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POLICY AND GUIDE

FOR

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1. DEFINITIONS

CKS Specification. A co-ordinating specification that lays down a set of requirements to which a commodity can be produced and that is prepared by the South African Bureau of Standards and approved by the CSC.

Central Standardization Committee (CSC). A Committee constituted by the Department of Trade and Industry, with representatives from government departments, semi-government organizations, provincial administrations, local and regional authorities, the private sector and other interested bodies.

SABS standard. An SABS specification, standard specification, code of practice or standard method approved and published by the Council of the South African Bureau of Standards.

SABS specification. A set of requirements to which a commodity can be produced.

SABS standard specification. An SABS specification to which the SABS standardization mark is applied.

SABS code of practice. A set of procedures that, if followed, will achieve a certain objective.

SABS standard method. A set of procedures to be followed to determine a characteristic of a commodity.

NOTE: Statutory definitions are given in the Standards Act, 1982 (Act 30 of 1982), as amended by the Standards Amendment Act, 1984 (Act 50 of 1984).

2. CENTRAL STANDARDIZATION COMMITTEE

As far back as 1958 the Government decided, on the recommendation of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, that standardization could make a substantial contribution to the conservation of capital and the reduction of production costs, distribution costs and other costs, while extending the domestic market for local commodities. The economies realized by standardization could have an appreciable effect in combating inflation.

The then Department of Industries and Commerce was instructed to carry into effect the Government's decision, particularly in regard to government and semi-government bodies, and the Central Standardization Committee was established to formulate and implement the policy relating to standardization and the co-ordination of purchases.

It is the policy of CSC that:

- 2.1 Where SABS specifications/standard specifications are available for any commodity, or when they are made available, they should be used as soon as possible by all interested bodies.