INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND
ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Addendum

Note Received from the Delegation of Singapore

In accordance with the decision of the Committee on Government Procurement at its first meeting on 15 January 1981, that each Party would describe the main elements of its legislation in a note, and in response to the checklist subsequently issued for this purpose in GPR/4, the delegation of Singapore has submitted the note which is reproduced hereunder.

Query 1

(a) Has the Agreement itself been incorporated into domestic law and, if so, how has this been done?

Reply

The procurement procedures of the Singapore Government are non-statutory and are set up in the sections of the Government Instruction Manual No. 3 which are supplemented as necessary by circulars/directives from the Ministry of Finance.

(b) In what manner have the procedural requirements of Article V been provided for (inclusion in law or regulation)?

Reply

Instructions to the entities covered by the Agreement to comply with the procedural requirements of Article V are done through official minutes (circulars).

(c) Does a specific provision on national treatment and non-discrimination provision of Article II:1 exist in a law or regulation?

Reply

There is no policy to accord preference to locally manufactured products.
(d) Indicate details on the establishment of the threshold for purposes of public notices. Are tenders covered by the Agreement clearly identified as such and, if so, what methods are used?

Reply

Detailed mechanisms will be worked out as soon as possible.

(e) In the case of selective tendering procedures, does a permanent list of suppliers exist or are these selected on a contract-by-contract basis?

Reply

The entities maintained lists of contractors/suppliers who have registered with them. Sometimes specially registered contractors can also participate in the tenders of these entities. These registered contractors are sometimes further pre-qualified for certain tenders.

(f) Provide a description of the main elements of the legislation including information as to the publication of this legislation, as required by Article VI:1 of the Agreement.

Reply

As indicated in (a), no legislation is required for the implementation of the Agreement. Copies of the relevant regulations of the Agreement have already been circulated.

Query 2

(a) The name and address of the information centre(s), foreseen in Article III:10 of the Agreement.

Reply

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Implementation, as appropriate, of the technical assistance requirements provided for in Article III:8 and 9 in relation to developing country parties and to suppliers and tenders in least-developed countries, foreseen in Article III:11 and 12.
Reply

Not applicable.

(c) Implementation of the requirements concerning annual publications of notices relating to selective tendering procedures, laid down in Article V:6(a).

Reply

The entities do not have such facilities. Tender notifications are published in the Government Gazette every Friday.

(d) The establishment of contact points by entities.

Reply

There will be two contact points:

(i) Chief Quantity Surveyor
    Contracts Division
    Public Works Department
    11th Floor, Ministry of National Development Building
    Maxwell Road
    0106 Singapore

(ii) Chief Supplies Officer
    Central Supplies Department
    Depot Road
    0410 Singapore

(e) The procedures for the hearing and review of complaints, as required by Article VI:5.

Reply

Each entity has procedural provisions for dealing with any complaints. The entity concerned is responsible for contacts with the complainants.

(f) Action taken to inform entities not covered by the Agreement and the regional and local governments and authorities within a Party's territory of the objectives, principles and rules of the Agreement, in particular the rules on national treatment and non-discrimination, and the drawing to their attention of the overall benefits of liberalization of government procurement, as stipulated in Article I:2.
Entities not covered by the Agreement will be informed in accordance with Article 1.2.

(g) The date of the first publication of a notice of a proposed purchase made in accordance with Article V.3.

The Agreement will be implemented by the two entities as soon as detailed mechanisms have been worked out.

Parties are further reminded of the decision of the Committee that they should notify to it without delay the method and result of their calculation of the threshold of SDR 150,000, in terms of their national currencies.

The threshold value expressed in Singapore dollars has been calculated as follows:

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Total: 11.149380

Conversion rate: \[
\frac{11.149380}{4} = 2.787345
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Singapore dollar equivalent of SDR 150,000:
150,000 x 2.787345 = S$418,101.75