23, Civil engineering construction, Part 23: Corrosion protection of structural steelwork

This specification covers the execution of work entailed in the corrosion protection of structural steelwork.

2. PDS 493, Sealing compounds for building industry, two-component polyurethane-base – Specification

This draft standard gives requirements for two types of two-component, cold-applied, polyurethane-base sealing compound, that are suitable for sealing, caulking and glazing applications in buildings and similar structures.

3. BOS 140:2006 (First review), Sealing compounds for the building industry, one-component, silicone-rubber-base – Specification

This standard gives requirements for two types of one-component solvent-free silicone-rubber-base sealing compounds for the building industry, and that are suitable for both interior and exterior use.

4. PDS (471) – Fruits and vegetables – Butternut – Grading requirements

This standard applies to the squash *Cucurbita moschata*, butternut type to be supplied fresh to the consumer. It excludes butternut squash for industrial processing or butternut that underwent post harvest processing.

This standard is intended to define the quality attributes of the above mentioned squash after harvesting and to grade it according to the different quality levels. It also covers aspects of pesticide residue limits and post harvest activities all intended for marketing purposes

5. PDS 2-1:2011 (First review), Solar photovoltaic energy systems – Part 1: Design and installation in buildings – Code of practice

This part 1 of PDS 2 provides guidelines for design and installation of photovoltaic energy systems on buildings such as domestic, school, office and industrial buildings, whose total installed power does not exceed 10 000 watts-peak.

6. PDS 499:2011, General purpose pure / filled bar soap – Specification

This draft standard specifies the requirements for general purpose pure soap and filled bar soap.

General purpose pure soap shall be used for general cleaning, dish washing, laundry and for personal hygiene while filled bar soap shall be used for general cleaning but not for personal hygiene.

BOBS cordially invites interested parties to provide their views regarding the abovementioned standards by **20th September 2011**.

Copies of these draft standards may be requested from the Information Centre of the Botswana Bureau of Standards at Plot No. 55745, Main Airport road, Block 8, Gaborone or Francistown branch at Plot No. 13393/4/5, Insurance House, Second Floor, Francistown.

Suggestions which entail revision of the text should indicate the preferred wording and the relevant clauses should be quoted against each comment.

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