

SUBJECT: NON-TARIFF MEASURES SUB-GROUP "TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE"

1. AS AGREED AT ITS LAST MEETING, THE SUB-GROUP "TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE" WILL RECONVENE AT TECHNICAL LEVEL AT 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1975 IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS. THE MEETING IS, ACCORDINGLY, OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE WHO CONSIDER THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS, AS AGREED BY THE SUB-GROUP AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 1975, TO EXAMINE COMMENTS RELATING TO STANDARDS AND PACKAGING AND LABELLING MADE AT THAT MEETING, AND THOSE MADE IN WRITING WITH THE AIM OF ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC DRAFTING SUGGESTIONS.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETING:

- (a) STANDARDS; PACKAGING AND LABELLING AND MARKS OF ORIGIN - BACKGROUND NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT - MTN/NTM/W/5.
- (b) ACTING CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING-UP AND RECORD OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF MAY 1975 - MTN/NTM/3.
- (c) ISSUES RAISED AND SUGGESTIONS MADE - NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT - MTN/NTM/W/12 AND ADD.1.
- (d) DEFINITIONS - WORKING PAPER BY THE SECRETARIAT - MTN/NTM/W/14.
- (e) PROPOSED ISO INFORMATION NETWORK - NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT - MTN/NTM/W/15.

4. THE MEETING AT TECHNICAL LEVEL WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING OF THE FULL SUB-GROUP WHICH IS TO TAKE UP QUESTIONS RELATING TO:

- (a) STANDARDS;
- (b) PACKAGING AND LABELLING;
- (c) MARKS OF ORIGIN.

5. AS POINTED OUT BY THE GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES", THE LENGTH OF MEETINGS DEPENDS ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS INCLUDING THE PROGRESS MADE, BUT THE FULL SUB-GROUP MAY BE EXPECTED TO RECONVENE ON TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE INDICATED THEIR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE THUS ASSUMED MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE.

6. MEMBERS OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE ARE INVITED TO INFORM ME, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND:

(a) THE MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP AT TECHNICAL LEVEL, AND

(b) THE MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP ITSELF.

7. REPRESENTATIVES NOT HAVING YET REGISTERED FOR THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE CONFERENCE OFFICER, VILLA LE BOGAGE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY ENTRANCE CARDS.

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