



**SEVENTY EIGHTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE ECOWAS
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Monrovia, 1st – 2nd June 2017

**REGULATION C/REG.13/6/17 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
REGIONAL QUALITY ASSOCIATION DESIGNATED AS ECOWAS
QUALITY AGENCY (ECOWAQ)**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11, 12 and 26.3 (L) of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty, as amended, establishing the Council of Ministers and specifying its composition and functions,

MINDFUL of Article 26(3l) of the Revised ECOWAS Treaty on the adoption of common standards and appropriate quality systems by Member States;

MINDFUL of the Additional Act A/SA.1/02/13 adopting the ECOWAS Quality Policy (ECOQUAL) and its implementation Framework;

MINDFUL of the Additional Act A/SA.2/07/10 adopting the Common Industrial Policy of West Africa (CIPWA) and its action plan,

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.14/12/12 adopting the ECOWAS Standards Harmonization Procedures (ECOSHAM);

MINDFUL of C/REG.19/12/13 adopting the ECOWAS Regional Quality Infrastructure Scheme;

MINDFUL of Article 7 paragraph 4 of the said Regulation C/REG.19/12/13 adopting the ECOWAS Regional Quality Infrastructure Scheme which enables the ECOWAS Commission to establish regional quality structures;

CONSIDERING that the management of the ECOWAS Quality Infrastructure requires the creation of a coordinating body for all activities related to the implementation of this infrastructure;

CONSCIOUS that it is not sustainable to entrust the coordination of quality promotion activities to a Directorate of the Commission while ignoring the contribution and participation of the stakeholders;

CONSCIOUS also that only a community organization can enable the ECOWAS Commission and the Member States to ensure the effective implementation of policies defined in the context of quality promotion;

DESIROUS of establishing an agency for implementation of Regional Quality Infrastructure Scheme;

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ARTICLE 1: AUTHORIZATION TO SET UP


The Council of Ministers authorizes the establishment of the Regional Quality Association, known as the ECOWAS Quality Agency (ECOWAQ), in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation C/REG/19/12/13 adopting the Regional Quality Infrastructure Scheme of ECOWAS.

ARTICLE 2: IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM

The ECOWAS Quality Agency (ECOWAQ) shall operate in the framework of an act approved by its Constitutive General Assembly. This Act consolidates all the provisions necessary for its organization, operation and financing.

ARTICLE 3: MODALITIES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ECOWAS COMMISSION AND THE ECOWAS QUALITY AGENCY (ECOWAQ)

Pursuant to paragraph 4 (12) of the ECOWAS Quality Policy document (ECOQUAL) adopted by Supplementary Act A/SA.1/02/13, the Quality Agency (ECOWAQ) will be entrusted, through a Memorandum of Understanding, with the operational management of the Quality Infrastructure Scheme of ECOWAS, including the implementation of the following missions:

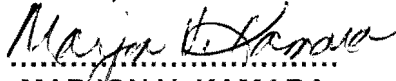
- a) The assistance in implementing the decisions taken by the Community Quality Council;
- b) The management of a common Permanent Secretariat of the Community Quality Council, the Community Technical Committees and the Regional Accreditation System;
- c) The Management of the regional certification scheme and regional certification marks; 

- d) The Supporting for the implementation of quality promotion activities, including the technical organization of the ECOWAS Quality Award and the management of Trademarks;
- e) All other activities related to the promotion of regional quality infrastructure

ARTICLE 4: ENTRY INTO FORCE AND PUBLICATION

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall be published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the Community within thirty (30) days. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Journal thirty (30) days after notification by the Commission

DONE IN MONROVIA, THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE 2017


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MARJON V. KAMARA

**THE CHAIRPERSON,
FOR THE COUNCIL**

SIGNED ON THIS 5th DAY OF June 2017 AT MONROVIA