

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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to Trade

INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Note by the Secretariat

1. Article 15.7 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade provides that "each party shall, promptly after the date on which this Agreement enters into force for the Party concerned, inform the Committee of measures in existence or taken to ensure the implementation and administration of this Agreement".
2. Accordingly, as suggested by the Chairman at the meeting of the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade on 28 January 1980, Parties to the Agreement should submit to the GATT secretariat a written statement of such measures in advance of the next meeting but no later than 30 March 1980.
3. The statement should cover the legislative, regulatory and administrative action taken as a result of the negotiation of the Agreement or currently in existence to ensure that the provisions of the Agreement are applied. If the Agreement itself has been incorporated into domestic law the statement should indicate how this has been done. In other cases the statement should describe the content of the relevant laws, regulations, administrative orders, etc. All necessary references should also be provided.
4. In addition, the statement should specify:
 - (a) the names of the publications used to announce that work is proceeding on draft technical regulations or standards and rules of certification systems and those in which the texts of technical regulations and standards or rules of certification systems are published (Articles 2.5.1, 2.7, 3.1, 4.1, 7.3.1, 7.5, 8.1 and 9.2);
 - (b) the expected length of time allowed for presentation of comments in writing on technical regulations, standards or rules of certification systems (Articles 2.5.4, 2.5.5, 2.6.3, 7.3.4 and 7.4.3);
 - (c) the name and address of the enquiry point(s) foreseen in Article 10 of the Agreement with an indication as to whether it is/they are fully operational;

- (d) the name and address of the agency with which to get in touch if consultations are to be requested under Article 14, and
- (e) the name and address of any other agencies that have specific functions under the Agreement.

5. Parties are also invited to indicate to the Chairman of the Committee¹ the name(s) of one or two governmental experts whom they would be willing to make available for work on panels set up under the Agreement (Annex 3, paragraph 1).

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