WORLD TRADE

ORGANIZATION

G/TBT/2/Add.43/Supp.1 18 September 1998

(98-3580)

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

Original: Spanish

IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Communication from the Republic of Bolivia

Supplement

The following statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement has been received from the delegation of the <u>Republic of Bolivia</u>.

- 1. The Bolivian Institute of Standardization and Quality (IBNORCA) is currently undertaking preparatory work that will enable it to notify its compliance with the obligations of the TBT Agreement's Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards, and to eventually sign it.
- 2. The work that was underway in the Multi-Sectoral Commission for the establishment of Guidelines for the Preparation, Revision and Cancellation of Technical Regulations has reached its final stage, and a review of the observations received on the Guidelines is currently underway. The Guidelines have been approved by the National Quality Council, the highest body in the Bolivian Standardization, Metrology, Accreditation and Certification System (NMAC System).
- 3. With respect to technical regulations, the Industrial Development Unit is preparing a database containing all the technical regulations issued by ministries, vice-ministries, the mayors' offices, and prefectures within their respective spheres of responsibility.