

Summary of Economy reports

MEDEA Project APLMF1: Training Course on Pre-packaged Goods

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Economy	Legislation	Inspector or 3 rd party	OIML R79	OIML R87	Problems	Other information
Bhutan	No, no legal metrology act implemented	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Difficulties in coordinating with other agencies	N/A
Bhutan	No, at the moment our legal metrology act is under draft, right now, we collaborate with the office of the consumer protection, MOEA	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Lack of legal metrology act, difficulties in coordinating among the agencies.	How to get the right quality of air, liquid and other ingredients in the pre-packaged commodities
Botswana	No, legislation is there but it needs to be review. Currently the SADC MEL documents 1 and 4 are used for labeling and tolerances of prepackaged goods. Improvements need to be done to	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Botswana does not control exported products or have the facilities or the resources to check all imported pre-packaged products; our metrology system is still growing and funding	N/A

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Botswana	No, legislation needs review to match current developments	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Shortage of manpower training as and when new developments arise	N/A
Brazil	yes	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	With regard to recommendation R87: 2016, we need to define how inspection should take place when there are indications of irregularity in small commercial	Brazil is currently in a very important position on this issue in South America. As we are the only country belonging to Mercosur that I a member state of OIML, we mast have leadership in the bloc so that OIML

					establishments, as well as how we should proceed with respect to imported products. Regarding recommendation R79: 2015, we need to resolve how to ensure that the declaration of the nominal quantity can come on the principal display panel, since a good part of imported products do not have this characteristic.	recommendations can be implemented in all countries.
Colombia	No – Our regulation was issued in 2003 based on the older versions OIML R-79 and R-87, which make our standard outdated. Because of this, we decided to update our regulation to the latest version of OIML R-79 and R-87.	Inspectors	Fully implemented	Fully implemented	Our regulation is outdated, and our legal metrology personnel need to acquire knowledge and develop techniques necessary to verify more complex prepackaged products on the market.	It would add a great deal to this event, if we could have a basis to understand how to address legal metrology inspections of products that lose weight in a short period of time. Specially imported products with these characteristics.
Denmark	Yes	3 rd party	Fully implemented	Fully Implemented	N/A	N/A
Iran	No – special	Inspectors	Not implemented	Not	Unique reference	Common legislations

	infrastructure		yet	implemented yet	national center	
Iran	No - ISIRI-NMCI is going to make programs on supervising and controlling the prepackaged goods in 2018-19	Inspectors	Not implemented yet	Not implemented yet	Unique reference national center	Common legislations
DPR Korea	Yes	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Amendment of regulation for prepackaged goods according to OIML regulation	Application of OIML R 79 and 87 in each country
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Lithuania	Yes	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	The most of OIML recommendations are transposed into relevant legislation and are followed. For example, the recommendation on tolerable deficiency are used only for actual quantity from 5 g/ml 10000 g/ml, although OIML recommendation include quantities	The definition of pure quantity of product.

					from 0 g/ml and above 10000g/ml. Exceptions are provided for in a separate procedure.	
Malawi	No - The legislation and technical regulations are still under development as we are in a transition from the minimum quantity system to the average quantity system	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Training of inspectors. Development of procedures for use during inspections. Development of technical specifications for equipment needed. Procurement of equipment for prepackaged goods inspection.	A special focus on PPG inspection in retail shops for meat and fish products
Malaysia	No - In the process of drafting the pre-packaged goods regulation under the Trade Description Act 2011.	Inspectors	Fully implemented	Fully implemented	Regulation and training on the pre-packaged goods methods	N/A
Malaysia	Yes	Other	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Lack of budget to buy equipment (to fulfill OIML recommendations) / most of the industry in Malaysia are using different method to determine	N/A

					prepackaged product.	
Mongolia	Yes	Inspectors + 3 rd party	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Trainings are not enough	N/A
Mongolia	Yes	Inspectors	Fully implemented	Fully implemented	I think in our country there is not enough training	I think it is necessary to pay attention to the placement of food products.
Myanmar	No - At the moment, pre-packaged products are not well controlled and regulation for pre-packaged goods has not been applied yet in our country. However we will implement to control of pre-packaged products in identifying, labeling and qualifying after promulgating law on metrology.	Inspectors (In our country, according to our metrology law, our department will be an authorized body to carry out inspection of pre-packaged goods.)	Not implemented	Not implemented	N/A	
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Namibia	Yes	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	1. Capacity building for technical staff 2. Measuring equipment dedicated for inspections 3. Insufficient budget to carry out inspections covering the vast country	
Pakistan	Yes	3 rd party	Not implemented	Not implemented	Lack of awareness and accredited testing facilities	
PNG	Yes	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Outdated legislation prevents implementation of current best practice of pre-packaged goods	
Philippines	No- In the	X (According to	Not implemented	Not	• There may be	

	<p>Philippines, there are existing legislations aimed to regulate prepackaged goods such as Republic Act (RA) 4109 that created the Bureau of Standards to provide standardization in the inspection of products and imports of the country and RA 3720 prescribing rules and regulation for the packaging and labelling of foods, drugs and cosmetics. However, some of the tolerances imposed by the regulatory bodies in the inspection of prepackaged products are not yet harmonized with the requirements of international</p>	<p>RA 3720 Section 30, the Philippine Bureau of Customs (BOC) shall deliver samples of food, drugs, and cosmetics for import to the FDA for examination. In the event that the pre-packaged goods arrive at a port of entry other than Manila, the collection of such samples shall be the responsibility of the Regional Health Director having jurisdiction over the port of entry and such samples shall be forwarded to the FDA. For the importation of grains in the country, the National Food Authority (NFA) holds the</p>		<p>implemented</p>	<p>resistance to change due to familiarity and use of the old method for a long time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing specifications facilities and equipment and number of personnel may not be adequate or enough for the adoption of OIML recommendations 	
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	documents such as those recommended by OIML.	responsibility of implementing the policies of inspection.)				
Philippines	Same as above					
Solomon Islands	Yes	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Lack of appropriate equipment to fully implement the standards	The developed countries and donors must assist the developing countries to fully develop their standards. Implement the Legal Metrology for the country under APLMF
South Africa	Yes	Inspectors	Fully implemented	Fully implemented	N/A	N/A
South Africa	Same as above					
Sri Lanka	Yes	Inspectors	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	1. Not updating with the guideline to determine the thicknesses of the materials 2. Lack of proper guidelines to determine the net contents of goods like soap. 3. Lack of proper guidelines to determine the volume like saturated liquids and form Compositions.	Evaluate the package Net content with the period of time. (For ex. Dhal, Rice)

Sri Lanka	Same as above					
Sudan	No - no dedicated section responsible of prepackaged activities.	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	knowledge gap; no adequate equipment; no adequate legislations; no dedicated section responsible of prepackaged activities	N/A
Thailand	Yes	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	N/A	N/A
Thailand	Same as above					
Turkey	No - The legislation of prepackaged products whose nominal quantity is above 10kg or 10 litres has not been regulated yet.	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Lack of regulation for prepackaged products (PP) whose nominal quantity is above 10 kg or 10 l. and net quantity declared with length, unit, area; lack of implementation and test equipment for drained weights and frozen products	Net quantity control of aerosol dispensers
Turkey	Same as above					
Vietnam	Yes	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	N/A	
Vietnam	Yes	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	Prepackaged goods in Vietnam are divided into two	

					<p>groups, Group 1 and 2 products.</p> <p>Group 1 goods are not subject to full compliance of prepackaged regulations, but manufacturers and importers can apply voluntarily. Group 2 products are required to comply with regulations. The challenge is to persuade the manufacturers and importers of Group 1 prepackaged goods to understand the benefits of compliance with full regulations of group 2 products.</p>	
Zambia	<p>No - A regulation has been submitted to our Ministry of Justice and is awaiting approval. However, we have been using our current Act which</p>	Inspectors	Partially implemented	Partially implemented	<p>Quick approval and release of submitted regulations on prepackaged commodities</p>	

	empowers us to inspect repackaged commodities although this provision is not adequate.					
Zambia	Lack of legal frame work to support prepackages inspection	Inspectors	Fully implemented	Fully implemented	Training of more Inspectors	

The following questions are designed to develop a profile about how pre-packaged goods are regulated within your economy.

Does your economy have adequate legislation in place to regulate pre-packaged goods? Yes , No . If you answered No please explain further:

Who carries out inspection of pre-packaged goods in your economy?

Inspectors , 3rd party , other

Does your economy implement OIML R 79?

Fully implemented , Partially implemented , Not implemented yet

Does your economy implement OIML R 87?

Fully implemented , Partially implemented , Not implemented yet

List any problems your economy needs to overcome in order to implement OIML recommendations for pre-packaged goods.

Add anything else you feel is important to share with the trainers and other participants.