

## **THE USE OF THE BARBADOS NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTION CERTIFICATION MARK**

**The BNSI Certification Marks Act of 1981 and the regulations of 1982 provide for the institution to issues licenses to manufactures for the Certification Mark on goods.**

**The Mark will distinguish those goods which have been technically monitored by the BNSI, and have been found to comply with a standard, from those which have not.**

**In order to use the Mark, a Manufacturer has to satisfy the institution that his product meets a (national) standard and that his operations are reliable.**

- **WHAT IS A CERTIFICATION MARK?**

**It is based on the same design as the Institution's logo enclosed as shown in the diagram below, with a number of the standard, or Code of Practice included in the space. The words "approved to Barbadian Standard" appear on three sides of the design. These words can also appear alongside the logo.**



**The Mark can be printed, stamped, embossed, or otherwise reproduced on products, labels and packages, and used in advertisements and or letterheads in accordance with conditions which the Institution will set.**

- **WHAT PRODUCTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE USE OF A CERTIFICATION MARK?**

**All products used or manufactured and services provided in Barbados.**

- **WHAT DOES A CERTIFICATION MARK MEAN?**

**The products bearing a Mark can be expected to conform with standards of quality, safety, reliability or performance depending on the goods and the standards that apply to them.**

- **WHAT STANDARDS APPLY TO THE USE OF CERTIFICATION MARK?**

**A Certification Mark may only be used on goods for which there is a Barbadian National Standard.**

**If your products are not yet covered by a national standard, the Institution would look towards formulation or adopt standards for these products.**

- **WOULD TRAINED PERSONNEL BE NEEDED TO CONDUCT TEST?**

**This would depend on the nature of the product. The Institution would prefer if all tests could be done in the plant but we recognise that some laboratories could perform final product tests. The Institution itself will have laboratories which a firm might use. Your own staff can be trained by the Institution in some techniques and procedures which assist you in reaching the level of Quality control we are looking for.**

- **WHAT ADVANTAGES WOULD THERE BE IN USING THE MARK?**

- Consumers and dealers would know at a glance that your quality is acceptable and consistent;
- Your product would have less difficulty in getting accepted into new or foreign markets;
- Goods bearing the Mark will be give preferences in placing Government tenders and contract.

- **WHAT ADVANTAGES WOULD THERE BE IN USING THE MARK?**

**An application form is included in the BNSI Certification Marks Regulations. The forms are available at the Administrative Offices of BNSI at “Flodden”, Culloden Road, St. Michael – (Tel. 426-3870)**

**The applicant has to give information on:**

- (1) **The relevant standards;**
- (2) **The annual rate of production;**
- (3) **Raw materials or imports and their specifications;**
- (4) **Testing facilities available; and**
- (5) **Whether a quality assurance scheme is in operation or not.**

**The applicant is also expected to agree to allow the Institution to inspect the operations and to take samples for testing.**

- **WHAT CONDITIONS WOULD THE INSTITUTION EXPECT TO BE SATISFIED?**

**The Certification Mark is an Official Mark of Approval. As such, a licence for its use will not be given unless the Institution is completely sure that practically all of the products reaching the market are in compliance with the Standard.**

Such assurance would be based on the Institution being satisfied that:

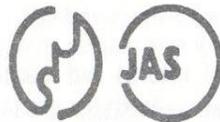
- (1) the production process is under strict control;
- (2) that adequate tests are conducted at critical points eliminate substandard components or materials from the final product;
- (3) that the final product is regularly sampled and checked for compliance with the standard(s); and
- (4) that there is a system of records and marking used, so that the tests done on each batch can be verified and reference made any time should problems arise.



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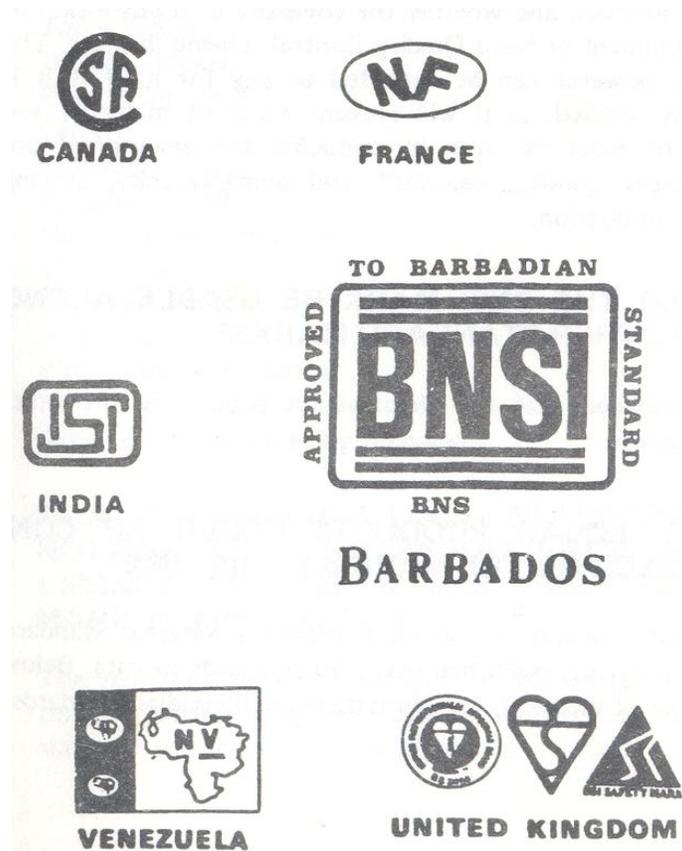
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- **WHAT CONDITIONS WOULD THE INSTITUTION EXPECT TO BE SATISFWOULD SUCH A QUALITY CONTROL SCHEME COST A LOT?**

The test equipment, methods and other needs will depend on the product, and whether the company is in possession of the equipment or has a Quality Control scheme in place. The scheme however can be expected to pay for itself if it is properly applied, as it will prevent waste of materials and waste of worker's time by reducing the amount of unsatisfactory goods, "seconds", and unmarketables, coming out of production.

- **WOULD THE BNSI MARK BE USABLE ALONG WITH OTHER STANDARD MARKS?**

Yes, provided that the Organisation controlling the other Mark agrees.

- **WHAT LOCAL PRODUCTS COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MARK AT THIS TIME?**

**All local products for which a Barbados National Standard exists. BNSI has published over 200 standards to date. Below are some of the goods for which there are Barbados National Standards:**

**Biscuits  
Carbonated beverages  
Margarine  
Steel Nails  
Toilet Tissue  
Cement  
Concrete blocks  
Pasteurised milk  
Meat and meat products  
UPVC pipes  
Processed foods  
Furniture  
PVC conduits and fittings**

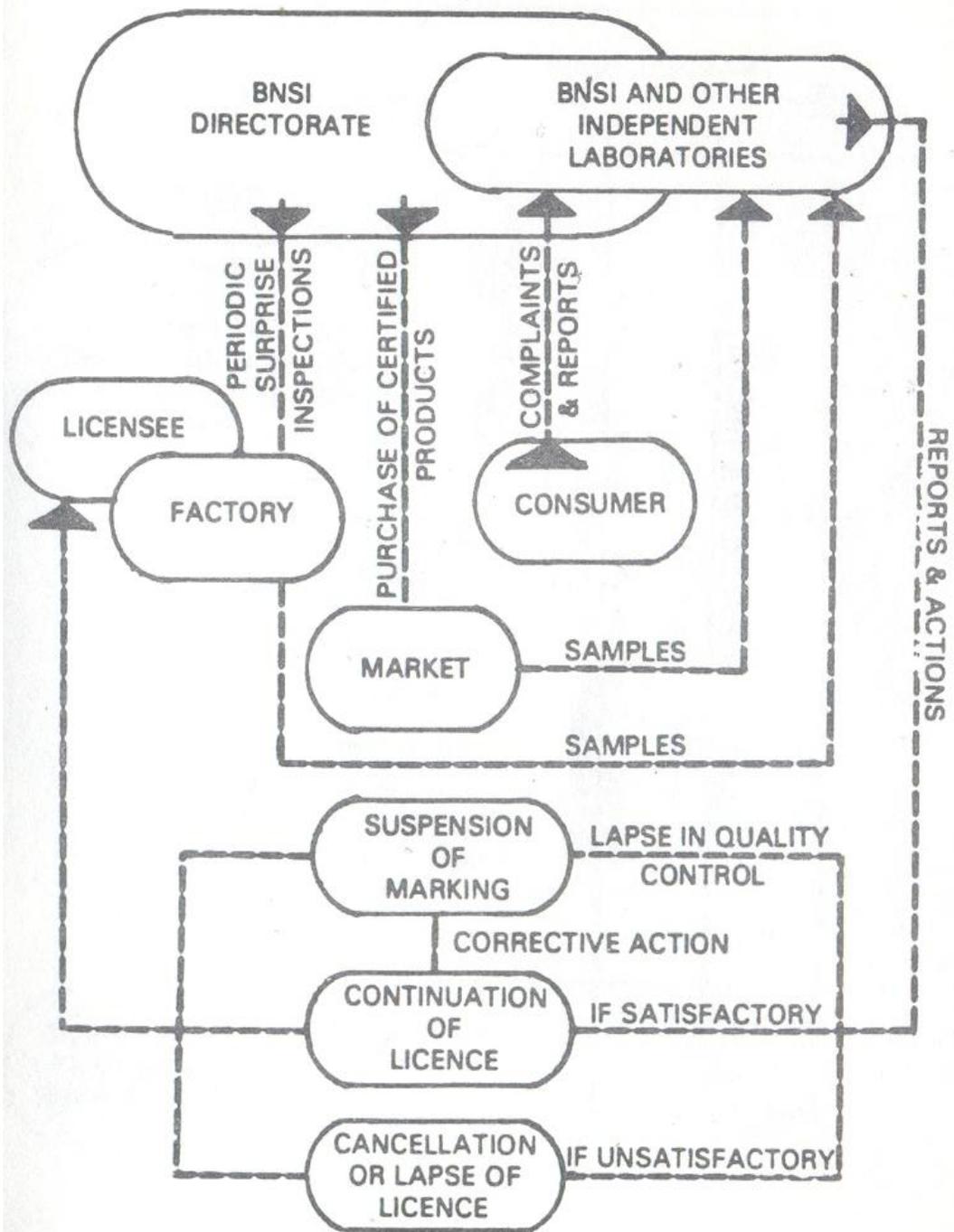
**Other standards are being prepared.**

- **WHAT HAPPENS IF A LOCAL STANDARD DOES NOT EXIST FOR THE PRODUCT FOR WHICH A LICENCE TO USE A BNSI CERTIFICATION MARK IS APPLIED FOR?**

**The relevant Company Standard or the foreign or international standard being used can be adopted as the national standard and the application processed as usual.**

**If you are interested in obtaining a Licence for the use of the BNSI Certification Mark, contact us, at telephone number, 426-3870.**

# SUPERVISORY CONTROLS ON BNSI MARKED PRODUCTS



# GRANT OF LICENCE FOR USE OF STANDARD MARK

