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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 Malaysia.

In accordance with Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the government of Malaysia would like to inform the Committee of the measures taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement.

1. The Standard and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (SIRIM) has been appointed as the National Enquiry Point for Malaysia.

2. Notices of technical regulations, standards and certification systems adopted by the Malaysian Government are published in the Malaysian Gazette (Warta Kerajaan). Texts of technical regulations are published in respective books and are made available by the regulatory agencies concerned.

3. All final draft Malaysian Standards are circulated for public comments locally as well as overseas to all ISO (International Organizations for Standardization) member bodies. These final drafts for public comment are announced though mass media and SIRIM's Bulletin on Standards and Quality.

4. Comments period are generally 60 days with exception to certain cases which could be shorter or longer than 60 days.

5. Name and address of the Enquiry Point is as follows:

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6. Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) of Malaysia is the coordinating agency for WTO matters and the related Uruguay Round Agreements.

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7. To ensure the fulfilment of Malaysia's obligation under the agreement, an Inter-Agency Committee on TBT has been established. Members of the Committee are representatives of the regulatory agencies and relevant agencies concerned.