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**Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in
Information Technology Products**

SURVEY ON EMC/EMI

At its meetings of 15 February 2002, the Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products agreed to conduct a survey as part of the on-going work in the NTM Work Programme. This survey emanates from the proposal made by Canada[1] to initiate a pilot project with respect to the issues of EMC and EMI. The survey inquires about participants' technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures for information technology products. It is noted that a similar survey on certain standards-related matters was conducted by the Committee in February 1998, and those participants who responded to that survey may wish to draw upon their responses[2] to those questions in order to respond to this survey, assuming the situation has not changed. The responses to this earlier survey can be found in the document series G/IT/SPEC/Q1/.

Therefore participants are requested to respond to the following four questions before 30 May 2002, by sending their replies to the WTO Secretariat:

1. a)   Does your government have mandatory technical requirements for electromagnetic interference of Information Technology equipment? If so, please identify.

    b)   Are these requirements harmonized with CISPR 22? If not, please explain the current requirements.

2. a)   Does your government have mandatory technical requirements for electromagnetic immunity of Information Technology equipment? If so, please identify.

    b)   Are these requirements harmonized with CISPR 24? If not, please explain the current requirements.

3. a)   What conformity assessment procedure for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC/EMI), which includes both interference and immunity, does your government require for approval of information technology products?

    b)   May suppliers perform these procedures (e.g. testing, declaration of conformity), or must third parties perform these procedures?

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[1]   G/IT/SPEC/Q3/2.

[2]   The following participants responded in the following documentation: Australia (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/6+Corr.1); Canada (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/11); Chinese Taipei (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/18); Costa Rica (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/24); Czech Republic (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/1); Estonia (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/3); European Commission (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/9);   Hong   Kong,   China   (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/4);   Iceland   (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/17;   Israel (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/15); Japan (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/2); Korea (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/16); Macao, China (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/5); Malaysia (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/22); New Zealand (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/7); Norway (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/20); Poland (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/13);   Philippines   (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/21);   Romania   (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/26);   Singapore (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/8); Slovak Republic (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/19); Switzerland (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/10); Thailand (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/23); Turkey (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/14); and the United States (G/IT/SPEC/Q1/12).

       c)   What international guidelines or standards, if any, are those procedures based on? If not, what guidelines or standards are they based on?

4.   Has your regulatory authority received any complaint or had any problems regarding the EMC/EMI aspects of the approved information technology products? If yes, how frequent? And please identify the nature of the complaint/problem.

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