



# Our Economy, Our Jobs, Our Quality of Life and the SABS

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# ... Our Rich History



- ✿ Standardization activities in South Africa date back to the early 1900s
- ✿ SABS was formally established in 1945
- ✿ From the start SABS offered:
  - Development of National Standards
  - Testing
  - Certification (SABS Mark)
  - Regulatory function (Compulsory specs – legislation change in 2008 )
  - Training & Advisory services
  - Later – Design Promotion



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# ...Our services



## Standards

# 1

- ▶ Founding member of ISO & IEC
- ▶ Remains the only organisation in South Africa with co-ownership of ISO brand – SABS is ISO South Africa
- ▶ Maintain over 7500 SANS

## Training

# 2

- ▶ Fully equipped and accredited training centre
- ▶ Training against standards
- ▶ Understanding and application of standards in various industries

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## Certification

# 3

- ▶ Famous ISO 9000, 14000 system certification schemes
- ▶ Product certification – consumers' confidence



## Testing

# 4

- ▶ Over 90 different tests, 72 labs
- ▶ Conformance against standards
- ▶ Expectation from industry for the Bureau to be in a position to test every product in the market
- ▶ Unique infrastructure and capacity
- ▶ Necessary to lock out low quality products

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# ...Service delivery & procurement



Procurement of poor quality products hampers service delivery

Most products have quality specifications but these are not used when tenders are advertised

It is our citizens that ultimately pay a price for shoddy work – sometimes with their lives



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# ...Government procurement



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# ...Influx of low quality products



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## Threats

Safety of products

Unfair competition to local industry

Loss of jobs in the economy

## Solution

Stringent customs and regulatory regimes – SARS and the NRCS

Compulsory Testing – products of concern

Public awareness – understanding of the impact by consumers



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# ...Government procurement



- ❖ Uniforms
- ❖ SA Defense Force, Correctional Services, SA Police Services



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# ...Consumer safety

Product testing - simulation of the real life conditions for the application of a product

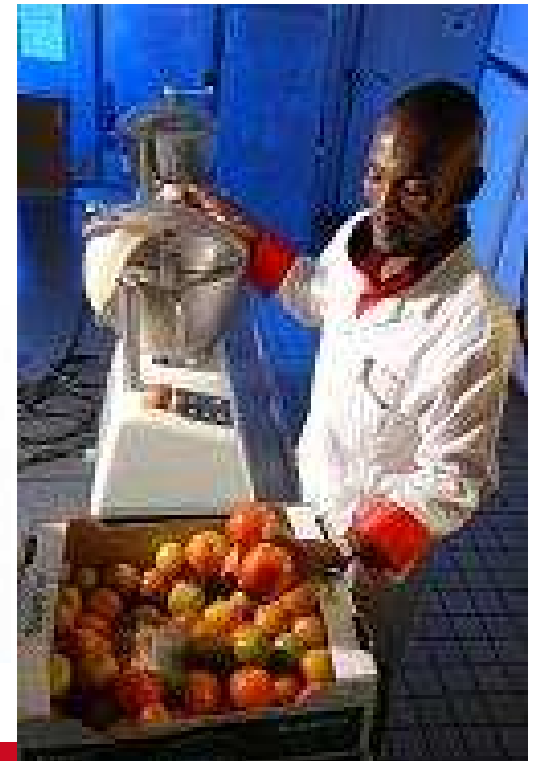
Paraffin stoves fires and paraffin poisoning



# ...Agricultural exports



European Union  
Legislation on Maximum  
Residue Levels (MRLs) on  
Pesticides, 2008 revision  
more stringent standards -  
new trade barriers



# ...SABS and SMEs



## **Conformity Assessments**

SMEs need quality assurance to access supply chains – municipalities have taken a lead



...Stimulating our economy



Why SABS?



You want to be sure

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