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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>THE GAMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: The Gambia Standards Bureau, Kotu East. Email: info@tgsb.gm or thegambiasb@gmail.com , website: www.tgsb.gm , Telephone: +220 4464210. Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): ICS: 91.080.30, 93.020
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: COMPRESSED EARTH BLOCKS: Code of 21 practice for masonry in masonry (28 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: The rules described in this code are applicable in all production companies acceded to a system of qualification of their activity from an approved body.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To standardize the Compressed Earth Blocks sector in The Gambia and to be used as a tool for training of masons, stakeholders and promotion of Compressed Earth Blocks amongst the general population. As earth masonry (earth building technology) emerges as a sustainable material for affordable and high-quality dwellings and forms an integral part of the building industry, standardizing this sector becomes pertinent. Currently, manufacturers and building enterprises which have adopted this technology nevertheless still find themselves facing problems of acceptance of the material due to the absence of normative documents.
8. Relevant documents: -
9. Proposed date of adoption: 28 July 2021 Proposed date of entry into force: 28 August 2021
10. Final date for comments: 14 June 2021
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: