The following statement supplements the information previously received from the delegation of Switzerland in accordance with Article 15.7 of the Agreement and circulated in TBT/1/Add.24.

1. Administration and implementation of the Agreement

On 8 July 1981, the Federal Council approved an Ordinance on administration of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, whereby the function of a standards secretariat is assigned to the Federal Office for External Economic Affairs. In the main, this Ordinance, which entered into force on 1 August 1981, defines the tasks of the secretariat, including, in particular, responsibility for exchanging information between Switzerland and other countries.

The Ordinance was published in the "Recueil des Lois fédérales" (RS 632.232) and in the "Feuille officielle suisse du commerce" (Swiss Official Trade Gazette) of 7 August 1981.

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A copy of the Ordinance is available for consultation in the GATT secretariat (Centre William Rappard, Office No. 1073).