INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION
OF THE AGREEMENT

Supplement

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Belgium.

I have the honour of forwarding herewith a copy of a Royal Decree of 7 March 1983, published in the Moniteur belge of 28 April 1983 (pages 5402-5403), concerning the implementation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.
ANNEX

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EXTERNAL TRADE
AND CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

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7 March 1983 - Royal Decree concerning the Application of the Agreement on
Technical Barriers to Trade done at Geneva on 12 April 1979

We, BAUDOUIN, King of the Belgians
To all, now and in the future, Greetings.

Considering Article 29 of the Constitution;

Considering the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, done at Geneva
on 12 April 1979 and approved by the Law of 30 March 1981;

Considering the Decree-Law of 20 September 1945 concerning Standardiza-
tion, maintained in force by the Decree-Law of 28 February 1947, in particular
Article 2 thereof;

Considering the Regent's Decree of 14 August 1947 modifying the statute
of the Interministerial Economic Commission created by the Royal Decree of
26 August 1938, in particular Article 2 thereof;

Considering the statutes of the Belgian Standardization Institute,
approved by the Royal Decrees of 7 July 1958, 13 May 1969 and 10 April 1973;

Considering the views of the State Council;

Upon the recommendation of Our Prime Minister, Our Minister of Economic
Affairs and Our Secretary of State for External Trade,

Have decreed and hereby do decree:

Article 1. In this decree:

1. "Agreement" means the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade,
signed at Geneva on 12 April 1979 and approved by the Law of 30 March 1981;

2. "Commission" means the Interministerial Economic Commission
instituted by the Regent's Decree of 14 August 1947;

3. "Secretariat" means the secretariat of the General Agreement on
Tariffs and Trade (GATT).
Article 2. For the application of the Agreement, the Commission shall be responsible for preparing:

1. directives designed to facilitate such application;
2. the content of notifications to be made by Belgium;
3. the observations of Belgium with regard to notifications by other parties to the Agreement.

Article 3. The Commission shall be assisted by the Belgian Standardization Institute, which shall be responsible for:

1. cataloguing Belgian and foreign draft and approved technical regulations, standards and certification systems;
2. preparing files relating to the notifications mentioned in Article 2.2 and forwarding the notifications to the secretariat;
3. furnishing the following information at the request of parties to the Agreement:
   (a) the name and address of competent bodies,
   (b) material indicating existing technical regulations, standards and certification systems;
4. communicating to Belgian administrations, enterprises and groups of enterprises:
   (a) the notifications transmitted by the secretariat and, at their request and against payment, the documents relating thereto;
   (b) all other information provided for by the Agreement;
5. submitting to the Commission the observations made by administrations, enterprises or groups of enterprises regarding notifications by other parties to the Agreement.

Article 4. Public authorities and private bodies which prepare draft technical regulations, standards and certification systems that fall within the sphere of application of the Agreement shall communicate such drafts and all useful information to the Belgian Standardization Institute. A reasonable time-period shall be left between the date of communication and the intended date of publication.

Article 5. This Decree shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Moniteur belge.
Article 6. Our Prime Minister, Our Minister of Economic Affairs and Our Secretary of State for External Trade shall be responsible, each in so far as he is concerned, for the execution of this Decree.

Given at Brussels, 7 March 1983

BAUDOUIN

By order of the King:
The Prime Minister
The Minister of Economic Affairs
M. EYSKENS

The Secretary of State for External Trade
A. KEMPINAIRE