



Discussion on the legal adoption process & Way forward

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Adoption of MEPS

Adoption of MEPS describes the administrative process for the policies to be **adopted as part of a legislative framework**.

A typical process involves the following **steps**:

- Gazetting/Standard is being submitted for public consultation
- Submission of final MEPS document to authorities
- Development of a regulatory mechanism
- Development and implementation of monitoring, verification and enforcement activities for MEPS in place

Examples

Adoption process in Malawi

1. MEPS are being implemented as voluntary
2. Public consultation on voluntary MEPS to become mandatory
3. Promulgation of mandatory MEPS
4. Development of regulatory document
5. Enforcement of mandatory MEPS
6. Regular review and adjustment of MEPS levels

Adoption process in SADC (regional process)

1. 1st voting of member countries on MEPS, incl. submission of comments
2. Update of MEPS and presentation of final MEPS
3. 2nd voting of member countries
4. Approval of MEPS through SADCSTAN Executive Committee
5. National adoption of MEPS

Standard adoption process of MEPS & NCAP in The Gambia

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Next steps & timelines

Activity	Timeline for the rest of the year 2023
Market assessment	To be finalized with a first draft by end November
Workshop to communicate on the results of the market assessment	End of November/December
Data collection for the development of the NCAP, including first consultations	Starting in mid-October
Policy Working Group Meetings	Next meeting in December
First draft of MEPS and labels	Beginning of December

Scheduled activities for 2024:

- Development and finalization of the NCAP, including workshops
- Further 10 PWG meetings
- Study tour including workshop
- Consultation on the MEPS



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