

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
**TTS 583:2002, Carbon steel bars for the reinforcement of concrete –
Specification**

Background: Carbon steel bars are widely used in the construction industry for the reinforcing concrete to form a composite material that combines the strength of concrete with the ductility of steel. This reinforced steel is widely used for load bearing beams and columns that support buildings.

The Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards is revising the national standard for reinforcing steel bars, TTS 583:2002, *Carbon steel bars for the reinforcement of concrete – Specification*, and is proposing that it be replaced by the adoption of two ASTM international standards.

ASTM A 706M-08, Standard Specification for Low-Alloy Steel Deformed and Plain Bars for Concrete Reinforcement.
ASTM A 615M, Standard Specification for Deformed and Plain Carbon-Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement,

A public consultation is being held to inform the construction industry of the proposed changes to the standard, to discuss the implementation of the standard and to obtain their comments and recommendations.

Target group: Steel manufacturers, structural engineers, building contractors, government agencies

Topics:

1. Discussion of ASTM 615 and 706 requirements
2. National deviations from ASTM 615 and 706
3. Inclusion of metric and imperial bar sizes.
4. Enforcement of the standard

Date/time: 9 am, Friday 29th, January 2010

Venue: TTBS Auditorium

Cost: Free

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