

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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PROPOSAL ON HANDLING OF COMMENTS ON NOTIFICATIONS

Note from the Delegations of the Nordic Countries

The Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade recommends that, in order to improve the handling of comments on proposed technical regulations and rules of certification systems notified under the Agreement,

- (a) each Party should notify the GATT secretariat of the authority or agency (e.g. its enquiry point) which it has designated to be in charge for handling of comments received, and
- (b) a Party receiving comments through the designated body should without further request
 - (1) acknowledge the receipt of such comments,
 - (2) explain within a reasonable time to any Party from which it has received comments, how it will proceed in order to take these comments into account and, where appropriate, provide additional relevant information on the proposed technical regulations or rules of certification systems concerned, and
 - (3) provide to any Party from which it has received comments, a copy of the corresponding technical regulations or rules of certification systems as adopted or information that no corresponding technical regulations or rules of certification system will be adopted for the time being.