

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 Switzerland.

1. Measures concerning implementation and administration of the Agreement

The Agreement was signed by Switzerland on 17 December 1979 and entered into force on 1 January 1980. The two Chambers of the Swiss Parliament adopted the Agreement by Federal Order at their December 1979 sessions. Accordingly, the Agreement has force of law in Switzerland. The text of the Federal Order is identical to that of the Agreement and has been published in the "Feuille fédérale suisse" (Official Gazette) (FF 1979 III 305-303) as well as in the "Recueil des lois fédérales" (legislative series) (RO 1979 2361-2386). In order formally to confirm the administrative machinery set up to date on a provisional basis, a Federal Council Ordinance on administration and internal co-ordination in respect of the Agreement is in course of preparation.

The federal authority first responsible for supervising implementation of the Agreement is the Federal Office for External Economic Affairs of the Federal Department for the Public Economy.

2. Publication

Technical regulations and governmental certification systems are published in the "Recueil des lois fédérales".

Standards drawn up by private associations or organizations are announced in the bulletin of the "Association Suisse de Normalisation" (Swiss Standards Association). The text of such standards may be obtained from the "Association Suisse de Normalisation" (SNV), Kirchenweg 4, 8032 Zurich. Standards in respect of electrical products are also announced in the bulletin of the "Association suisse des Electriciens" (Swiss Electricians' Association).

3. Comment period

As a general rule, a period of six weeks is allowed for presenting comments.

4. Enquiry and assistance points

Office fédéral des affaires économiques extérieures, Palais fédéral Est,
3003 Berne.

5. Consultation

Requests for consultation should be addressed to:

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