

# 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 Singapore.

1. No special legislation is required in Singapore to implement the Agreement. All relevant government departments and regulatory authorities have been provided with copies of the Agreement and have been informed accordingly of their obligations under it.

2. The department responsible for co-ordinating the implementation and administration of the Agreement as well as for notifying the GATT Committee is:

Department of Trade  
201 World Trade Centre  
Maritime Square  
Singapore 0409.

3. The specific authorities responsible for standardization, certification and implementation of government technical regulations are outlined below.

#### Standards and certification

Standardization and certification are undertaken by the Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research (SISIR). In principle, ISO, IEC and other international standards are used as a basis for the preparation of Singapore Standards. All standards prepared are not mandatory except those which are incorporated into the technical regulations of the regulatory authorities for public health and safety. Prior to a standard being endorsed, a three-month period is given for public comments and the notice is published in the press. The publication of the standards is notified in the Government Gazette.

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The Institute operates several voluntary quality certification schemes which are open to both local and imported products.

The enquiry point is:

Singapore Institute of Standards  
and Industrial Research  
179 River Valley Road  
Singapore 0617.

#### Technical regulations

Enforcement of government regulations relating to electrical safety of specific products is the responsibility of the Public Utilities Board (PUB).

Before a regulation is enforced, a six-month advance notice is given to the manufacturers and traders to comply. The information is published in the press. Regulations adopted are notified in the Government Gazette.

The enquiry point is:

The Public Utilities Board  
PUB Building  
Somerset Road  
Singapore 0923.

Enforcement of regulations relating to processed foods is the responsibility of the Ministry of the Environment. The effective date of operation of the legislation is notified in the Gazette. The intention to introduce the legislation is published in the press well in advance of the effective date of operation.

The enquiry point is:

Ministry of the Environment  
Princess House  
Alexandra Road  
Singapore 0315.

Enforcement of regulations relating to fish, meat, fruits and vegetables is the responsibility of Primary Production Department (PPD). Any new legislation adopted is notified in the Gazette and the public is informed through the press in advance.

The enquiry point is:

Primary Production Department  
National Development Building  
Maxwell Road  
Singapore 0106.