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INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Supplement

The following additional information has been provided by the delegation of Pakistan.

1. Comment period

The Pakistan Standards Institute (PSI) has not yet issued any notification for seeking comments since Pakistan has become a member to the Agreement. However, the provision of the code or decision by the Committee on comment period will be followed by the Pakistan Standards Institute.

2. Technical assistance and special and differential treatment

PSI assists developing countries in the setting up of standardization institutes of their own as well as helping them to set up a Certification Marks System in their countries.

Training programmes can also be organized either by enabling experts from developing countries to make studies about standardization and Certification Marks System at PSI, Karachi or by holding seminars in developing countries.

3. The use of international standards; participation in regional standardization bodies or international and regional certification systems

The Pakistan Standards Institution (PSI) is a member of the International Standardisation Organisation (ISO) and has been participating in international standardization activities for a long time.

During the preparation or in modifying Pakistan standards, PSI takes into account the relevant international standards for adoption or uses them as a basis for the preparation of Pakistan standards.

PSI is also participating in the regional standardization activities of ESCAP and RCD.

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4. Publication

PSI generally publishes the name of compulsory Pakistan standards or their amendments in the Official Gazette periodically.

Apart from the Official Gazette as a source of publication of standards, PSI maintains a documentation centre which arranges the publication of Pakistan standards.

PSI is also trying to restart the publication of a bulletin providing information on the various standards published internally as well as international standards originated either by organizations or by countries.

Any standardization body desiring information either on standardization activities of PSI or on Certification Marks may apply to PSI.