Under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, India was granted an extension of the exception from the obligations of Article 7.2 in respect of the Indian Standards Institution (Certification Marks) Act for a period of one year beyond 11 March 1986 at the twenty-first meeting of the Committee. We have now been informed by our authorities that the legislative formalities for the amendment of the Act have been duly completed. The new Act contains provisions to take care of the obligations undertaken by India under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. However, the Act will come into force from 1 April 1987. As such, it will be necessary to seek a technical extension of time from the Committee to cover the intervening period from 12 to 31 March 1987 for the exception granted to India under Article 12.8 of the Agreement.

Meanwhile, the Government of India has decided to set up the Bureau of Indian Standards which will take over the assets and liabilities of the existing Indian Standards Institution.