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IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

The following statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement has been received from the delegation of the Republic of Indonesia.

Pursuant to Article 15.2 of the Agreement, the Government of Indonesia would like to inform the Committee of the measures taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement, as follows:

1. Standardization activities in Indonesia come under the coordination of the Dewan Standardisasi Nasional or DSN (the National Standardization Council of Indonesia). DSN, established by Presidential Decree in 1984 (revised 1989), functions as the national coordinating body through which organizations concerned with standardization may operate, as well as cooperate, to recognize, establish or improve standardization and metrology in Indonesia. The National Standardization System is made up of governmental and non-governmental institutions concerned with standardization. Standardization includes such activities as standards formulation, conformity assessments, international standardization activities, standards information and metrology.

2. To support the Government of Indonesia in the implementation of the Agreement, DSN is in the process of establishing a National Committee for GATT Standards Code. The Terms of Reference of the National Committee have been formulated. The Committee members consist of representatives from the Ministries of Trade, Industry, Health, Agriculture, Forestry, Mining and Energy, Public Works, Tourism, Post and Telecommunication, Internal Affairs, and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce.

3. Within the National Standardization System, there is only one National Standard, the Standar Nasional Indonesia (SNI). According to the procedure for SNI formulation, drafts are prepared by the ministries/governmental institutions within their field of activities and submitted to the Dewan Standardisasi Nasional (DSN) for approval. Once approved, these drafts are adopted under the National Standardization system.

As far as possible, the SNI are harmonized with the existing international standards. Two months is the expected length of time allowed for comments on drafts on technical regulations, standards and rules of certification systems.

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4. In coordinating the conformity assessments, the DSN has established the National Accreditation Committee to coordinate, control and improve accreditation and certification work in Indonesia.

5. According to the requirements of the Agreement, the Government of Indonesia has appointed Dewan Standardisasi Nasional - DSN - as the enquiry point and notification body.

The address of the enquiry point/notification body is as follows:

Dewan Standardisasi Nasional (DSN)
Sasana Widya Sarwono Lt 5
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6. DSN will establish panels of experts, if consultations are to be requested under Article 14.

7. The DSN bulletin "Warta Standardisasi" is the publication used to announce the drafting of technical regulations, standards and rules of certification systems, and the one in which the texts of technical regulations, standards, and certification systems are published.

8. The Subsystem of Standards Formulation of the National Standardization System contains a mechanism, the object of which is to ensure that ministries and governmental institutions provide early information concerning their proposals on technical regulations and standards whereby the DSN will be able to fulfil its obligations or notifications under the Agreement.