

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 Hong Kong.

No legislation is required for Hong Kong to implement the Agreement. All government departments responsible for the operation of technical regulations or standards and certification systems have been provided with copies of the Agreement and have been informed of the need to comply with its provisions. Hong Kong does not have, nor is it contemplating the introduction of a national system of technical regulations or standards and certification requirements for products that would significantly affect the trade of other parties. Hong Kong's existing technical regulations and standards and certification requirements relate mostly to food hygiene, dangerous drugs and goods, alcohol and hydrocarbons, pharmaceutical products and poisons and telecommunication apparatus. The application of these regulations, standards and certification requirements is non-discriminatory and in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement.

The following information is supplied in response to questions 4(a) to (d) of document TBT/W/1:

- (a) notices of proposed technical regulations or standards and rules of certification systems and texts of technical regulations or standards and rules of certification systems are published in the weekly Hong Kong Government Gazette. The adoption of technical regulations, standards and certification requirements is currently the responsibility of the Hong Kong Government and no non-government bodies have been given such powers.

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(b) The time allowed for presentation of comments in writing on technical regulations or standards and rules of certification systems varies from 1 month to 12 months.

(c) The Hong Kong enquiry point is:

Trade Industry and Customs Department,
Ocean Centre,
Canton Road,
Kowloon,
Hong Kong.

Telex HK 75126

(d) Requests for consultations under Article 14 of the Agreement should be addressed to the Trade Industry and Customs Department.