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# Jamaica's 2026-2029 National Standardization Strategy

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# Vision and Mission

## Vision

The Bureau of Standards Jamaica enables the domestic and international competitiveness of Jamaican producers and supports consumer protection by providing standardization, metrology and associated services.

## Mission

The Bureau of Standards Jamaica is a customer-focused organization that promotes the international competitiveness of Jamaican producers, facilitates business development and trade, and supports consumer protection by providing standardization, metrology, testing, certification and training services through visionary leadership, consultations, teamwork and a committed, motivated workforce.

The Bureau of Standards is required to promulgate standards which:

- are aligned to international standards;
- contribute to the execution of the Government of Jamaica's economic growth strategy while supporting the protection of the health and safety of Jamaicans;
- promote the international competitiveness of Jamaican goods and services;
- facilitate business development and trade and
- provide strong regulatory support to regulatory bodies.

# Corporate Profile

## Mandate

The Standards Act established the BSJ as a statutory organization in 1969 to promote and encourage the maintenance of standardization in relation to commodities, processes and practices. Upon its establishment, the BSJ was given the authority to administer the provision of the Processed Food Act of 1959; and with the promulgation of the Weights and Measures Act in 1976, it assumed responsibility for legal metrology activities. Over the years in response to regional and international developments and stakeholder demands, its role expanded to support the regulatory activities of other public sector entities and to provide other services including certification, scientific metrology and training. The legal framework governing the operations of the BSJ is outlined in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Legal Framework

- Standards Act (1969) and attendant Regulations
- Processed Food Act (1959) and attendant Regulations
- Weights & Measures Act (1976) and attendant Regulations and Orders
- CARICOM Regional Organization for Standards and Quality Act (2005)
- Trade Orders promulgated pursuant to Trade Act (1955)
- Petroleum (Quality Control) Regulations (1990, 1995, 1999, 2008, 2009, & 2010) promulgated pursuant to Petroleum (Quality Control) Act (1990)
- Petroleum (Quality Control) (Certification of Quality) Regulations (2017) promulgated pursuant to Petroleum (Quality Control) Act (1990)
- Customs (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) Order (1991) and Customs (Prohibition of Importation of Goods) (Miscellaneous Goods) Order (2010) promulgated pursuant to the Customs Act (1941)
- Road Traffic (Protective Devices) Regulations (1999) promulgated pursuant to the Road Traffic Act (1938)

# Corporate Profile

A significant development that impacted the BSJ's mandate was the establishment of a new entity, the National Compliance & Regulatory Authority (NCRA), in January 2016 to undertake the regulatory activities of the BSJ. The NCRA is firewalled from the BSJ. It operates independently in the execution of its technical activities, but is not legally separate from the BSJ. The NCRA is responsible for monitoring and inspection activities in respect of locally manufactured and imported commodities for which there are compulsory standards, as well as legal metrology activities. The BSJ provides the NCRA with corporate services, namely, human resource management and development, marketing and public relations, facilities management, legal, financial management and information and communication technology support.

In fulfilling its mandate, the BSJ, as a foundational institution of the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI):

- facilitates the development of standards and technical regulations and promotes their implementation to support the growth of Jamaican businesses;
- provides training courses in the areas of standards, conformity assessment and metrology;
- tests and analyses raw materials, components and finished goods to facilitate the trade of locally manufactured goods (locally and promotes their implementation to support the growth
- provides information on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures;
- offers certification services (offered by a “firewalled” unit, National Certification Body of Jamaica - NCBJ);
- maintains the national measurement system while ensuring its traceability to the international system;
- supports the consumer protection activities undertaken by other government entities;
- monitors and contributes to the regional and international developments in standards, metrology and conformity assessment on behalf of stakeholders;
- represents Jamaica's interests in regional and international standards and metrology environments; and
- raises awareness and promotes the importance of standards, metrology and conformity assessment as tools to improve the quality of goods and services, international competitiveness and market access.

# List of key acronyms

<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act	<b>ICC</b>	International Code Council
<b>BSJ</b>	Bureau of Standards Jamaica	<b>IEC</b>	International Electrotechnical Commission
<b>CRS</b>	CARICOM Regional Standard	<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization
<b>DJCP</b>	Draft Jamaican Standard Code of Practice	<b>MII</b>	Ministry of Industry, Investment And Commerce
<b>FDJCP</b>	Final Draft Jamaican Standard Code of Practice	<b>NCBJ</b>	National Certification Body of Jamaica
<b>DJS</b>	Draft Jamaican Standard	<b>NCRA</b>	National Compliance and Regulatory Authority
<b>FDJS</b>	Final Draft Jamaican Standard	<b>NQI</b>	National Quality Infrastructure
<b>JS</b>	Jamaican Standard	<b>SRCC</b>	Solar Rating & Certification Corporation
<b>FDIS</b>	Final Draft International Standard	<b>TS</b>	Technical Specification

# Message from the Executive Director

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# Overview of the National Standardization Strategy

## Definition of the NSS

A National Standardization Strategy (NSS) is a roadmap for a country to ensure that its national strategic priorities are supported by relevant national, regional and international standards. Jamaica's NSS also serves to define the path to be taken to achieve the desired goals while ensuring the allocation of the resources required.

## Importance of the NSS

There is international recognition of the value of standards and the role they play in the facilitation of international trade. Many countries have invested in quantifying the economic benefits of standards and have presented same in case studies. Careful review of the national strategic direction and an alignment of standardization activities will undoubtedly augur well for Jamaica's economic growth and development. The National Standardization Strategy serves to strengthen the standardization pillar of the National Quality Infrastructure.

The promulgation of national standards is executed by the Standards Development Branch of the Bureau of Standards Jamaica (BSJ) under the auspices of the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce (MIIC). The BSJ is mandated to promulgate national standards based on national priorities while giving due consideration to emerging regional and international issues.

The BSJ promulgates standards which will be subsequently referenced by the regulatory bodies in their policies, laws and attendant regulations and conformity assessment procedures. This level of commitment has already been demonstrated by the Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government such as the Cannabis Licensing Authority, Ministry of Local Government and the Ministry of Science, Energy and Technology.

# Overview of the National Standardization Strategy

## Objectives of the NSS:

- 1** Facilitate the use of standards to support national policy objectives
- 2** Improve the efficiency of the standards development process
- 3** Improve stakeholder participation in standards development activities
- 4** Encourage regulatory bodies to utilize standards in strengthening the monitoring and enforcement mechanisms in order to achieve the legitimate objectives which include health and safety, protection of the environment and national security
- 5** Promote the economic benefits of implementing standards
- 6** Use technology to facilitate greater stakeholder participation in the national standards development process
- 7** Encourage the effective participation of the Jamaican experts in the regional and international standards development process

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## How Were Jamaica's Standardization Priorities Determined?

The use of the ISO Methodology for developing the National Standardization Strategy ensures that the Jamaican standards are relevant and adequately address the needs of the various stakeholders in addition to ensuring that the Jamaican products and services can compete globally. The ISO Methodology

Jamaica's standardization priorities were determined using the ISO Methodology. Ranks were assigned subsequent to the evaluation of the contribution to the Gross Domestic Product, export earnings, government policy priorities and most important non-economic priorities. Fields of activity with a ranking between one (1) and three (3) are placed on the BSJ's Standards Development Work Programme over a defined period.

Standards are also placed on the priority listing based on urgent requests from the sectoral groupings or a response to particular subject areas of national importance. Standards in progress from the 2025-2026 period were also retained for the 2026-2027 Work Programme.



# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Accessibility</b>	1. 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design	1. ISO/IEC Guide 71:2014 Guide for addressing accessibility in standards	
<b>Artificial Intelligence</b>	1. ISO/IEC 22989 Information technology – Artificial intelligence – Artificial intelligence concepts and terminology 2. ISO/IEC 42005 Information technology – Artificial intelligence (AI) – AI system impact assessment 3. ISO/IEC 23894 Information technology – Artificial intelligence – Guidance on risk management 4. ISO/IEC 38507 Information technology – Governance of IT – Governance implications of the use of artificial intelligence by organizations 5. ISO/IEC 5338 Information technology – Artificial intelligence – AI system life cycle processes	1. ICSS Student Standard	

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Correctional Services</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FDJS 371: 2023 Final Draft Jamaican Standard Specification for Correctional Services for Children</li> <li>2. FDJS 372: 2023 Final Draft Jamaican Standard Specification for Correctional Services- Health and Wellness</li> <li>3. FDJCP 10: 2023 Final Draft Jamaican Standard Code of Practice for Correctional Services for Women</li> <li>4. FDJS 364: 2023 Final Draft Jamaican Standard Specification for Community-based Correctional Services</li> <li>5. FDJS 365: 2023 Final Draft Jamaican Standard Specification for Institutional Correctional Services</li> </ol>		

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Food Labelling &amp; Safety</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specification for Poultry Feed and Feed Ingredients</li> <li>2. Specification for Brewed Products</li> <li>3. JS 214: 1992 Jamaican Standard Specification for Wines (revision)</li> <li>4. Standard Specification for Vodka</li> <li>5. Standard Specification for Tequila</li> <li>6. Standard Specification for Gin</li> <li>7. Standard Specification for Liqueurs and Cordials</li> <li>8. Standard Specification for Rum</li> <li>9. Standard Specification for Alcoholic mixed beverages</li> <li>10. Standard Specification for Whiskey</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specification for Ready to eat foods-Street foods</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specifications for Processed meats</li> </ol>

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Psilocybin Products</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DJCP 12: 2025 Draft Jamaican Standard Code of Practice for the growth, processing, distribution and presentation of psilocybin mushrooms</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requirements for Retreat centres use of psilocybin mushrooms for therapeutic applications</li> <li>2. Requirements for Testing Limits</li> </ol>	
<b>Electrical &amp; Electronic Products</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. JS 283: 2000 (2017) Jamaican Standard Specification for the use and installation of standby and emergency power equipment (revision)</li> <li>2. CRS/ICC 900/SCRCC 300-2020: CARICOM Regional Standard - ICC Solar Thermal System</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. JS 1: Part 4: 2016 The labelling of household electrical appliances</li> <li>2. UL 414 UL Standard for Safety Meter Sockets</li> <li>3. JS 253: 1993 (2017) Jamaican Standard Specifications for Ballasts for tubular fluorescent lamps</li> <li>4. UL 414 Standard for safety Meter Sockets</li> </ol>	
<b>Bamboo</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requirements for Bamboo flour</li> <li>2. Code of Practice for the Manufacture of bamboo craft items</li> <li>3. JS 106 Part 2: 2014 Jamaican Standard Specification for Furniture Part 2: Bamboo and indigenous furniture (revision)</li> </ol>		

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Bamboo</b>	4.JS 334: 2015 Jamaican Standard Specification for Canned/Packaged bamboo shoots (revision)		
<b>Automobiles and Road Safety</b>	1.DJS 367: 2023 Draft Jamaican Standard Specification for Motor vehicle braking systems 2.Jamaican Standard Specification for Road Construction – Base Course, Sub-base Course, fills, and Wearing Course	1.JS 269: 2018 Jamaican Standard Specification for Pneumatic tyres for vehicles other than passenger cars Specifications for E-10 Motor Vehicle Gasoline 2.JS 22: 2014 Jamaican Standard Specification for Lead-acid batteries of automobile type	1.ISO/PAS 5101:2021 Road vehicles - Field load specification for brake actuation and modulation systems 2.ISO 7010:2019 Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Registered safety signs
<b>Education</b>	1.Infrastructure Building Standards for Early Childhood and Primary Education Institutions 2.Infrastructure Building Standards for Secondary Education Institutions		

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Education</b>	<p>3.ISO 21001:2025 Educational organizations — Management systems for educational organizations — Requirements with guidance for use (revision)</p> <p>4.ISO/TS 21030:2023 Educational organizations — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of educational organizations' management systems</p>		
<b>Automobiles and Road Safety</b>	<p>1.DJS 367: 2023 Draft Jamaican Standard Specification for Motor vehicle braking systems</p> <p>2.Jamaican Standard Specification for Road Construction – Base Course, Sub-base Course, fills, and Wearing Course</p>	<p>1.JS 269: 2018 Jamaican Standard Specification for Pneumatic tyres for vehicles other than passenger cars Specifications for E-10 Motor Vehicle Gasoline</p> <p>2.JS 22: 2014 Jamaican Standard Specification for Lead-acid batteries of automobile type</p>	<p>1.ISO/PAS 5101:2021 Road vehicles - Field load specification for brake actuation and modulation systems</p> <p>2.ISO 7010:2019 Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Registered safety signs</p>

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Financial Services</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ISO 20022-3:2013 Financial services — Universal financial industry message scheme — Part 3: Modelling</li> <li>2. ISO 20022-4:2013 Financial services — Universal financial industry message scheme — Part 4: XML Schema generation,</li> <li>3. ISO 20022-5:2013 Financial services — Universal financial industry message scheme — Part 5: Reverse engineering</li> <li>4. ISO 20022-6:2013 Financial services — Universal financial industry message scheme — Part 6: Message transport characteristics</li> <li>5. ISO 20022-7:2013 Financial services — Universal financial industry message scheme — Part 7: Registration</li> <li>6. ISO 20022-8:2013 Financial services — Universal financial industry message scheme — Part 8: ASN.1 generation</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ISO/FDIS 20022-1 Financial services — Universal financial industry message scheme Part 1: Metamodel</li> <li>2. ISO 20022-2:2013 Financial services — Universal financial industry message scheme — Part 2: UML profile</li> </ol>	

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<p><b>Construction</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requirements for Treated Lumber</li> <li>2. ASTM A6/A6M-24b Standard Specification for General Requirements for Rolled Structural Steel Bars, Plates, Shapes, and Sheet Piling</li> <li>3. ASTM A242/A242M-24 Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel</li> <li>4. ASTM A572/A572M-21e1 Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Columbium-Vanadium Structural Steel</li> <li>5. ASTM A588/A588M-24 Standard Specification for High-Strength Low-Alloy Structural Steel, up to 50 ksi [345 MPa] Minimum Yield Point, with Atmospheric Corrosion Resistance</li> <li>6. ASTM A709/A709M-21 Standard Specification for Structural Steel for Bridges</li> <li>7. ASTM A992/A992M-22 Standard Specification for Structural Steel Shapes</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. JS 124: 2018 Aggregates for Concrete (revision)</li> <li>2. JS 286 Aggregates for bituminous mixtures (revision)</li> <li>3. JS 303: 2018 Jamaican Standard Physical Test Method for Hydraulic cements (revision)</li> <li>4. JS 320: 2012 Jamaican Standard Specification for General purpose hydraulic cement (performance based) (revision)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Standard for Circular Materials in Construction</li> <li>2. Bamboo Building Code</li> <li>3. Jamaica Private Sewage Disposal Code (revision)</li> <li>4. Jamaica Fuel Gas Code (revision)</li> <li>5. Jamaica Plumbing Code (revision)</li> <li>6. Jamaica Electrical Code (revision)</li> </ol>

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Construction</b>	<p>8. ASTM A1064/A1064M-24 Standard Specification for Carbon-Steel Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain and Deformed, for Concrete</p> <p>9. ASTM F1043-18(2022) Standard Specification for Strength and Protective Coatings on Steel Industrial Fence Framework</p> <p>10. ASTM F1083-18(2022) Standard Specification for Pipe, Steel, Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded, for Fence Structures</p>		
<b>Paints and Surface Coatings</b>	<p>1. ASTM D445-21e2 Standard Test Method for Kinematic Viscosity of Transparent and Opaque Liquids (and Calculation of Dynamic Viscosity)</p> <p>2. ASTM D3960-25 Standard Practice for Determining Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Content of Paints and Related Coatings</p>		

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Paints and Surface Coatings</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. ASTM D4214-23 Standard Test Methods for Evaluating the Degree of Chalking of Exterior Paint Films</li> </ol>		
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ASTM D1305-16(2022) Standard Specification for Electrical Insulating Paper and Paperboard—Sulfate (Kraft) Layer Type</li> <li>2. ASTM D1968-22 Standard Terminology Relating to Paper and Paper Products</li> <li>3. ASTM D2240-15(2021) Standard Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness</li> <li>4. ASTM F1004-23 Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures</li> <li>5. JS 332: 2015 Jamaican Standard Specification for Rotational Moulded Polyethylene Water Storage Tanks (revision)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ISO 22002-4:2025 Prerequisite programmes on food safety Part 4: Food packaging manufacturing</li> </ol>	
<b>Toys, Sports and Playthings</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ASTM F803-19 Standard Specification for Eye Protectors for Selected Sports</li> <li>2. ASTM F1292-22 Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials Within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment</li> <li>3. ASTM F1292-22 Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials Within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment</li> </ol>		

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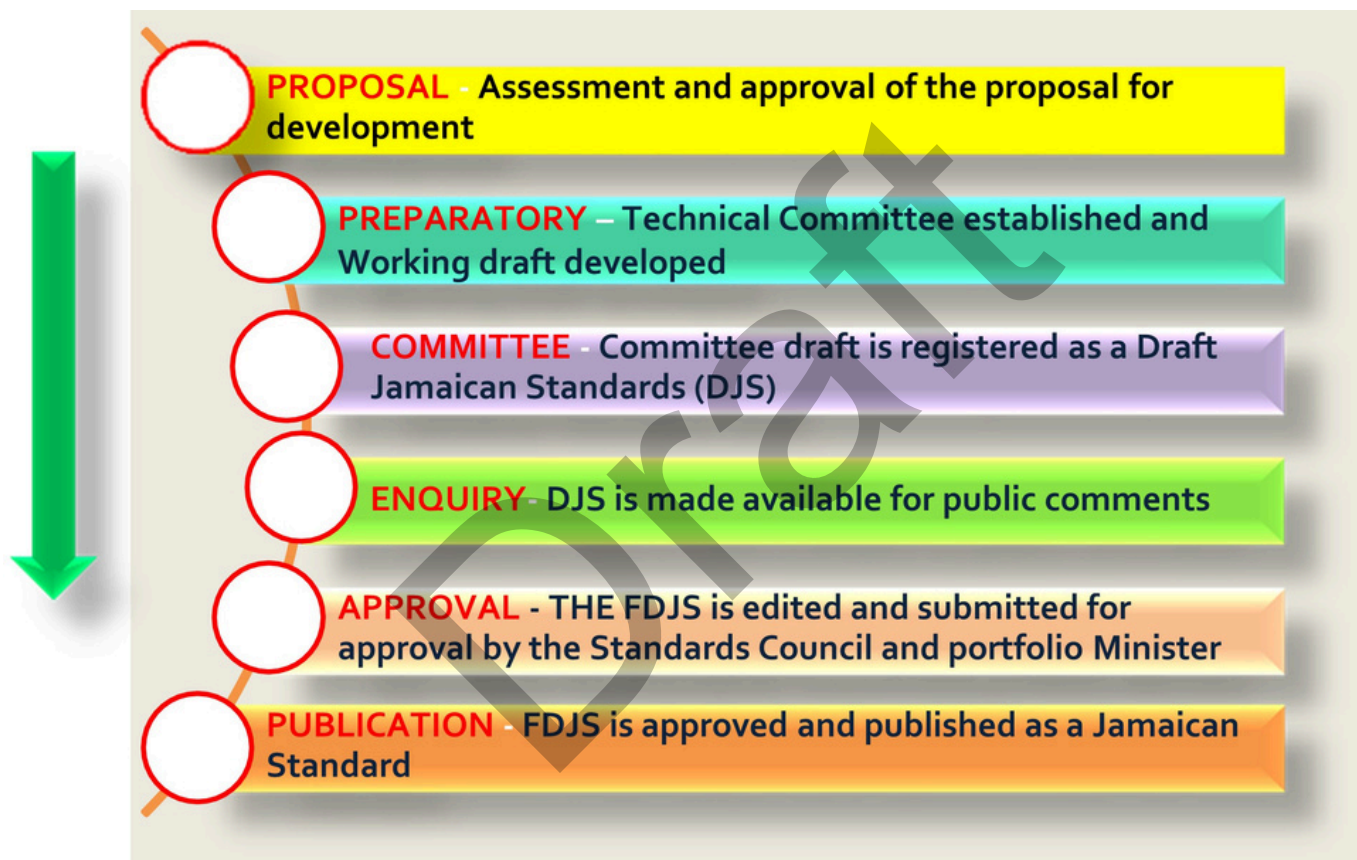
Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Toys, Sports and Playthings</b>	4. ASTM F2713-21 Standard Specification for Eye Protectors for Field Hockey		
<b>Cannabis</b>	1. ASTM D8196-22 Standard Practice for Determination of Water Activity (aw) in Cannabis Flower (revision)		
<b>Environment and Climate Change</b>	1. ASTM D6954-24 Standard Guide for Exposing and Testing Plastics that Degrade in the Environment by a Combination of Oxidation and Biodegradation	1. ISO 17298:2025 Biodiversity — Considering biodiversity in the strategy and operations of organizations — Requirements and guidelines	1. ISO 17620:2025 Biodiversity — Process for designing and implementing biodiversity net gain in development projects
<b>Health Services</b>	1. ASTM E1965-98(2023) Standard Specification for Infrared thermometers for Intermittent Determination of Patient Temperature	1. EN 13795 Surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits, used as medical devices for patients, clinical staff and equipment – General requirements for manufacturers, processors and products, test methods, performance requirements and performance levels	1. Specification for Ambulatory Surgical Centres

# 2026-2029 Standards Development Work Programme

Subject	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029
<b>Governance</b>	1. ISO 31073:2022 Risk management — Vocabulary 2. ISO/TS 31050:2023 Risk management — Guidelines for managing an emerging risk to enhance resilience	1. IEC 31010:2019 Risk management — Risk assessment techniques	1. Risk management — Guidelines for the management of legal risk
<b>Unmanned Aerial Systems</b>	1. FDJS ISO 21384-2:2026 Final Draft Jamaica Standard Specification for Unmanned Aircraft Systems - Part 2: UAS Components 2. FDJS ISO 21384-3:2026 Final Draft Jamaica Standard Specification for Unmanned Aircraft Systems - Part 3: Operational Procedure	1. ISO 23629-12:2022 UAS traffic management (UTM) Part 12: Requirements for UTM service providers 2. ISO/FDIS 23665 Uncrewed aircraft systems — Training for personnel involved in UAS operations 3. ASTM F3379 Standard Guide for Training for Public Safety Remote Pilot of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Endorsement	

# Appendix A

## The Standards Development Process



# Appendix B

## Standardization Priorities

NO.	SECTOR	GENERAL RANK
1	Construction	1
2	Health services	1
3	Automobiles and Road Safety	1
4	Information technology	1
5	Agriculture & Agro-processing	1
6	Correctional services	1
7	Artificial Intelligence	1
8	Environment and climate change	1
9	Accessibility	1
10	Packaging	2
11	Electrical & electronic products	2
12	Food labelling & safety	2
13	Tourism	2
14	Bamboo products	2
15	Cannabis products	2

# Appendix B

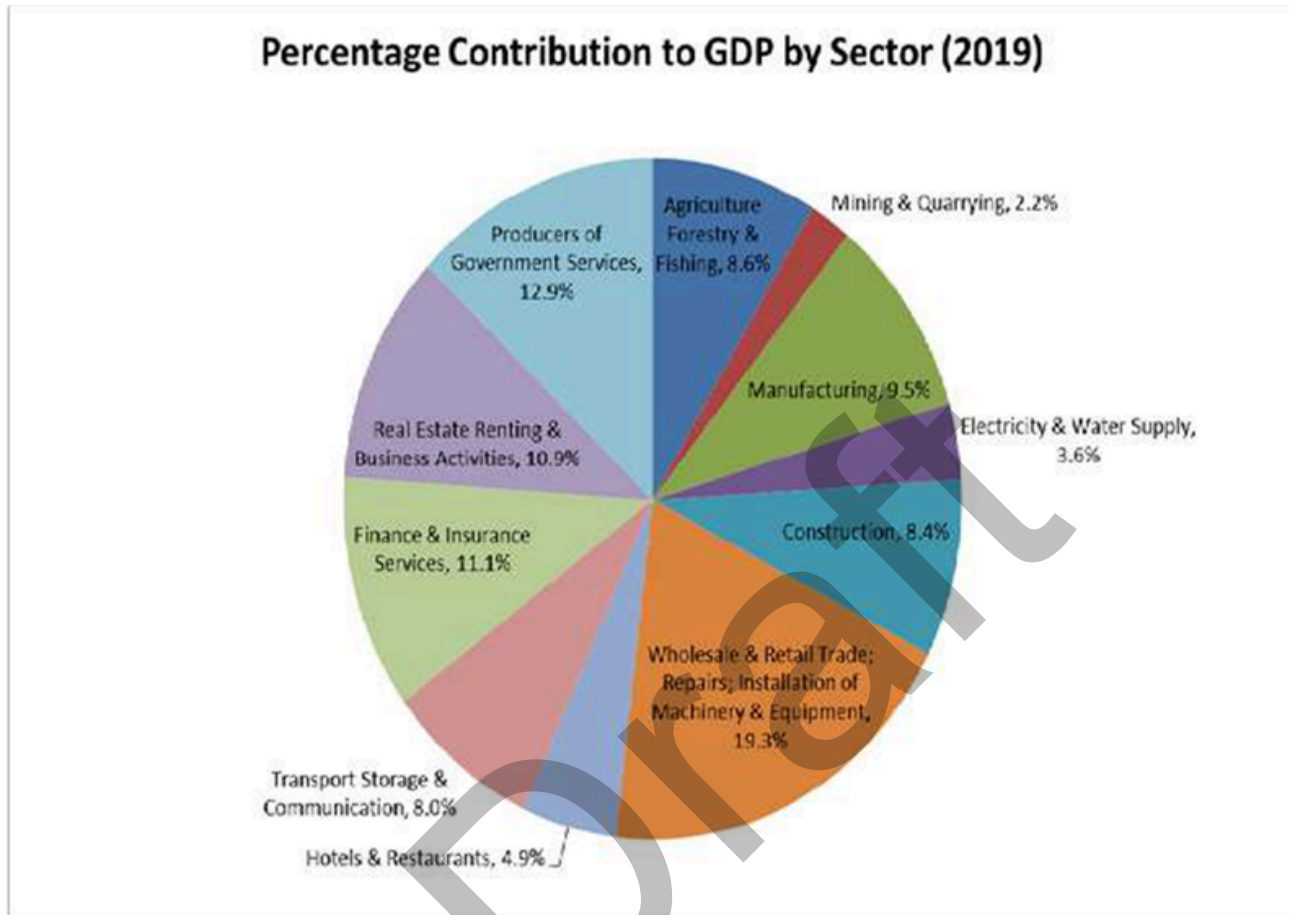
## Standardization Priorities

NO.	SECTOR	GENERAL RANK
16	Education	2
17	Unmanned aerial systems	2
18	Psilocybin products	3
19	Paints and Surface Coatings	3
20	Toys, sports and playthings	3
21	Financial services	3

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# Appendix C

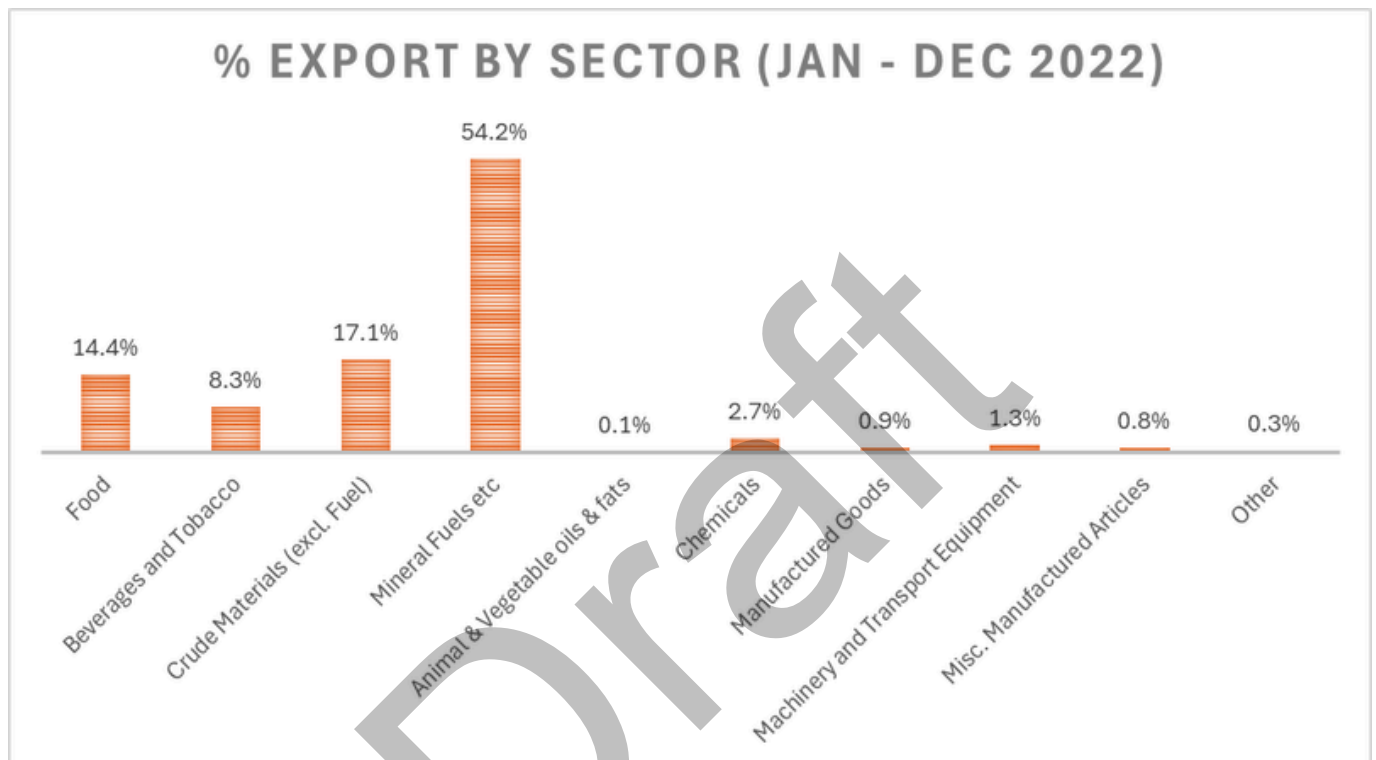
## Percentage Contribution to GDP by Sector



Source: Statistical Institute of Jamaica

# Appendix D

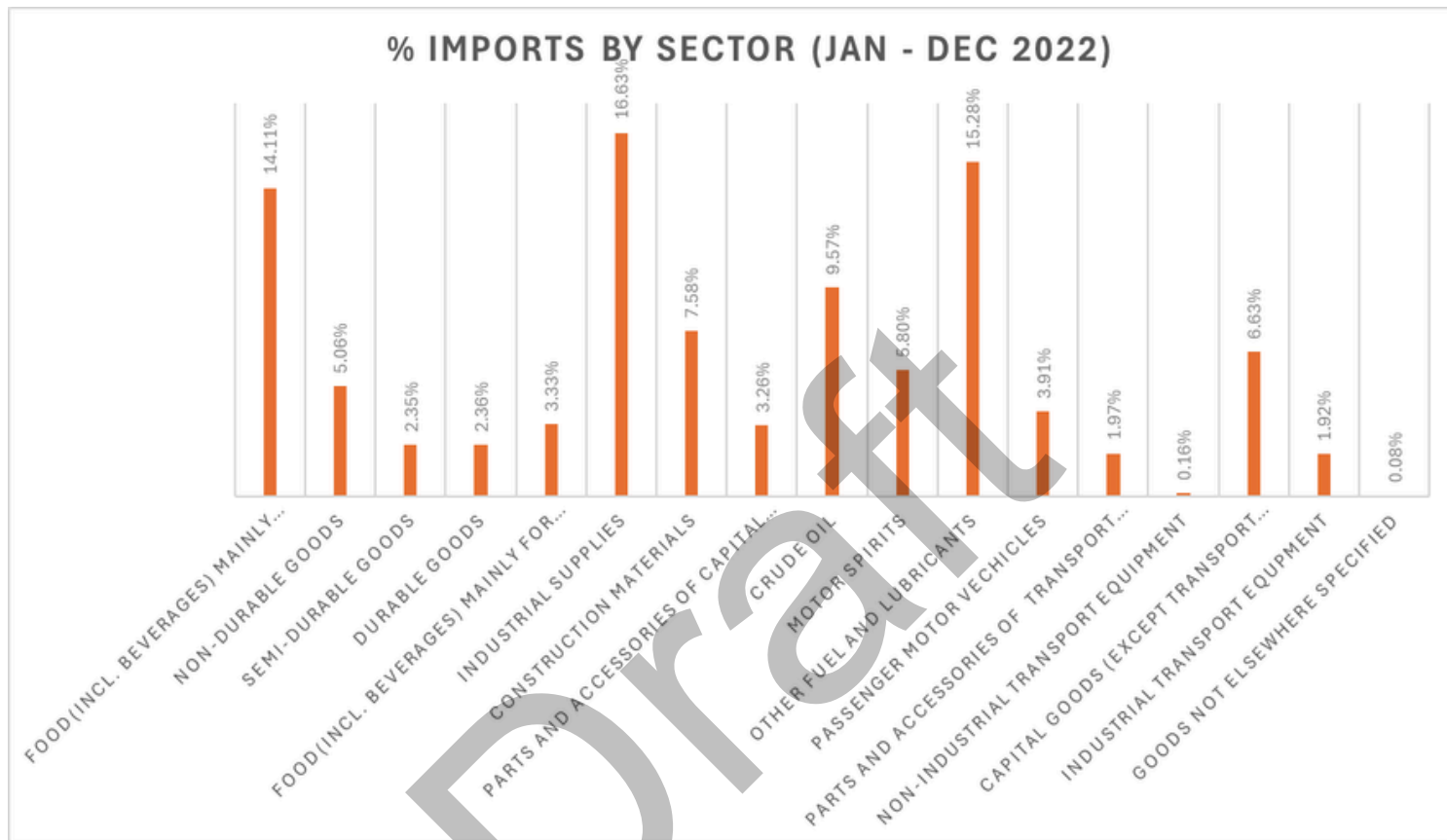
## Exports by Sector



Source: Statistical Institute of Jamaica

# Appendix E

## Imports by Sector



Source: Statistical Institute of Jamaica

# Appendix F

## Most Important Non-Economic Priorities

No.	Non-economic priority	Rank	Situation surrounding the problem and time
1	Road traffic safety	1	Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry
2	Quality of roadways	1	Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry
3	Quality of health services	1	Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry
4	Solid waste management	1	Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry
5	Child abuse	1	Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry
6	Human trafficking	1	Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry
7	Crime fighting	1	Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry
8	Violence in schools	1	Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry
9	Disaster preparedness and emergency management	1	Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry
10	Obesity Reduction	2	Serious problem, common occurrence, media attention

# Appendix F

## Most Important Non-Economic Priorities

No.	Non-economic priority	Situation surrounding the problem and time	Rank
11	Conduct of members of the Security force	Serious problem, common occurrence, media attention	2
12	Occupational health and safety	Serious problem, common occurrence, media attention	2
13	Food safety	Serious problem, common occurrence, media attention	2
14	Quality of local government services	Serious problem, common occurrence, media attention	2
15	Environmental concerns including climate change, pollution, etc.	Serious problem, common occurrence, media attention	2
16	Quality of the educational system	Serious problem, common occurrence, media attention	2
17	Human disabilities – ensuring accessibility	Serious problem, some media reports	3
18	Explosions and fires caused by faulty electrical wiring	Serious problem, some media reports	3

### Key.

Rank 1 – Very serious and urgent problem, public outcry  
 Rank 2 – Serious problem, common occurrence, media attention  
 Rank 3 – Serious problem, some media reports

# Appendix G

## Government Policy Priorities

No.	Sector or issue to be developed under National Development Plan or Policy	Importance and Chances of Occurrence	Rank
1	Provide and maintain an adequate health infrastructure to ensure efficient and cost effective service delivery	Great importance expected in near future	1
2	Grow the agro-process export sector	Great importance expected in near future	1
3	Strengthen investment promotion and trade facilitation	Great importance expected in near future	1
4	Develop the capabilities of Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises	Great importance expected in near future	1
5	Develop quality packaging industry	Great importance expected in near future	1
6	Strengthen investment promotion and trade facilitation	Great importance expected in near future	1
7	Establish an internationally recognized system for certification for organic products	Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled	2
8	Strengthen the linkages between health and the environment	Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled	2
9	Manage all forms of waste effectively	Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled	2
10	Create a quality and legal framework for medical ganja	Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled	2

# Appendix G

## Government Policy Priorities

No.	Sector or issue to be developed under National Development Plan or Policy	Importance and Chances of Occurrence	Rank
11	Develop Jamaica as a regional logistics hub with multimodal transport linkages	Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled	2
12	Ensure adequate and safe water supply and sanitation services	Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled	2
13	Promote innovations and introduction of new technologies for general industrial machinery and equipment production	Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled	2
14	Food Security	Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled	2
15	Environmental protection	Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled	2
16	Ensure that Adequate and high quality tertiary education is provided with an emphasis on the interface with work and school	Some importance expected in medium term	3
17	Develop a modernized public transport system	Some importance expected in medium term	3
18	Expand domestic and international air transport infrastructure and services	Some importance expected in medium term	3
19	Expand and diversify maritime infrastructure and services	Some importance expected in medium term	3

**Key:** **Source: Vision 2030 – National Development Plan**

- Rank 1 – Great importance expected in near future
- Rank 2 – Greater importance, if certain conditions are fulfilled
- Rank 3 – Some importance expected in medium term
- Rank 4 – Some importance expected in long term
- Rank 5 – No increase in importance expected

