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Addendum

Communication from Liechtenstein

The following Statement under Article 15, paragraph 2 of the Agreement has been received from the Delegation of <u>Liechtenstein</u>.

1. The WTO Agreement entered into force for Liechtenstein on 1 September 1995. Since that date the WTO TBT Agreement is directly binding for the Liechtenstein regulatory authorities, as international treaties in force for Liechtenstein have the force of law. The government services concerned have been informed by an administrative circular of the obligations stemming from the WTO TBT Agreement.

2. Any questions concerning the application and administration of the TBT Agreement as well as requests for consultations should be addressed to the:

Office for Foreign Affairs Heiligkreuz 14 9490 Vaduz Liechtenstein

3. The Office for Foreign Affairs is also responsible for the notification to the WTO Secretariat of national technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures on behalf of the national competent authorities.

4. A period of 60 (minimum) to 90 days is normally allowed for making comments on the adoption of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures.

5. Liechtenstein only exceptionally issues its own technical regulations. Liechtenstein applies Swiss technical regulations and standards deriving from its regional union with Switzerland on the Liechtenstein market in parallel with technical regulations and standards deriving from the participation of Liechtenstein in the EEA (European Economic Area). There is no national standardization body in Liechtenstein.