

## International Resources Report

### Country Profile: Brazil

Please be aware this report includes regulations and resources WQA is aware of pertaining to Brazil. Regulations and laws change from time to time; therefore, it is important to make sure you have the most current version of the legislation or regulation before relying on them. Nothing herein shall be interpreted as legal advice. You must consult your own attorney as to the applications of these laws and regulations to your own products and materials.

\*Link to guidance document from the International Trade Administration Standards Initiative:

[https://www.export.gov/article?series=aOpt0000000PAtOAAW&type=Country\\_Commercial\\_kav](https://www.export.gov/article?series=aOpt0000000PAtOAAW&type=Country_Commercial_kav)

#### Regulatory Bodies

National Institute of Metrology, Quality and Technology (INMETRO)

INMETRO was created by law in 1973. It has several duties, which includes providing technical support the CONMETRO – the National Metrology, Standardization, and Industrial Quality Council, responsible for establishing the national policies on metrology and quality. INMETRO also implements the national policies on metrology and quality set by CONMETRO, maintains the national measurement standards in the country, and develops conformity assessment programs in areas of products, processes, services, and personnel, mandatory or voluntary, which involve the approval of regulations.

<http://www4.inmetro.gov.br/>

Ministry of Environment

Oversees water regulations.

<http://www.mma.gov.br/agua.html>

Ministry of Health

Provides drinking water guidelines and oversees bottled water.

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/drinking-water-safety-in-brazil-1467423>

Water Sweet Program (PAD) (launched in 2004)

PAD is an action of the Federal Government, coordinated by the Ministry of the Environment in partnership with federal, state, municipal and civil society institutions, which aims to establish a permanent public policy of access to quality water for human consumption, incorporating technical, environmental and social care in the implementation, recovery and management of saline and saline water desalination systems.

<http://www.mma.gov.br/agua/agua-doce.html>

Water Quality Surveillance Information System for Human Consumption (Sisagua)

<http://portalms.saude.gov.br/vigilancia-em-saude/vigilancia-ambiental/vigiagua/qualidade-da-agua-para-consumo-humano>

## Regulations

<http://portalms.saude.gov.br/vigilancia-em-saude/vigilancia-ambiental/vigiagua/normas-e-legislacoes>

Water Law (Law No. 9433/1997)

Established the National Water Resources Policy (PNRH) and created the National System for Water Resources Management (Singreh). Water is considered a public property and a limited natural resource endowed with economic value. The management plan includes promotion of decentralized alternatives for service.

<http://www.braziannr.com/brazilian-environmental-legislation/law-no-9433-brazilian-national-water-resources-policy/>

Decree No. 79.367 (Mar. 9, 1977)

Provides norms and standards of water potability.

<http://portalarquivos2.saude.gov.br/images/pdf/2014/julho/24/Documento-Base-de-elaboracao-da-Portaria-MS-2914.pdf>

Decree No. 5,440 (May 4, 2005)

Establishes definitions and procedures on the water quality control of supply systems and establishes mechanisms and instruments for the dissemination of information to the consumer about the quality of water for human consumption.

Decree No. 7,217 (Jun. 21, 2010)

Establishes national guidelines for basic sanitation.

Inmetro Ordinance No. 605 (12/12/2013)

Conformity Assessment Procedures for water dispensers by a compulsory third party certification, carried out by an accredited body with a focus on safety requirements and performance, consumer health and energy efficiency.

[http://www.bps.dti.gov.ph/index.php?option=com\\_sobidir&sobidirTask=sobidirDetails&catid=33&sobidirId=4193&Itemid](http://www.bps.dti.gov.ph/index.php?option=com_sobidir&sobidirTask=sobidirDetails&catid=33&sobidirId=4193&Itemid)

[http://www.inmetro.gov.br/legislacao/detalhe.asp?seq\\_classe=1&seq\\_ato=2057](http://www.inmetro.gov.br/legislacao/detalhe.asp?seq_classe=1&seq_ato=2057)

Inmetro Ordinance No. 344 (7/22/2014)

To approve the improvement of the conformity assessment requirements for water consumption equipment.

[http://www.inmetro.gov.br/legislacao/detalhe.asp?seq\\_classe=1&seq\\_ato=2141](http://www.inmetro.gov.br/legislacao/detalhe.asp?seq_classe=1&seq_ato=2141)

<http://www.inmetro.gov.br/legislacao/rtac/pdf/RTAC002141.pdf>

Certification

Certification Mark

As of March 2010, certification is mandatory for specific product categories. Below is a link to INMETRO website where they list all of the products with compulsory certification required and the specific rule/regulatory that goes along with the product category: <http://www.inmetro.gov.br/qualidade/rtepac/compulsorios.asp>

Object	Conformity Assessment Mechanism	Regulatory Body	Inmetro Ordinance
Equipment for Water Consumption	Certification	Inmetro	<a href="#">Ordinance NO. 344</a>

Labs

For regulated products, the relevant government agency generally requires that entities engaged in product testing and mandatory certification be accredited by INMETRO. Generally, testing must be performed in-country, unless the necessary capability does not exist in Brazil.

Inmetro accredited product certification bodies: <http://www.inmetro.gov.br/organismos/index.asp>

- Falcao Bauer laboratories
- MHC Technology and Consumer Trends laboratories (MHC Laboratories is an approved lab that works with Bureau Veritas Certification (BVQI) and probably other certification bodies)

Labeling

The Brazilian Consumer Protection code, in effect since September 12, 1990, requires that product labels provide consumer with correct, clear, precise, and easily readable information about the product's quality, quantity, composition, price, guarantee, shelf life, origin, and risk to the consumer's health and safety. Imported products should bear a Portuguese translation, and all products should use the official metric units or show a metric equivalent.

Link to the Brazilian Consumer Protection Code:

- <https://thebrazilbusiness.com/article/consumer-rights-in-brazil>
- [http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil\\_03/leis/l8078.htm](http://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/leis/l8078.htm)

Other Website Tools

Trade Agreements

Brazil is a member of the Mercosur trading bloc, which has its own regional standards organization that issues and harmonizes standards. Technical committees write and recommend standards in selected areas. Each country must ratify the standard before they are adopted in the county. A few standards have already been adopted as Mercosur standards.

Adopted and proposed Mercosur standards are listed on Mercosur's website

<http://www.mercosur.int/>

United States Trade Agreements

[https://tcc.export.gov/Trade\\_Agreements/All\\_Trade\\_Agreements/index.asp](https://tcc.export.gov/Trade_Agreements/All_Trade_Agreements/index.asp)

INMETRO Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.inmetro.gov.br/noticias/conteudo/ac.asp>

Mutual recognition agreements between Brazil and USA

<http://www.inmetro.gov.br/barreirastecnicas/recmutuo.asp>