



## **Public Enquiry Notice on Identical Adoption of Proposed Draft Liberian Standards**

**Opening Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Closing Date: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Chapter 29, Section 29.2(a) of the Executive Law grants the Minister of Commerce and Industry (**MoCI**) the power to regulate commodity and trade standards. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry also exercises broad powers with respect to protection of the public interest and the achievement of national goals through the establishment and enforcement of standards for commodities and for trade.

Therefore Ministry of Commerce and Industry through the Bureau of Industrial Services (BOIS) has initiated the Liberia Standards Harmonization Model (LiSHAM) as an intervention strategy to address compelling needs associated with the availability of national harmonised standards for trade facilitation and to enhance customer protection through regulations.

LiSHAM is based on ECOWAS Standards Harmonization Model (ECOSHAM) and the African Union Model (ASHAM), and complies with relevant ISO/IEC Directives. It also takes due account of WTO Agreements on TBT.

The standard harmonization process is carried out through six National Technical Harmonization Committees (NTHCs) and is managed by a National Technical Management Committee (NTMC).

In this regard, the National Technical Harmonization Committee (NTHC06) on *WASH* is pursuing the identical adoption of a total of four (4) international standards as Liberia Standards. Therefore the National Standards Desk is making these standards available for Public comments. The purpose of the Public Enquiry Stage is to collect from the largest audience possible, comments, opinions and remarks on the identical adoption of proposed standards as national standards. In this respect, it is deemed appropriate to use the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's website and/ or others for this Public Enquiry Stage.

We therefore would like you to send us your comments, observations and remarks on the attached listing of the proposed draft Liberian standards to be adopted on the comment form (herewith enclosed). For all interested individuals and parties, you are advised to

collect the hard copies of these proposed standards from the National Standards Laboratory. Once the form is filled, please send it via email to the Officer of the National Standards Desk at the National Standards Laboratory; his email address is mentioned below.

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The Public Stage opened here focuses on the identical adoption of proposed draft Liberian standards:

**Table 1.0 Four (4) ISO Standards on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene recommended for identical adoption**

No.	WASH Standards
1.0	Activities relating to drinking water and wastewater services- Guidelines for the assessment and for the improvement of the services to users
2.0	Guidelines for the management of wastewater utilities and for the assessment of wastewater services
3.0	Guidelines for the management of basic on-site domestic wastewater services
4.0	Non-sewered sanitation systems-Prefabricated integrated treatment units- General safety and performance requirements for design and testing

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_



**Fohn B. Miapah**  
**LiSHAM Chairperson**

Date: 06-17-19



Liberia Standard Harmonization Model Scheme

**LiSHAM**

**NATIONAL TECHNICAL HARMONIZATION COMMITTEE**

*Form for summarizing comments and observations of the Secretariat*

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ORG/Ins <sup>1</sup>	Article n °/Paragraph n °/Annex / Figure/Table	Line Number	Type of Comment <sup>2</sup>	Comment (justification for the change ) by the stakeholder	Modification proposed by the stakeholder	The comments of the Secretariat o each Comment submitted

1 ORG/1 INS = organization or institution

2 Type of Comment: GE = General te = technique ed = Editorial

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**User Guide for the model of observations**

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- b) Indicate the paragraph, the figure, the table or the note to which your comment refer,
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