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Note by the Secretariat

Corrigendum

The section on the Philippines appearing on pages 54 and 55 of document TBT/W/44 should be replaced by the following:

Country: Philippines

1. Name: Philippine Standards Association, Inc. (PHILSA)
2. Date established: 1955
3. Membership: There are four kinds of members: sustaining (industrial or commercial corporations) institutional (educational institutions, technical organizations or government agencies interested in standardization), individual members (regular with right to vote, or student) and life (individual member for at least five years who has paid a special fee).
4. Organizational structure and management:¹
PHILSA is a private, non-profit agency approved by manufacturers and producers which undertakes standardization of commodities. Its main governing body is the Board of Directors (11) elected by the members of the Association. Other bodies are an Advisory Council (5 members), a Review Council (6 members), and Technical Committees dealing with specific industries and/or products. The principal officer of the Association is the President, Mr. Pedro Ma. Carino.
5. Financing: Entrance fees and annual dues payable by members, fees for technical services, sales of publications, for affixing the seal of the Association and for other services. The Association may also receive donations. Moreover, the Association is financially assisted by the National Science and Technology Authority.

¹The text of the Amended By-laws of the Association is available for consultation in the GATT secretariat, Centre William Rappard, Room 1073.

6. Activities: The purposes of PHILSA are as follows:

(a) To prepare and promote the general adoption of standards, specifications and codes relating to materials, commodities, structures, practices, methods, operations, performances, quality, dimensions and other standardization matters, and from time to time, if necessary, to revise, alter, and amend the same;

(b) To coordinate the efforts of producers and consumers for the improvement of industrial products, materials, appliances, handicrafts, processes and methods of manufacture;

(c) To recommend the enactment and/or promulgation of such laws of the Government and to take other appropriate and concrete steps as will be protective, beneficial, or wholesome to local industries, or which would enable the Association to carry out its objectives;

(d) To register in the name of the Association a Seal or Stamp and to affix or authorize the affixing of such Seal or Stamp to materials requiring such to enforce and protect the use of the same, and to oppose any proceeding or application which may directly or indirectly prejudice the interests of the Association;

(e) To establish, subscribe to, promote, affiliate with or support any other national or international association, society, institution or company, whether incorporated or not, whose objectives are, in whole or in part, similar to those of the Association;

(f) To prepare, collect, publish and circulate standards, specifications and codes, statistics and other data or information relative to standardization in furtherance of the knowledge and use thereof;

(g) To assist financially or otherwise, existing institutions, public or private, capable of undertaking scientific research and other activities related to standardization; and

(h) To possess and exercise all powers, rights and privileges necessary and/or incidental to the purposes of the Association.

7. Fields of standardization:

Any products assigned by the Products Standards Agency.

8. Fields of certification:

A Seal or Stamp of the Association is used for certification purposes with respect to any material requiring approval or enforcement and protection of their use.

9. Status of publications: