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INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Addendum

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Spain.¹

As a result of ratification of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade by the Spanish legislature, the Agreement has become a domestic legal norm.

All the ministerial services concerned have taken cognizance of the text of the Agreement and are represented in the Sub-Group on Technical Barriers to Trade established within the framework of the Inter-Ministerial Commission for the GATT Multilateral Trade Negotiations, and which has begun its work.

Since the foregoing, and independently, an Inter-Ministerial Commission on Standardization and Certification has been established in the Cabinet Office and a representative of that body will be among the members of the Sub-Group on Technical Barriers to Trade mentioned above.

¹The information contained therein has been included in document TBT/6.

Arrangements have been made for the reception and despatch of documentation and enquiries to be centralized in the "Subdirección General de Política Comercial Multilateral del Ministerio de Economía y Comercio", (Sub-Directorate General for Multilateral Trade Policy of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Trade):

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There is no time-limit under the existing Spanish legislation. In future, the Spanish Government will follow the Committee's recommendations to the fullest extent possible.

Spain has been participating for a long time past in international standardization activities. A good part of its standards and regulations have been based on and are incorporated in those drawn up by institutions such as ISO, EEC, Codex Alimentarius, etc.

Requests for information on UNE standards (Spanish national standards) are dealt with by "Instituto Nacional de Racionalización y Normalización" (National Institute for Rationalization and Standardization):

Calle Zurbano No. 46,
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At some future date the Institute plans to computerize all information on technical regulations and ministerial orders containing technical specifications.

All ministerial orders and technical regulations are published in the "Boletín Oficial de Estado (Gaceta de Madrid)", the Official Gazette of Spain.

All draft standards and amendments thereto are published in the "Boletín de La Normalización Española", calle Zurbano 46, Madrid 10.

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