

* The Bahamas' Legislative Action Plan (Rev.5) as at 3rd September 2018.

PART I – DRAFT BILLS/REGULATIONS UNDER REVIEW

| Subject | Legislation/Regulation | Competent Authority | Expected date of adoption/enactment | Status | Expected date of implementation | Translation/Copy submitted to Working Party |
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| ECONOMIC POLICIES | | | | | | |
| Monetary and fiscal policy | Public Procurement Bill, 2018 | Ministry of Finance | First quarter of 2019 | Drafted; undergoing internal review by substantive agency. | Second quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| Investment regime | Foreign Investment Bill | Office of The Prime Minister and Ministry of Financial Services, Trade & Industry and Immigration | Second quarter of 2019 | Currently being drafted. Ongoing consultations and internal review by substantive agencies | Third quarter of 2019 | |
| Competition policy | Competition Bill | Ministry of Financial Services, Trade & Industry and Immigration | Third quarter of 2019 | Currently being drafted. Ongoing consultations and internal review by substantive agencies. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | |
| POLICIES AFFECTING TRADE IN GOODS | | | | | | |
| Tariff rate quotas | Customs Management (Trade Support) Regulations | Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Agriculture | Third quarter of 2019 | Drafted; undergoing internal review by substantive agency. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | |
| Anti-dumping | Customs Management (Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties) Regulations, 2018 Customs Management (Amendment) Bill, 2018 | Ministry of Finance | Third quarter of 2019 | Currently being drafted. Ongoing consultations and internal review by substantive agencies. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | |
| TBT | Standards Bill, 2018 | Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality | Fourth quarter of 2018 | Drafted; being finalized by the Law Reform and Review Commission to be submitted to Cabinet and to Parliament thereafter. | First quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| | Standards (Technical Committees) Regulations, 2018 | Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality | Fourth quarter of 2018 | Drafted; being finalized by the Law Reform and Review Commission to be submitted to Cabinet and to Parliament thereafter. | First quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |

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| | Standards (Quality Assurance Marks) Regulations, 2018 | Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality | Fourth quarter of 2018 | Drafted; being finalized by the Law Reform and Review Commission to be submitted to Cabinet and to Parliament thereafter. | First quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| | Metrology Bill, 2018 | Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality | Fourth quarter of 2018 | Drafted; being finalized by the Law Reform and Review Commission to be submitted to Cabinet and to Parliament thereafter. | First quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| | Metrology Regulations, 2018 | Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality | Fourth quarter of 2018 | Drafted; being finalized by the Law Reform and Review Commission to be submitted to Cabinet and to Parliament thereafter. | First quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| SPS | Plant Protection Regulations, 2018 | Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources | First quarter of 2019 | Plant Protection Regulations, 2018 drafted; undergoing internal review by substantive agency. | Second quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| | Animal Health Regulations, 2018 | Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources | First quarter of 2019 | Currently being drafted. Regulations & internal Manual currently being drafted. | Second quarter of 2019 | |
| TRADE-RELATED ASPECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REGIME | | | | | | |
| Intellectual property | Copyright (Amendment) Bill, 2018 | Office of the Attorney General | First quarter of 2019 | The Regulations are currently being drafted. Significant technical assistance will be needed in order to implement. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
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| | Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill, 2018 | Office of the Attorney General | First quarter of 2019 | The Regulations are currently being drafted. Significant technical assistance will be needed in order to implement. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| | Trade Marks Regulations, 2018 | Office of the Attorney General | First quarter of 2019 | The Regulations are currently being drafted. Significant technical assistance will be needed in order to implement. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| | Geographical Indications Regulations, 2018 | Office of the Attorney General | First quarter of 2019 | The Regulations are currently being drafted. Significant technical assistance will be needed in order to implement. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| | Patents Regulations, 2018 | Office of the Attorney General | First quarter of 2019 | The Regulations are currently being drafted. Significant technical assistance will be needed in order to implement. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |
| | Protection of New Plant Varieties Bill | Office of the Attorney General | Third quarter of 2019 | To be re-submitted, together with regulations, to Parliament for debate and adoption. Significant technical assistance will be needed in order to implement. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | |
| | Integrated Circuits Regulations, 2018 | Office of the Attorney General | First quarter of 2019 | The Regulations are currently being drafted. Significant technical assistance will be needed in order to implement. | Fourth quarter of 2019 | WT/ACC/BHS/17 |

PART II – COMPLETED LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS

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| ECONOMIC POLICIES | | | | | | |
| Monetary and fiscal policy | Financial Administration and Audit (Amendment) Act (Public Procurement) | Ministry of Finance | 1 July 2013 | Amendment not implemented Public Procurement Bill will replace Amendment | | WT/ACC/BHS/13 |
| | Stamp Act | Ministry of Finance | 14 May 1925 | In force | 14 May 1925 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| | Companies Act | Ministry of Finance | 10 June 1992 | In force | 1 August 1992 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| | International Business Companies Act | Ministry of Finance | 29 December 2000 | In force | 29 December 2000 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| Foreign exchange and payments | Exchange Control Regulations Act | Central Bank of The Bahamas | 11 August 1952 | In force | 11 August 1952 | WT/ACC/BHS/6 |
| | Exchange Control Regulations | Central Bank of The Bahamas | 5 May 1956 | In force | 5 May 1956 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| Investment regime | National Investment Policy | Office of the Prime Minister/Bahamas Investment Authority | 1993 | In force, the Foreign Investment Bill will replace the Policy | 1993 | WT/ACC/BHS/3/Add.1 |
| | The Bahamas Free Trade Zone Act | Ministry of Finance | 31 December 1984 | In force | 31 December 1984 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| | International Person Landholding Act | Office of The Prime Minister | 31 December 1993 | In force | 1 January 1994 | WT/ACC/BHS/6 |
| | The Bahamas Investment Incentives Act | Office of The Prime Minister | 12 November 1991 | In force | 25 November 1991 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| | Hotels Encouragement Act | Office of The Prime Minister | 22 July 1954 | In force | 22 July 1954 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| | Hotels Encouragement (Customs Duties Exemption) Regulations | Office of The Prime Minister | 15 December 1999 | In force | 15 December 1999 | WT/ACC/BHS/6 |
| | The Bahamas Vacation Plan and Time-Sharing Act | Office of The Prime Minister | 3 November 1999 | In force | 12 January 2000 | WT/ACC/BHS/6 |
| | Agricultural Manufactories Act | Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Resources | 7 July 1913 | In force | 7 July 1913 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| Family Islands Development Encouragement Act | Ministry of Finance | 27 June 2008 | In force | 1 July 2008 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 | |

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| | Industries Encouragement Act | Ministry of Financial Services, Trade & Industry and Immigration | 2 July 1970 | In force | 18 December 1970 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| | Commercial Enterprises Act | Ministry of Financial Services, Trade & Industry and Immigration | 11 December 2017 | In force | 11 December 2017 | |
| | Hawksbill Creek, Grand Bahama (Deep Water Harbour and Industrial Area) Act | Office of the Prime Minister | 20 June 1955 | In force | 20 June 1955 | WT/ACC/BHS/6 |
| Pricing policies | Price Control Act | Ministry of Labour | 19 July 1971 | In force | 30 July 1971 | WT/ACC/BHS/4/Add.1 |
| | Price Control (General) Regulations | Ministry of Labour | 28 March 1973 | In force | 28 March 1973 | WT/ACC/BHS/6 |
| | Price Control (General) (Amendment) (No.4) Regulations, 2017 (S.I. No. 82/2017) | Ministry of Labour | | | | |
| | Price Control (Extension of Application) Regulations, 1991 (S.I. No. 106/1991) | Ministry of Labour | | | | |
| | Price Control (General) (Amendment) (Eggs) Regulations, 2015 (S.I. No. 87/2015) | Ministry of Labour | | | | |
| | Price Control (Drugs) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 (S.I. No. 85/2015) | Ministry of Labour | | | | |
| | Price Control (Gasoline & Diesel Oil) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 (S.I. No. 83/2015) | Ministry of Labour | | | | |
| | Price Control (Gasoline & Diesel Oil) (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 (S.I. No. 83/2015) | Ministry of Labour | | | | |