

IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON
TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Addendum

Communication from Pakistan

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

1. No special legislation is required in Pakistan 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 the Agreement and have been informed accordingly of their obligations under it.

2. The Economic Consultant, Ministry of Commerce, serves as the focal point for disseminating information to concerned departments and authorities on Pakistan's obligations under the Agreement. The Economic Consultant's address is as follows:

Economic Consultant
Ministry of Commerce
Government of Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

Telephone: + 92 51 920 17 96
Telefax: + 92 51 920 25 41

3. Notices of technical regulations or rules and regulations of certification made by the Government of Pakistan are published in the Gazette Notification. The public is informed through the national press in advance. Notices on standards are published in the Gazette Notification and the newspapers for public information.

4. Standardization and certification of goods and services are undertaken by the Pakistan Standards Institution. In principle, ISO, IEC, OIML and other international, regional and national standards are used as a basis for the preparation of Pakistan standards. All Pakistan standards prepared are not mandatory except those which are incorporated into the technical regulations of the regulatory authorities for public health and safety.

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

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

7. The enquiry point for standardization and certification undertaken by the Pakistan Standards Institution is:

Pakistan Standards Institution
39 Garden Road
Saddar, Karachi 74400
Pakistan

Telephone: + 92 21 77 29 527
Telefax: + 92 21 77 28 124

8. The enquiry point for technical regulations relating to food and health safety is:

Ministry of Health, Social Welfare and Population Planning
Government of Pakistan
Secretariat Block 'C'
Islamabad
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