

IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Communication from Singapore

Revision

The following communication under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has been received from the delegation of Singapore.

1. No special legislation is required in Singapore to implement the Agreement. All relevant government departments and regulatory authorities responsible for the implementation and administration of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures have been provided with copies of the Agreement and have been informed accordingly of their obligations under it.

2. The Ministry of Trade and Industry serves as the focal point for disseminating information to concerned departments and authorities on Singapore's obligations under the Agreement. Its address is as follows:

Ministry of Trade and Industry
100 High Street
#09-01 The Treasury
Singapore 179434
Tel: +(65) 6225 9911
Fax: +(65) 6332 7260
Email: mti_email@mti.gov.sg
Website: www.mti.gov.sg

3. Notices of technical regulations, rules of certification or Singapore Standards established by the Singapore Government are published in the Singapore Government Gazette.

4. Standardization and certification are undertaken by SPRING Singapore. In principle, ISO, IEC and other international standards are used as a basis for the preparation of Singapore Standards. All standards prepared are not mandatory except those which are incorporated into the technical regulations of the regulatory authorities for public health and safety. SPRING Singapore has accepted the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards and will publish the status of its standardization programme at intervals of six months as required under the Code.

5. In general, Singapore provides a period of 60 days for presentation of comments in writing before implementation of technical regulations, standards or conformity assessment procedures.

6. Singapore has established the following three enquiry points which are fully operational. The details of the enquiry points and the scope of responsibility of each enquiry point are outlined in the following paragraphs.

7. The enquiry point for standardization & certification and technical regulations relating to specific **electrical fittings and accessories** is:

SPRING Singapore
Consumer Product Safety and Weights & Measures Division
Tel: +(65) 62791840
Fax : +(65) 62789885
E-mail: safety@spring.gov.sg
Website: www.spring.gov.sg/safety

8. The enquiry point for technical regulations relating to **processed food** is:

Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority
5 Maxwell Road
#18-00
Tower Block, MND Complex
Singapore 069110

Tel: +(65) 6325 8582
Fax: +(65) 6325 1221/ 6324 4563
Email: Chu_Sin-I@ava.gov.sg
Website: www.ava.gov.sg

9. The enquiry point for **other** technical regulations is:

Ministry of Trade and Industry
WTO and International Trade Negotiations, Trade Division
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