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INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Addendum

The following statement has been received from the delegation of France.

1. Legal measures

The Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade was signed by France on 17 December 1979 and entered into force on 1 January 1980.

For a long time past, France has been pursuing in regard to standards an outward-looking policy, a policy of participation in international activities; accordingly no specific legislative action has been necessary for implementation of the Agreement and, moreover, the provisions of the latter are consistent with the French legislation in force.

2. Publication

Notices concerning draft technical regulations under the responsibility of a government body will be published in the Journal Officiel de la République Française (official gazette) or in the official bulletins of the ministerial departments concerned.

Notices concerning draft standards drawn up by the "Association Française de Normalisation" (AFNOR) (French Standards Association) or under its auspices, and subjected to public enquiry, are published in Enjeux, the monthly periodical of the French standards authority.

3. Comment period

In view of the diversity of texts envisaged (technical regulations or standards), there is no uniform period for presenting written comments. In general, however, a period of two to three months will probably be allowed.

4. Enquiry point

The enquiry point provided for in Article 10 of the Agreement is the "Centre d'Information sur les Normes et Règlements Techniques" (CINORTECH) set up by L'AFNOR (address: (CINORTECH - AFNOR, Tour d'Europe 92080 PARIS LA DEFENSE CEDEX 7)).

The centre will be developed gradually; at present, nevertheless, information can already be obtained from it on all standards drawn up by AFNOR and on a large number of technical regulations and certification systems.

5. Requests for consultation under Article 14 of the Agreement

Requests for consultation should be addressed to: "Commissariat à la Normalisation, 10, cité Vaneau, 75007 PARIS".

6. Panelists

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