

Presentation to the Select Committee on Trade and International Relations

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Purpose

Briefing by the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) on its role in promoting co-ordinated and accelerated implementation of government's economic vision and priorities

Scope

- Background
- National Development Plan
- IPAP
- Overview of strategic outcomes



Background



Background

- **NRCS was established as a separate entity on 1 September 2008**
- **NRCS MANDATE**
Is to promote public health, safety and environmental protection through the development and enforcement of technical regulations/compulsory specifications

Legislative Mandate

Mandate of the NRCS is derived from the following Acts.

**National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act
(Act No. 5 of 2008)**

**Legal Metrology Act
(Act No. 9 of 2014)**

**National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act
(Act No. 103 of 1977)**

**The Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act
(Act 54 of 1972)**

Organisational Mandate

Mission and Vision

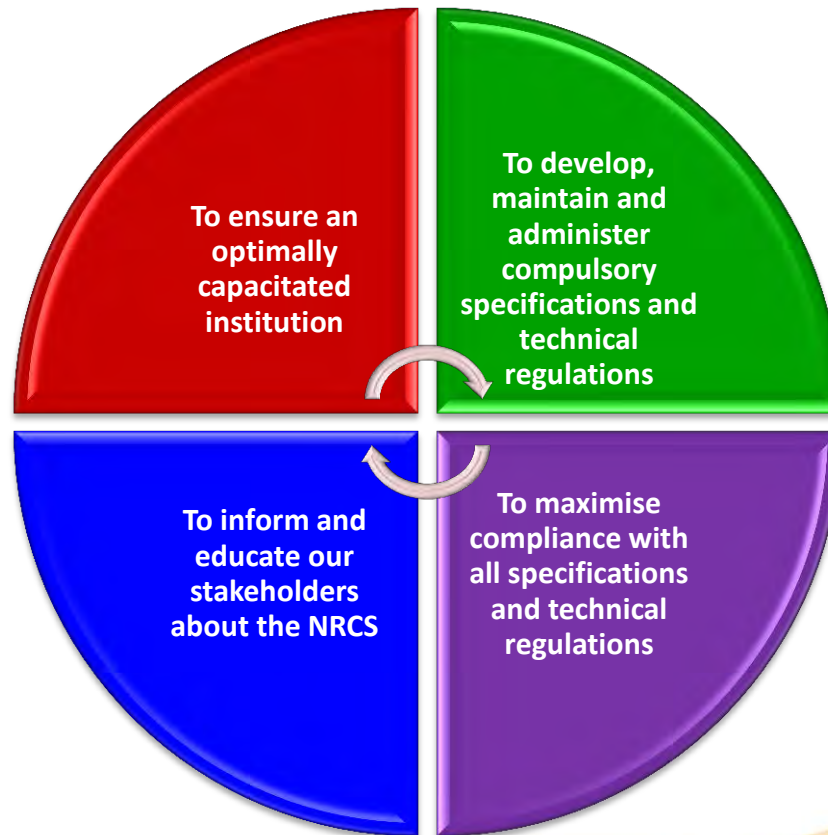
NRCS Vision

A credible and respected regulator for compulsory specifications and fair trade.

NRCS Mission

Dedicated to protect South Africans by developing compulsory specifications and technical regulations, and maximizing compliance of regulated products and services

Overview of strategic outcomes Per the Strategic Plan



Industries regulated by NRCS

Industry Sector	Product regulated / Service rendered
Automotive	Vehicles, Replacements components, Manufactures Importers and Builders
Chemicals, Materials and Mechanicals	Cement, chemicals, detergents, Personal protective equipment, safety shoes, building materials, treated timber, plastic bags, solar water heaters, plumbing equipment
Electro-technical	Electrical appliances and products, Electronic appliances and products
Food and Associated	Fishery products, canned meat and processed meat
Legal Metrology	Calibration of measuring instruments, weights, measures and gaming equipment
Building Regulations	Ensure uniform interpretation of NBR Act, administer review Board, set minimum regulatory requirements in standards, regulations, Building control officers convention and Building control officers training

Alignment with Government priorities



NRCS Linkage with Government Policy

- **National Development Plan**

- As an Entity under **the dti** and as part of the Technical Infrastructure the NRCS work gives effect to Outcome 4: Decent employment through inclusive economic growth and Outcome 11: Create a better South Africa and contribute to a better and safer Africa and World.

- **IPAP**

- The NRCS is also involved in the Industrial Policy Action Plan (IPAP) in the following areas:
- Agro-processing focusing on frozen shrimps, langoustines and crabs, olive oil, canned meat, live aquaculture oysters, canned fish products, live rock lobster and processed meat
- Energy and water efficiency household appliances
- Strengthening the South African technical infrastructure to support industrial development
- Strengthening the enforcement of existing and new mandatory standards of IPAP sectors

NRCS Strategy enablers

- Effective risk profiling through SARS platform reducing delays at ports
- Trade facilitation
 - Locking out non-compliant products
 - Fair Trade
 - Regional, continental and international engagements – Harmonisation of regulations and adoption of international standards and technical regulations where possible
 - Competent Authority in terms of fisheries Exports to foreign Markets Especially EU and the Far East
- Reducing regulatory costs through:
 - intelligent utilisation of information technology
 - Risk based Approach.
 - Effective Risk Profiling through SARS platform reducing delays at ports and costs
 - Utilising market intelligence

NRCS Strategy enablers

- Collaboration with SARS, SABS, DAFF, NCC, DoH, SAPS, Home Affairs
 - DAFF and DOH – Collaboration within the foods environment
 - SARS – Collaboration in respect of imported products
- The NRCS perform functions on behalf of other government departments:
 - Regulates Plastic Bags – DEA
 - Registration of Manufacturers, Importers and Builders of Motor Vehicles – DOT
 - DoE – Energy Efficiency
- Collaboration with regional bodies and other international bodies
 - SADC – Harmonisation of Technical Regulations within SADC
 - OIML – Treaty Organisation – representing SA Membership paid for by **the dti**. Harmonisation of International metrology technical regulations
 - CODEX – International Adopted Guidelines on Food Safety – NRCS participates and utilises Codex guidelines in setting up Foods Compulsory Specifications – NRCS and DOH participates on behalf of SA
 - AFRIMETS – Co-founders vision to harmonise Technical Regulations within Africa in support of African Union

Operational Focus Areas



NRCS Strategy - Focus

- **Strategy to focus on Source Inspections**
 - Source is point of entry or manufacture – Working with retailers to improve compliance and assist business in ensuring compliance (Shoprite-Checkers MOU)
 - lock out non-compliant products before the products enter point of trade and ensure that NRCS is more efficient in regulating the market.
 - Premarket Approval : Focusing on improving efficiency
 - Letters of Authority for Electrical and Electronic Appliances, Motor Vehicles and vehicle replacement parts, Chemicals, Fire producing Devices (lighters and paraffin stoves), etc
 - Regulatory Compliance Certificates for fixed electrical installations
 - Letters of Compliance for Gaming Equipment
 - Type Approval for measuring instruments
 - Homologation of motor vehicles
 - Retail and distributor inspections are meant for intelligence gathering and ensure that non-compliant products are kept out of the market.

Current Projects in Support of NRCS Strategy

- Intelligent utilisation of information technology.
 - Modernisation – The NRCS is embarking on a project to modernise its systems. This will allow the NRCS to process approvals and inspections electronically., provide for easy access to the NRCS and traceability of applications.
- Effective risk profiling through SARS platform reducing delays at ports
- Market Intelligence – Bill of lading, manifests

Performance Highlights 2017/18



Performance 2017/18 Financial Year

- **Inspections**

- NRCS conducted 48 835 Inspections
 - Foods and Associated Industries (FAI) 27 389
 - Automotive 4 398
 - Chemical Materials and Mechanicals (CMM) 5 563
 - Legal Metrology 6 041
 - Electro-technical 5 444

- **Approvals**

- 81% (11 411 out of 14 148) of all approval LOAs, Homologation and Type Approval) applications processed within 120 calendar days
- 77% (735 out of 952) of all gaming approval applications processed within 30 calendar days

Performance 2017/18 Financial Year

- **Non-Compliances**
 - R259,1 million
 - Automotive 14,4 million
 - CMM 8,2 million
 - Electro-technical 91,8 million
 - FAI 28,7 million
 - Legal Metrology 116 million



Thank You

