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Proposals by the Nordic Countries

In light of the discussions at the Committee's eleventh meeting on 29 October 1982, the following revised proposals regarding the procedures for notification are being circulated at the request of the Swedish delegation on behalf of the Nordic countries (cf. document TBT/11).

The Committee agrees that:

The concept "significant effect on trade of other Parties" refers to the effect of one or several technical regulations on trade with a specific product, group of products or products in general between two or more Parties (countries). When assessing the concept significant effect on trade, Parties should consider the following aspects:

- value of imports from other Parties individually and collectively;
- market size of the product in the notifying Party;
- potential for market growth for the product in the notifying Party; and
- the cost or lead time involved for exporters in other Parties to comply with the proposed technical regulation.

The Committee recommends that:

When implementing the provisions of Articles 2.5.2 and 7.3.2, a notification should take place when a draft with the complete text of a proposed technical regulation or rules for a proposed certification system is available and when amendments without legal or administrative difficulties still can be introduced. If the proposal is presented for comments to interested parties within the country of the notifying Party, notification to other Parties through the GATT secretariat should, if possible, be made at the same time.