

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 Tunisia.

1. The Agreement Establishing the WTO was ratified by Tunisia by Law No. 95-6 of 23 January 1995. Accordingly, pursuant to Article 36 of the Constitution, the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has binding force in Tunisia.
2. Draft standards are published in the Official Bulletin of the National Standardization and Industrial Property Institute (Institut National de la Normalisation et de la Propriété Industrielle - INNORPI). Mandatory technical regulations, conformity assessment procedures and standards are published in the Official Journal of the Tunisian Republic.
3. The Enquiry Points provided for under Articles 10.1 and 10.3 of the Agreement have been notified to the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade.

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4. The Ministry of Trade (Directorate-General of Economic and Trade Cooperation) is the central authority responsible for notifications required under the WTO Agreements and the TBT Agreement.

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To this end, it chairs the National Secretariat for WTO relations, consisting of representatives of all the Ministerial departments. Steps taken to implement the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade are brought to the attention of the Ministry of Trade through the National Secretariat, which constitutes the central authority for notifications as indicated above.