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REGIONAL STANDARDS-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

1. At its meeting of 20-22 October 1981, the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade agreed that the secretariat should transmit a number of agreed questions to regional bodies (TBT/M/8, paragraph 55). Questions to be addressed to such bodies were circulated informally on 15 January and 12 February 1982.
 2. The following replies have been received from the European Free Trade Association.
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Question: What are the liaison arrangements existing between EFTA, CEN, CENELEC and the Commission of the European Communities?

Reply: CEN and CENELEC are private, non-governmental organizations. They grant observer status to the EFTA Secretariat which sends a representative to the General Assemblies of CEN and CENELEC and to the meetings of the CEN Technical Board. In connection with the General Assembly of CEN there is also once a year a liaison meeting between the Commission, CEN and the EFTA Secretariat.

Question: May non-European countries participate in the schemes and conventions for the reciprocal recognition of tests and inspections?

Reply: The seven schemes for the reciprocal recognition of tests and inspections (which are agreements between participating authorities of different countries) and the two Conventions on reciprocal recognition and inspections (which are treaties between signatory countries) are serviced by the EFTA Secretariat. Six of the schemes are open for participation by/all Contracting Parties to GATT. The Scheme for the Mutual Recognition of Evaluation Reports on Pharmaceutical Products and the two Conventions are open to all countries, which have comparable testing and control facilities and therefore can ensure their proper implementation.

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Question: Which countries adhere to each of the seven reciprocal recognition schemes and two conventions on reciprocal recognition of tests and inspections?

Reply: The Participating Authorities in the seven schemes are from the following countries:

Scheme for the Reciprocal Recognition of Tests and Inspections carried out on Pressure Vessels:

Austria
Denmark
Finland
Norway
Iceland

Portugal
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom

Scheme for the Reciprocal Recognition of Tests and Inspections carried out on Ships' Equipment:

Denmark	Norway
Finland	Portugal
Fed. Rep. of Germany	Sweden
Iceland	United Kingdom
the Netherlands	Yugoslavia

Scheme for the Reciprocal Recognition of Tests and Inspections carried out on Gas Appliances:

Austria	Norway
Denmark	Portugal
Finland	Sweden
Iceland	Switzerland
Italy	United Kingdom

Scheme for the Reciprocal Recognition of Tests carried out on Agricultural Machines and Tractors for Operational Safety and Ergonomics and for Road Traffic Safety:

Austria	Portugal
Denmark	Sweden
Finland	Switzerland
Norway	United Kingdom

Scheme for the Reciprocal Recognition of Tests and Inspections carried out on Lifting Appliances:

Austria	Norway
Finland	Switzerland
Iceland	

Scheme for the Reciprocal Recognition of Tests and Inspections carried out on Heating Equipment using Liquid Fuel:

Austria	Portugal
Finland	Sweden
Iceland	Switzerland
Norway	

Scheme for the Mutual Recognition of Evaluation Reports on Pharmaceutical Products:

Austria	Sweden
Finland	Switzerland
Norway	

The signatory countries in the two Conventions
are the following:

Convention for the Mutual Recognition of Inspections in
respect of the Manufacture of Pharmaceutical Products:

Austria	Liechtenstein
Denmark	Norway
Finland	Portugal
Hungary	Sweden
Iceland	Switzerland
Ireland	United Kingdom

Convention on the Control and Marking of Articles
of Precious Metals:

Austria	Sweden
Finland	Switzerland
Norway (not yet ratified)	United Kingdom
Portugal (not yet ratified)	

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