Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

INDIVIDUAL STANDARDIZING AND CERTIFYING BODIES

Note by the Secretariat

Corrigendum

The section on Greece appearing on page 22 of TBT/W/44/Add.1 should be replaced by the following:

Country: Greece

1. Name: ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΣ ΟΡΓΑΝΙΣΜΟΣ ΤΥΠΟΠΟΙΗΣΕΩΣ (ΕΛΟΤ)
   HELLENIC ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ELOT)

2. Date established: 30 June 1976 (starting of operation, 1 February 1977)

3. Membership: ELOT has about 60 "members", and 10 "subscribers". "Members" of ELOT may be enterprises, associations, chambers, universities, state organizations. Natural persons are allowed as "subscribers".

4. Organizational structure and management:
   ELOT is a non-profit private entity and is governed by an eight-member representative Board of Directors appointed by the Minister for Industry and Energy. The Managing Director, who is also a member of the Board, is responsible for the application of the Board's decision. ELOT operates with five Divisions and a staff of about 40 employees.

5. Financing: ELOT is principally financed by the state (about 85% of the budget). Other financial resources are sales of Greek, foreign and international standards, fees for tests of electrical products taken place in the ELOT's laboratories and subscriptions of the ELOT members.
6. Activities:

(a) ELOT is the national organization for standardization and certification as well.

(b) ELOT publishes the Hellenic Standards and the European Standards of CEN and CENELEC that have been adopted by Greece. In addition, the Hellenic Standards must be, in accordance with the law establishing ELOT, harmonized with the Standards of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

(c) The application of the Hellenic Standards is optional. Nevertheless, certain Hellenic Standards and their application may be declared mandatory, especially in the case of products, materials or services related to the health and safety of the citizens or the protection of the environment. The declaration of mandatory standards is in the authority of the State and not in the authority of ELOT.

(d) ELOT is member of the
   - International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
   - European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
   - European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC)
   - European Organization for Quality Control (EOQC)
   - International Commission for Conformity Certification of Electrical Equipment (CEE)

(e) The establishment in the frame of ELOT of the Greek Enquiry Point provided by the Code is under study.

(f) "Catalogue of Hellenic Standards" that is issued yearly.

7. Fields of standardization:

(a) Hellenic Standards can be referred to all products, material or services except those concerning the area of agriculture. At the present, ELOT has created technical committees for the fields of paints and varnishes, environment (acoustics, air quality, water quality, sound insulation), asbestos cement, space heating, metal pipes, shipbuilding, fire-protection and fire-fighting, plastic materials, plastic pipes, sieves, safety of toys, carpets, textiles, chemistry, aluminium and its alloys, rubber, technical drawings, statistics, electric cables, equipment for electrical installations, batteries, electrical household appliances, electrical lamps, building constructions, lifts, solar energy, motor vehicles, pressure vessels, non-electrical household appliances, radio-communication, ceramic tiles, LPG use for vehicles, terminology, doors and windows, gypsum, concrete, thermal insulation, bases for design of structures, building materials and elements, documentation, transliteration of Greek characters into Latin characters, equipment for explosive atmospheres etc.

(b) ELOT has up to now elaborated or adopted 240 standards, other 600 being under preparation.
8. **Fields of certification:**
   A national certification system has not been applied yet. ELOT has elaborated all necessary legislative texts for its application, that are under the approval by the State.

9. **Status of publications:**
   The standards that, until now, are published by ELOT are generally voluntary. But there are some legislative texts referring to Hellenic Standards, giving them a compulsory status. ELOT has also approved two internal regulations concerning the procedures for the elaboration of the Hellenic Standards and the operation of the technical committees.