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Supplement

The following information, additional to that circulated in document TBT/6/Suppl.2, has been provided by the delegation of Pakistan.

1. The products for which Pakistan Standards Institution (PSI) certification marks are issued cover building materials, electro-technical, mechanical, food, agricultural, chemical and textile products. Not covered are agricultural produce and drugs and medicines.

2. In establishing Pakistan standards, the main objectives pursued are quality control of exports, protection of consumer health and safety, and national security.

3. In proposing Pakistan standards, first preference is given to existing international standards. Draft standards prepared are circulated to Committee members (see TBT/W/44/Add.1, page 28) for comment and then to Division Councils for adoption as Pakistan standards. To date, 1519 Pakistan standards have been adopted by PSI; 53 standards relating to export, out of which 13 also destined for the home market, have been brought under the Compulsory Certification Marks Scheme. The remaining 1466 Pakistan standards fall under the voluntary Certification Marks Scheme.

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