

**GUYANA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS**  
**STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAMME**  
**JULY 2026 TO DECEMBER 2026**



**“Creating a culture of quality through standards”**

- Strategic Theme 2:** Enabling the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI).
- Strategic Goal 2:** Promoting and Supporting the Implementation of the NQI.
- Objective 1:** Increase the development, use and revision of standards relevant to Guyana’s Emerging Sectors by 10% by 2027.
- Objective 2:** To incorporate the use of standards in the Public Procurement System by 15 Ministries by 2027.
- Objective 3:** To increase the use of Codex standards by local businesses.

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| NO. | OBJECTIVES                                                                                                                | ACTIVITIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | PERFORMANCE INDICATORS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | OUTPUTS                                                                 | OUTCOMES                    | TIME FRAME                 |
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| 2.1 | To submit at least thirty-three (33) standards to the National Standards Council (NSC) for approval by December 31, 2026. | <p>2.1.1 Conduct Technical Committee meetings to review (draft) standards.</p> <p>2.1.2 Conduct public consultations sessions with stakeholders and receive comments on draft standards.</p> <p>2.1.3 Submit final draft standards to the National Standards Council (NSC) for approval.</p> <p>2.1.4 Conduct standards review surveys of national standards.</p> <p>2.1.5 Revise national standards</p> <p>2.1.6 Adopt regional/international standards to be used nationally.</p> <p>2.1.7 Adopt with modification regional/international standards to be used nationally.</p> <p>2.1.8 Update the Standardisation Department Work Plan</p> | <p>Completed/updated Work Programme</p> <p>Number of Public Consultations conducted.</p> <p>Number of standards approved.</p> <p>Number of standards developed.</p> <p>Number of standards reviewed.</p> <p>Number of standards revised.</p> <p>Number of standards adopted.</p> <p>Number of standards adopted with modification.</p> | <p>Public Consultations Sessions</p> <p>Approved National Standards</p> | Approved national standards | January 2026-December 2026 |

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| <b>2.2</b> | To review <b>at least eight compulsory</b> standards by December 31, 2026.                                                                                                           | <p>2.2.1 Conduct standards review surveys of national standards.</p> <p>2.2.2 Conduct meetings to review the standard if needed.</p> <p>2.2.3 Collate the review results and prepare the Standards Review Results form.</p>                                                                                                                              | Number of compulsory standards reviewed.                                                                                 | <p>Compulsory standards to be confirmed.</p> <p>Compulsory standards recommended to be revised.</p> <p>Compulsory standards to be amended.</p> | Updated compulsory standards                                                                                                                                                                     | January 2026-December 2026 |
| <b>2.3</b> | To actively participate in <b>at least seven (7)</b> CROSQ TMC and CROSQ Editorial Committee meetings by December 31, 2026.                                                          | <p>2.3.1 Attend CROSQ TMC Online and Special Extraordinary Online meetings held.</p> <p>2.3.2 Attend CROSQ TMC Face-to Face Meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Number of CROSQ TMC Meetings attended.                                                                                   | Participation in CROSQ TMC Meetings                                                                                                            | <p>Continued awareness of work being undertaken in regional standards development.</p> <p>Continued access to the regional forum to share national inputs on regional standards development.</p> | January 2026-December 2026 |
| <b>2.4</b> | To actively participate in the development of CARICOM regional standards in <b>at least nine (9) RTCs (or RTSCs) and host at least two (2) RTCs (or RTSCs)</b> by December 31, 2026. | <p>2.4.1 Engage national stakeholders participating in regional standards development.</p> <p>2.4.2 Circulate regional draft standards to the public for comments.</p> <p>2.4.3 Conduct public consultations on draft regional standards</p> <p>2.4.4 Collate national comments for submission to CROSQ Secretariat</p> <p>2.4.5 Vote on Final Draft</p> | <p>Number of CROSQ Regional Technical/Sub Committees participated in.</p> <p>Number of TMC meetings participated in.</p> | <p>Participation in Regional Technical Committees.</p> <p>Adoption of CARICOM standards.</p>                                                   | Harmonisation of regional standards resulting in more local products and services accessing the regional markets.                                                                                | January 2026-December 2026 |

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|            |                                                                                                                            | standards.<br><br>2.4.6 Adopt approved regional standards.<br><br>2.4.7 Participates in TMC meetings.<br><br>2.4.8 Prepare briefs for COTED on regional standards development.                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                             |                                                                                               |                            |
| <b>2.5</b> | To collaborate with at least <b>five (5)</b> international bodies on standardisation matters during 2026.                  | 2.5.1 Participate in ISO activities.<br><br>2.5.2 Participate in ASTM activities.<br><br>2.5.3 Participate in other standard developing organisations (SDOs) activities (API, UL, IEC, SAC)                           | Number of ISO, IEC and ASTM activities participated in.                                                                                                                                                        | Active participation                                                                                        | Increased input in the development and acceptance of international standards by stakeholders. | January 2026-December 2026 |
| <b>2.6</b> | To host the National Codex Secretariat for 2025 and facilitate at <b>least four (4)</b> National Codex Committee meetings. | 2.6.1 Host the Secretariat for the National Codex Contact Point (CCP)<br><br>2.6.2 Participate in the National Codex Committee meetings.<br><br>2.6.3 Train regulators, food business operators and other food safety | Secretariat hosted<br><br>No. of promotional activities completed.<br><br>Number of NCC meetings held.<br><br>Number of stakeholders/participants trained.<br><br>Percentage Completed Communications strategy | Quarterly meetings<br><br>Minutes of meetings<br><br>Codex Standards promoted<br><br>Promotional activities | Protection of human, animal, and plant health and the environment.                            | January 2026-December 2026 |

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|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | stakeholders on Codex standards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                        | Trained stakeholders                                             |  |                                              |                            |
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                        | Communication strategy                                           |  |                                              |                            |
| 2.7 | To publish and have available for sale <b>at least thirty (33)</b> new, revised, confirmed, adopted or adopted with modification or adopted via endorsement standards approved by the National Standards Council during 2026. | 2.7.1 Printing and binding of standards<br><br>2.7.2 Publishing of standards<br><br>2.7.3 Sale of standards<br><br>2.7.4 Responding to the needs of visitors, clients or wider stakeholders.<br><br>2.7.5 Maintain a web-based platform to offer standards for sale                 | Number of standards printed and bound<br><br>Number of standards published<br><br>Number of standards sold<br><br>Number of walk-in visitors tended to | Bound standards<br><br>Published standards<br><br>Standards sold |  | Implementation of standards by stakeholders. | January 2026-December 2026 |
| 2.8 | To maintain the publications and documents in the Standardisation Department throughout 2026                                                                                                                                  | 2.8.1 Update Categories of Standards publication<br><br>2.8.2 Issue Standards loans<br><br>2.8.3 Retrieve and file media information related to the GNBS (clips)<br><br>2.8.4 Maintain inventory of standards, publications, documents and items in the Standardisation department. | Percentage of categories of standards updated<br><br>Number of loans issued<br><br>Number of media clipping retrieved and stored                       | Updated categories of standards<br><br>Loans                     |  | Effective Services provided to stakeholders  | January 2026-December 2026 |
| 2.9 | To operate the National WTO/TBT Enquiry Point in 2026.                                                                                                                                                                        | 2.9.1 Operate the national WTO/TBT Enquiry Point                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Percentage of requests from WTO members addressed                                                                                                      | Record of requests and enquiries from stakeholders.              |  | Effective Services provided to stakeholders  | January 2026-December 2026 |

# STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT WORK PLAN JULY 2026 – DECEMBER 2026

| No. | TITLE OF STANDARD                                                                                                                                                   | SECTOR                                  | TYPE OF PROCESS   | ICS CODE  | STATUS                                                                 |
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| 1.  | GYS 9-10: 2014, Specification for Labelling of commodities Part 10: Labelling of equipment, items and parts containing refrigerants                                 | Refrigerants                            | Revision          | 13.300    | Final Draft                                                            |
| 2.  | GYS 9-5: 2003, Specification for Labelling of commodities-Part 5: Labelling of furniture                                                                            | Wood Products                           | Revision          | 97.140    | Enquiry Draft                                                          |
| 3.  | GYS 19: 2003, Specification for Vinegar                                                                                                                             | Food                                    | Revision          | 67.220.20 | Final Draft                                                            |
| 4.  | GCP 20: 2004, Code of Practice for Street vended foods                                                                                                              | Food                                    | Revision          | 67.230    | Withdrawn and replaced by GYS 610: 2026, Requirements for Food vendors |
| 5.  | GYS 193: 2017, Specification for Domestic gas stoves for use with liquefied petroleum gases                                                                         | Petroleum products                      | Revision          | 97.040.20 | Preparatory stage                                                      |
| 6.  | GCP 6: 1997, Code of Practice for Persons carrying out the business of beautifying and improving the skin, hair and nails                                           | Cosmetics                               | Revision          | 71.100.70 | Committee stage                                                        |
| 7.  | BNS EAA 002:2017, Road Vehicles – Code of Practice for Inspection and Testing of Used Motor Vehicles for Roadworthiness                                             | Used motor vehicles for road worthiness | Modified Adoption | -         | Final Draft                                                            |
| 8.  | ISO 8100-1: 2026 – Lifts for the transport of persons and goods – Part 1: Safety rules for the construction and installation of passenger and goods passenger lifts | Elevators                               | Adoption          | -         | Enquiry Draft                                                          |

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| 9.  | GYS 583: 2021 Requirements for Sale of used motor vehicles                                                   | Used Motor Vehicles          | Review            | 43.080.01            | Final Draft                      |
| 10. | GB 18384: 2020 (English), Electric Vehicles safety requirements                                              | Electric Vehicles            | Modified Adoption | -                    | Committee Draft                  |
| 11. | GYS 169: 1998 Specification for the Content of warranties for goods                                          | Goods                        | Revision          | 55.020               | Enquiry Draft                    |
| 12. | IS 15700: 2018, Quality Management Systems- Requirements for service quality by public service organisations | Public service organisations | Adoption          | -                    | Preparatory stage                |
| 13. | GYS 264: 2025, Specification for the Storage, handling and transportation of LPG cylinders                   | LPG cylinders                | Revision          | 75.160.30            | Published- To be made compulsory |
| 14. | GYS 523: 2025, Specification for Low pressure regulators for use with Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)          | Low pressure regulators      | Revision          | 23.060.40; 75.160.20 | Published- To be made compulsory |
| 15. | ISO 23592: 2021- Service Excellence- Principles and models                                                   | Service Excellence           | Adoption          | -                    | Final Draft                      |
| 16. | Standard for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of LPG transport tanks                      | LPG tanks                    | Development       | -                    | Working Draft                    |
| 17. | GYS 9-12: 2002, Specification for Labelling of commodities - Part 12: Labelling of toys and playthings       | Toys and playthings          | Review            | 13.300               | Preparatory                      |
| 18. | GYS 541: 2018 Specification for the Labelling, packaging and testing of toys and playthings                  | Toys and playthings          | Review            | 19.020 -13.300       | Preparatory                      |
| 19. | GYS 67: 2017 (Amd. 2021), Second revision (Confirmed 2026) “Requirements for pneumatic passenger car tyres”  | Passenger car tyres          | Review            | 83.160.10            | Published- To be made compulsory |

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| <b>20.</b> | <b>GYS 608: 2026, Specification for Silver articles</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Silver articles</b>           | <b>Development</b> | <b>39.060</b>            | <b>Published</b>       |
| <b>21.</b> | <b>GYS 606: 2026, Specification for Platinum articles</b>                                                                                                          | <b>Platinum articles</b>         | <b>Development</b> | <b>39.060</b>            | <b>Published</b>       |
| <b>22.</b> | <b>GYS 607: 2026, Specification for Palladium articles</b>                                                                                                         | <b>Palladium articles</b>        | <b>Development</b> | <b>39.060</b>            | <b>Published</b>       |
| <b>23.</b> | <b>GYS 601: 2026 (ISO 24016: 2020), Jewellery and precious metals- Grading of polished diamonds- Terminology, classification and test methods</b>                  | <b>Jewellery</b>                 | <b>Adoption</b>    | <b>39.060 01.040.39</b>  | <b>Published</b>       |
| <b>24.</b> | <b>GYS 602: 2026 (ISO 18323: 2015), Jewellery- Consumer confidence in the diamond industry</b>                                                                     | <b>Jewellery</b>                 | <b>Adoption</b>    | <b>39.060</b>            | <b>Published</b>       |
| <b>25.</b> | <b>GYS 603: 2026 (ISO 15093: 2020), Jewellery and precious metals- Determination of high purity gold, platinum and palladium- Difference method using ICP- OES</b> | <b>Jewellery</b>                 | <b>Adoption</b>    | <b>39.060</b>            | <b>Published</b>       |
| <b>26.</b> | <b>GYS 604: 2026 (ISO 6893: 2024), Jewellery and precious metals- Inspection of batches of small diamonds- Terminology, classification and test methods</b>        | <b>Jewellery</b>                 | <b>Adoption</b>    | <b>39.060 01.040.39</b>  | <b>Published</b>       |
| <b>27.</b> | <b>GYS 605: 2025 (ISO 24018: 2020), Jewellery and precious metals- Specifications for 1 kilogram gold bar</b>                                                      | <b>Jewellery</b>                 | <b>Adoption</b>    | <b>39.060</b>            | <b>Published</b>       |
| <b>28.</b> | <b>GYS 170: 2021, General operations of a laboratory</b>                                                                                                           | <b>Laboratory</b>                | <b>Revision</b>    | <b>03.120.20; 19.020</b> | <b>Committee stage</b> |
| <b>29</b>  | <b>ISO 21384-3: 2026, Uncrewed aircraft systems Part 3: Operational procedures</b>                                                                                 | <b>Uncrewed aircraft systems</b> | <b>Adoption</b>    | <b>-</b>                 | <b>Committee stage</b> |

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| <b>30</b> | <b>UL 50E, Enclosures for electrical equipment, environmental considerations</b>                                      | <b>Electrical equipment</b>          | <b>Adoption</b> | <b>-</b>         | <b>Enquiry stage</b>                            |
| <b>31</b> | <b>UL 50, Enclosures for electrical equipment, non-environmental considerations</b>                                   | <b>Electrical equipment</b>          | <b>Adoption</b> | <b>-</b>         | <b>Enquiry stage</b>                            |
| <b>32</b> | <b>GYS 30: 2016, Specification for Footwear</b>                                                                       | <b>Footwear</b>                      | <b>Revision</b> | <b>61.060</b>    | <b>Preparatory stage</b>                        |
| <b>33</b> | <b>GYS 49: 2021 (First Revision) Requirements for Labelling and sale of cellphones</b>                                | <b>Cellphones</b>                    | <b>Review</b>   | <b>33.070</b>    | <b>Final Draft stage- To be made compulsory</b> |
| <b>34</b> | <b>GYS 9-19: 2018 Specification for Labelling of commodities- Part 19: Labelling of biodegradable food containers</b> | <b>Biodegradable food containers</b> | <b>Revision</b> | <b>55.020.</b>   | <b>Preparatory stage</b>                        |
| <b>35</b> | <b>GYS 515: 2016 Specification for Textiles and related products</b>                                                  | <b>Textiles and related products</b> | <b>Review</b>   | <b>59.080.30</b> | <b>Enquiry stage- To be made compulsory</b>     |

#### STANDARDS UNDERGOING REVIEW

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| <b>National Review</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>GYS 499: 2013 Specification for Wooden furniture</b>                                                              |
| <b>GYS 541: 2018 Specification for the Labelling, packaging and testing of toys and playthings</b>                   |
| <b>GCP 16: 2003 Code of Practice for Product recall procedures</b>                                                   |
| <b>GYS 35: 1996 Specification for Shortening</b>                                                                     |
| <b>GYS 107: 2021 (Third revision) Specification for Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) pressure rated pipe (SDR series)</b>   |
| <b>GYS 99: 2021 (Third revision) Specification for Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) plastic pipe, schedules 40, 80, 120</b> |
| <b>GYS 465: 2010 Specification for Polypropylene (PP) pipes</b>                                                      |
| <b>GYS 23: 2005 Specification for Synthetic laundry detergent powder</b>                                             |

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