

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Committee on Technical Barriers to 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 Federal Republic of Germany.

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In accordance with Article 15.7 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and the Note by the GATT secretariat in relation to this Article (TBT/W/1 of 20 February 1980) I herewith give notification of the measures taken by the Federal Republic of Germany to ensure the implementation of the Agreement.

#### 1. Measures to implement the Agreement

The Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade was signed by the Federal Republic of Germany on 17 December 1979, and entered into force in the Federal Republic of Germany on 1 January 1980; special legislative measures were not required. Please cf. notification (TBT/1/Add.8) of 16 June 1980, for the measures implemented by the European Communities.

#### 2. Means of publication

Depending on their legal character and importance, technical regulations, standards or certification systems adopted by Federal Authorities are promulgated by:

The Bundesgesetzblatt (Federal gazette)

The Bundesanzeiger (Federal information bulletin) or the various information bulletins published by Federal departments.

Technical regulations, standards or certification systems in the stage of preparation are, in general, published by the prints of the Deutsche Bundestag and the Deutsche Bundesrat; these prints are easily obtainable for everyone. Inasmuch as participation by the legislative bodies is not required, a pertinent reference is to be made in the information bulletins of the Federal departments.

All standards in the field of voluntary standardisation, either adopted or in preparation, are published by "DIN-Mitteilungen plus Elektronorm, Zentralorgan der deutschen Normung" including the supplement "DIN-Normenanzeiger".

### 3. Time limit on comments

Owing to the differences in character of the respective technical regulations, standards or certification systems and in the practice of various authorities there is no uniform time frame on the submission of written comments. As a rule, two months are likely to be available for commenting regulations of Federal departments and authorities and up to four months for DIN standards, for instance.

### 4. Enquiry points

The enquiry point pursuant to Article 10 of the Agreement is "Deutsches Informationszentrum für technische Regeln (DITR) Postfach 1107, D 1000 Berlin 30".

The preparatory phase will presumably be completed in 1984; at present information may, however, be obtained on all DIN standards and DIN drafts as well as on a large number of technical regulations and certification systems.

### 5. Request for consultations according to Article 14 of the Agreement

Requests for consultations should be sent to "Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft, Villemombler Str. 76, D 5300 Bonn 1".

6. The name of the German governmental expert, Herr H.-H. von Massow, has already been communicated to the GATT Secretariat (cf. Document TBT/W/7 of May 28, 1980).