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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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AGREEMENT REACHED BY A MEMBER WITH ANOTHER COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES ON ISSUES RELATED TO TECHNICAL REGULATIONS, STANDARDS OR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

Notification

Under Article 10.7 of the Agreement "Whenever a Member has reached an agreement with any other country or countries on issues related to technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures which may have a significant effect on trade, at least one Member party to the agreement shall notify other Members through the Secretariat of the products to be covered by the agreement and include a brief description of the agreement". The following notification under Article 10.7 has been received.

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| 1. | Member notifying: <u>AUSTRALIA and SINGAPORE</u> |
| 2. | Title of the bilateral or plurilateral Agreement: Mutual Recognition Agreement on Conformity Assessment between Australia and Singapore |
| 3. | Parties to the Agreement: the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore |
| 4. | Date of entry into force of the Agreement: 1 June 2001 |
| 5. | Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): The Agreement covers three product categories, called "sectors". The sectors which are covered are: electrical and electronic equipment (85, except 85.17), telecommunications terminal equipment (ch. 85.17) and medicinal products good manufacturing practice inspection (ch. 30). |
| 6. | Subject matter covered by the Agreement (technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment): The Agreement provides for both Parties to the Agreement to accept attestations of conformity including test reports, certifications, authorizations and marks of conformity as required by legislation and regulations in its own jurisdiction, issued by designated Conformity Assessment Bodies in the other jurisdiction. |
| 7. | Brief description of the Agreement: The Agreement is a Government to Government Agreement covering the sectors described above. A Joint Committee, established under the Agreement, provides for the effective functioning of the Agreement. In particular it may consider any matters relating to amending the Sectoral Annexes, the approval and withdrawal of Conformity Assessment Bodies, information exchange, verification of competence and the extension of the Agreement. |
| 8. | Further information available from: Australia Manager Technical & Regulatory Barriers to Trade Section Department of Industry, Science & Resources Singapore Singapore Productivity and Standards Board or Public Utilities Board |