

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 2.7
RELATING TO EQUIVALENCY OF TECHNICAL REGULATION**

Contribution from Thailand

1. Thailand notes that the concept of equivalency is emphasized throughout the TBT Agreement, e.g. Article 2.7 provides that:

"Members shall give positive consideration to accepting technical regulations of other Members as equivalent to their own, even though they are different, provided that they are satisfied that these regulations adequately fulfill the objectives of their own regulations."

and would like to point out the acceptance as equivalent of technical regulations of other members is provided in the Industrial Product Standards Act of Thailand. However, in practice, consideration of technical essence is required prior to conclusion as "equivalent". In some cases, this must be submitted to technical groups, and would take some time. In other cases, establishment of equivalency is proven difficult. Therefore, equivalency would be best resolved with the adoption of international standards.
