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## IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

### Communication from Barbados

#### Addendum

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

1. No special legislation is required in Barbados to implement the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. 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 International Trade and Business serves as the focal point for disseminating information to departments and authorities on Barbados' obligation under the Agreement and is the Central authority responsible for notifications under the WTO Agreement. Its address is:

Ministry of International Trade and Business  
"The Business Centre"  
Upton  
St Michael  
Barbados

Telephone: +246/430.2200  
Telefax: +246/228.6167  
+246/426.0960

3. In accordance with Article 10 of the TBT Agreement, the Enquiry Point of the Government of Barbados for Standards, Technical Regulations, Certification and Conformity Assessment Procedures is:

Barbados National Standards Institution  
"Flodden"  
Culloden Road  
St Michael  
Barbados

Telephone: +246/426.3870  
Telefax: +246/436.1495

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E-mail: BNSI@Caribsurf.com

4. The Barbados National Standards Institution is in charge of the formulation and implementation of national standards. These standards are based on or are adopted international standards of ISO, CODEX and IEC. The Institution holds membership in ISO, OIML, CODEX, COPANT and the Caribbean Common Market Standards Council (CCMSC).

5. The scope of the work of the Institution includes:

- Standardization;
- quality control;
- quality systems implementation and facilitation;
- metrology;
- product certification; and
- testing and conformity assessment.

6. The national legislation governing standards, technical regulations and certification includes the following:

- The Control of Standards Act 1981;
- the Control of Standards Regulations 1983;
- the BNSI Certification Marks Act 1981;
- the BNSI Certification Marks Regulations 1983;
- the Weights and Measures Act 1978; and
- the Weights and Measures Regulations 1985.

7. Notice of technical regulations made by the Government of Barbados are published in the Official Gazette. The public is also informed through the local press. Standards are published by the Barbados National Standards Institution and the existence of national standards is made known through the press and in the BNSI Standards Catalogue.

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