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INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Addendum

The following statement has been received from the delegation of the Republic of Korea.

In accordance with Article 15:7 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and the Note by the secretariat in relation to Article 15:7 (TBT/W/1), I have the honour to submit to the secretariat the measures taken by Korea to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement in Korea.

1. The Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade signed by Korea on 3 September 1980 entered into force for Korea on 3 October 1980 in accordance with Article 15.6.
2. No legislation is required for Korea to implement the Agreement in view of Article 5 of its Constitution. Also, the existing relevant laws and regulations are not inconsistent with the principles of the Agreement: technical regulations, standards and certification systems comply with the general provisions of Articles 2.5 and 7.
3. A quarterly publication entitled "Standardization and Quality Control" of the Korean Standard Association (for agricultural and fishery products) gives notice regarding draft technical regulations on standards and certification systems, depending upon the classification of the subject products.
4. The regulations or standards and certification systems are to be published in "Kwan-Po" (official gazette). Detailed information of technical specification of each standard is provided with by the Industrial Advancement Administration of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fishery upon request.
5. As to length of time-limit allowed for presentation of comments, there is no fixed time-limit. Any comment presented within a reasonable time will be duly taken into account.

6. The following agencies are designated as enquiry points:

(a) For industrial products:

Bureau of Standards,
Office of Industrial Advancement
Administration,
94-267 Youngdungpo-dong,
Youngdungpo-Ku, Seoul, Korea.

Tel: 63-9559

(b) For agricultural products:

Division of Inspection Management National,
Agricultural Products,
Inspection office,
117-2, Kwanhun-dong, chongro-ku,
Seoul, Korea.

Tel: 70-4518

(c) For fishery products:

First Inspection Section,
Central Fishery Products Inspection
Station,
103, Wonnam-dong, chongro-ku,
Seoul, Korea.

Tel: 762-9214

7. Requests for consultation should be addressed to the above enquiry points which are ready to operate.

8. Names for consideration for work on Panels set up under the Agreement are being forwarded to the chairman of the Committee.