

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Addendum

The following statement has been received from the delegation of the United Kingdom.

The UK delegation is providing the information outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Secretariat's note ref TBT/W/1 dated 20th February 1980 in accordance with Article 15.7 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

Changes in legislative regulatory and administrative action

The European Communities approved and formally undertook the obligations of the Agreement through the Council Decision (EEC) NO. 80/271 of 10 December 1979 (Official Journal L71 page 1 of 17 March 1980). In addition Council Decision (EEC)No. 80/45 of 15 January 1980 (Official Journal L14 page 36 of 19 January 1980) lays down provisions on the introduction and implementation of technical regulations and standards. Finally, there is a proposal before the Council of Ministers for a Directive to regulate internally access to Community certification systems under the provisions of the Agreement.

The Agreement has full effect in UK law by virtue of an Order (SI 1980/191) made under Section 1(3) of the European Communities Act, 1972.

Publications

(i) Governmental Standards and Certification Systems

It is expected that British Business will be the only publication used (British Business, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London SW1P 4QU).

(ii) Non-Governmental Standards

BSI News, Newton House, 101 Pentonville Road, London N1 9ND.

Consultation Time

Generally speaking the time allowed for making comments will be two or three months.

Enquiry Points (para 4c)

The UK has the following enquiry points which are both operative:

- (i) Certification Systems and Governmental Standards:
Metrology, Quality Assurance, Safety and Standards
Division, Branch 1(A) Dept of Trade
Millbank Tower, Millbank
London SW1P 4Q4 Tel:01-211 3460 -
Telex 918829(MBTWR G)

- (ii) Non-Governmental Standards:
British Standards Institution
Mrs M A L Brown
Central Enquiries Section
2 Park Street, London W1A 2BS
Tel: 01-629 9000 - Telex 266933 (BSILON G)

Requests for consultations under Article 14

Requests for consultation under Article 14 should be made to:

UK Mission
37-39 rue de Vermont
2111 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Panelists

The names of Mr R J Meadway and Mr J S Linton have already been transmitted to the Director General of the GATT as potential panelists.