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**OPERATION OF ENQUIRY POINTS IN DIFFERENT PARTIES**

**Note by the Secretariat**

**Addendum**

The present document contains a compendium on the operation of enquiry points in different Parties. Such consolidated information might be useful for new members setting up their enquiry points.

ENQUIRY POINT/ PARTY	FINLAND	HONG KONG	MEXICO	SPAIN (II)	UNITED STATES
1. Name	Finnish Standards Association (SFS)	Hong Kong Government Industry Department	Dirección General de Normas	Punto de Informacion GATT de Aenor (Standards and Certification Systems)	United States GATT Enquiry Point
2. Responsible government agency	Ministry of Trade and Industry	Hong Kong Government Industry Department	Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial	Ministerio de Comercio y Turismo	National Institute of Standards and Technology
3. Number of staff employed	2.5	5 (with other responsibilities)	3	2	5
4. Nature of establishment					
(a) private	X			X	
(b) governmental		X	X		X
5. Member of					
(a) ISO	X	X	X	X	
(b) ISONET	X	X		X	X
6. Facilities or services offered					
(a) database	X			X	X
(b) database in more than one language	X				
(c) hot line		(telephone line)			X
(d) translation					X (contractor)
7. Brochure issued for publicizing the enquiry point		X	X	X	X
8. Charges for services					
(a) providing information		(generally free of charge)			
(b) providing documents		(generally free of charge)		X	
(c) hot line					
(d) translation					X

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9. Languages used (a) English (b) French (c) Spanish	X	X		X (answering enquiries only) X (answering enquiries only) X	X
10. Responsibilities other than answering enquiries (a) notifying the GATT Secretariat under Articles 2 and 7 of the Agreement (b) responding to comments from other Parties (c) consultation with other Parties (d) participating in preparing comments addressed to other Parties (e) other		X  X  reminding other agencies the obligation to notify and giving advice on the preparation of notifications	X   X		X   X  providing documents in support of TBT notifications; co-ordinating transmission of incoming comments from other Parties
11. Handling of incoming notifications (a) announce in publication (b) dissemination to interested industries or bodies (c) review by special group or committee (d) other	X	X	X	X  X	X  X  announce on hot line

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<p>12. Handling of incoming comments</p> <p>(a) forward to relevant governmental agencies for action</p> <p>(b) handle by special group or committee</p> <p>(c) other</p>	<p>X</p> <p>replies are prepared in co-operation with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Trade and Industry and the relevant government agency</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>