

**IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT  
ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE**

The following statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement has been received from the delegation of Hong Kong.

1. To ensure that the provisions of the Agreement are applied, all government departments responsible for the operation of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures have been provided with copies of the Agreement and are aware of Hong Kong's obligations under the Agreement. The Industry Department of the Hong Kong Government regularly reminds them of the obligations. No legislation is needed for Hong Kong to implement the Agreement.

2. (a) Notices of proposed technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are published in the Hong Kong Government Gazette.

(b) A period of at least 60 days is generally allowed for making comments on the adoption of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures.

(c) The enquiry point of Hong Kong is:

Industry Department  
Hong Kong Government  
36/F., Immigration Tower  
7 Gloucester Road  
Wanchai  
Hong Kong

(d) Trade Department of the Hong Kong Government is the consultation point under the Agreement. Its address is:

Trade Department  
Hong Kong Government  
Trade Department Tower  
700 Nathan Road  
Kowloon  
Hong Kong

(e) Responsibility for the adoption of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures rests fully with the Government. All government departments responsible for the adoption and operation of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are fully aware of the Hong Kong's obligation on notifications (and other obligations) under the Agreement.