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## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### A LIST OF MEMBERS WHOSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES, DIRECTLY BELOW THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL, ARE AUTHORIZED TO ADOPT TECHNICAL REGULATIONS OR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

#### Note by the Secretariat

At the First Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, the Committee agreed that "based on information provided by Members, a list will be prepared by the Secretariat to indicate those Members whose local government bodies, directly below the central government level, are authorized to adopt technical regulations or conformity assessment procedures". This list has been prepared in response to the request.

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#### AUSTRIA

##### Local government bodies

As far as regulations adopted by the Austrian sub-federal authorities (Bundesländer) are concerned, information and notification procedures take place through the central government.

#### BELGIUM

##### Local government bodies empowered to issue technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures

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The Belgian communities and regions notify their draft regulations through CIBELNOR.

## **GERMANY**

### **Local government bodies**

The German Basic Law (Grundgesetz) authorizes the 15 "Länder" to adopt technical regulations in areas other than those expressly reserved for the federal government. As far as regulations adopted by the German sub-federal authorities are concerned, information and notification procedures take place through the central government.

## **SWITZERLAND**

There exist local governmental bodies authorized to adopt technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures. However, 90 per cent of all the technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures in Switzerland are adopted at the Federal level.

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