

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 Ireland.

Information on implementation and administration in Ireland of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

With reference to Article 15.7 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and to Document TBT/W/I of 20th February, 1980, the following is a report of measures taken to implement and administer the agreement in Ireland.

Signature of the Agreement on behalf of Ireland was authorised by Government decision on 12th December, 1979, following a decision of 10th December, 1979 by the Council of Ministers of the European Communities which approved and formally undertook the obligations of the Agreement. This decision is contained in Official Journal No. L 71 of 17th March, 1980. In addition, the European Communities approved on 15th January 1980 a decision (Official Journal No. L 14, of 19th January 1980) to establish certain principles for the administration of the Agreement and certain rules and procedures to regulate the resort to actions in the event of non-reciprocity, should this arise in the course of application of the Agreement. This decision regulates the internal question of the role of the individual member States, the Commission and the Council in taking such action.

As a consequence of signature on behalf of Ireland and as a result of the decisions by the Council of Ministers referred to above, the provisions and obligations of the Agreement came into effect for Ireland from 1st January, 1980.

The following is in response to paragraph 4 of TBT/W/I : -

(a) Notice of proposed technical regulations will be published in the national daily papers (i.e. the Irish Press, Irish Independent, Irish Times and Cork Examiner) and/or Iris Oifigiúil, which is the official gazette. Notice of proposed standards will be published in "Technology Ireland".

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(b) Generally speaking two months will be allowed for presentation of comments.

(c) The enquiry point, for technical regulations and certification systems, under article 10, is :

EEC Division
Department of Industry, Commerce and Tourism
Kildare Street
Dublin 2
Ireland

This enquiry point is fully operational.

- The enquiry point for standards is :

The Institute for Industrial Research and Standards
Ballymun
Dublin 9
Ireland

(d) The agency for consultations under article 14 will be :

EEC Division
Department of Industry, Commerce and Tourism
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Requests for consultations may be channelled through :

La Mission permanente de l'Irlande
17-19 chemin du Champ D'Anier
Case postale 144
1211 Genève 19.

(e) None.