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## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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#### Supplement

The present document contains additional information supplied by signatories in the course of the Sixth Annual Review. It supplements or replaces the relevant parts of document TBT/22 in the following sections:

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## 1. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Chairman: Mr. H.W. Verbeek (F.R. of Germany) until February 1985  
Dr. B.N. Singh (India) from February 1985

Vice-Chairman: Mr. P. Molson (Canada) until February 1985  
Mr. A.D. Bryce (Canada) from February 1985

### Signatories

Argentina <sup>1</sup>	Korea, Rep. of
Austria	Luxembourg
Belgium	Netherlands
Brazil	New Zealand
Canada	Norway
Chile	Pakistan
Czechoslovakia	Philippines
Denmark	Portugal
Egypt	Romania
European Economic Community	Rwanda
Finland	Singapore
France	Spain
Germany, Federal Republic of	Sweden
Greece	Switzerland
Hungary	Tunisia
India	United Kingdom
Ireland	Hong Kong
Italy	United States
Japan	Yugoslavia

### Observers<sup>2</sup>

#### 1. Governments:

Australia	Israel	Senegal
Bangladesh	Ivory Coast	Sri Lanka
Bulgaria	Malaysia	Tanzania
Colombia	Malta	Thailand
Cuba	Mexico	Trinidad and Tobago
Ecuador	Nicaragua	Turkey
Gabon	Nigeria	Zaire
Ghana	Peru	
Indonesia	Poland	

#### 2. International Organizations

IMF, UNCTAD, ISO, IEC, FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission, I.O.E.

<sup>1</sup>Signed (acceptance pending)

<sup>2</sup>For procedures relating to the participation of observers, see TBT/M/2, paragraphs 4 and 5 and Annex.

## 2. IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 GENERAL

#### Japan

On 30 July 1985 the Government of Japan announced the outline of an action programme which included measures relating to standards and certification systems (L/5858). These measures resulted from a comprehensive review of national standards-related laws and regulations and an examination of the requests made by foreign governments and business circles. They are aimed at reducing government intervention to a necessary minimum, ensuring transparency in the drafting and revision of standards, adjusting to international standards and simplifying and accelerating type-approval procedures. The amendments to the related laws for the implementation of the action programme are being prepared for submission to the Diet.

#### United States

Three publications were issued during the period under review. The first of these is a directory on the private sector product certification programmes including information on the activities of 190 organizations in the United States. The second publication describes the activities of the National Bureau of Standards relating to the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. The third contains the proceedings of the Conference on International Standards held in April 1985 which was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce Interagency Committee on Standards Policy with the purpose of determining the relevance and levels of participation of U.S. federal agencies in international standards activities.

### 2.2 CONSULTATION POINTS

Up-to-date information is contained in document TBT/W/62/Rev.1 and Corr.1 and Corr.2.

### 2.3 PANELISTS

Up-to-date information is contained in document TBT/W/25/Rev.10.

## 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT

#### India

Training programmes organized by India since 1968 has been attended by trainees from thirty-five developing countries including Parties to the Agreement such as Brazil, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines and Singapore. The purpose of the programme for the present year, to be held from 20 November 1985 to 31 January 1986, is to improve the knowledge of participants with regard to standards, certification, testing and quality control matters in order to facilitate their understanding of the pre-requisites of the Agreement.

## 8. TRANSPARENCY

### 8.2 INFORMATION

An up-to-date list of names, addresses, telex and telephone numbers of the enquiry points is contained in document TBT/W/31/Rev.4 and Corr.1 to 6.

### 8.3 ENQUIRIES AND RESPONSES

The number of enquiries originating in other Parties received and of requests answered by enquiry points in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, India, Ireland, and the Republic of Korea, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement relating to information and documentation, is reported in the following pages for the years 1983 and 1984.

Party Receiving Enquiries	Enquiries Originating in	Number of Enquiries in 1984						Number of Enquiries in 1983											
		Total [of which from respective Enquiry points]			Regarding Proposed Rules and Regulations			Regarding Existing Rules and Regulations			Total [of which from respective Enquiry Points]			Regarding Proposed Rules and Regulations			Regarding Existing Rules and Regulations		
		Received	Answered	Received Answered	Received	Answered	Received Answered	Received	Answered	Received Answered	Received	Answered	Received Answered	Received	Answered	Received Answered			
Austria	<u>Total</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>				
	Belgium	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1				
	Canada									1	1			1	1				
	EEC	1	1	1	1														
	Finland	2	2			2	2												
	France	2	2	2	2					1	1	1	1						
	India	1	1	1	1														
	Italy	2	2			2	2												
	Japan	2	2			2	2												
	Netherlands	2	2	2	2														
	Norway	1	1	1	1														
	Philippines	2	2	2	2					1	1	1	1						
	Singapore									1	1	1	1						
	Sweden	1	1			1	1												
	Turkey									2	2	2	2						
United Kingdom	2	2			2	2			6	6	3	3	3	3	3				
United States		4	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	7	2	2	2	5	5				





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		Received	Answered		Received	Answered		Received	Answered		Received	Answered		Received	Answered		Received	Answered	
Denmark	<u>Total</u>	54	54	5	5	49	49	25	25	1	1	24	24	25	25	1	1	24	24
	Belgium	3	3			3	3	2	2			2	2	2	2			2	2
	Canada	2	2			2	2	4	4			4	4	4	4			4	4
	France	7	7	2	2	5	5	1	1			1	1	1	1			1	1
	Finland	6	6			6	6	4	4			4	4	4	4			4	4
	Germany, F.R.	2	2			2	2												
	India	1	1	1	1			1	1			1	1	1	1			1	1
	Italy	3	3			3	3	1	1			1	1	1	1			1	1
	Japan	3	3			3	3												
	Norway																		
	Philippines																		
	Spain	1	1			1	1												
	Sweden	4	4			4	4	2	2			2	2	2	2			2	2
	Switzerland	2	2			2	2												
	Tunisia	1	1	1	1														
	United Kingdom	8	8			8	8	3	3			3	3	3	3			3	3
	United States	11	11	1	1	10	10	5	5			5	5	5	5			5	5







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		Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered
India	<u>Total</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	Austria	1	1	1	1								
	Brazil	1	1			1	1	1	1			1	1
	Canada	5	5	3	3								
	France	20	20	20	20								
	Germany, F.R.	1	1	1	1			1	1			1	1
	Hungary	5	5	5	5								
	Japan	1	1	1	1			3	3	3	3		
	Netherlands	1	1	1	1								
	Philippines	7	7	7	7								
	Spain	1	1	1	1								
	Tunisia	16	16	16	16								
	United Kingdom	7	7	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	2
	United States	20	20	17	17	3	3	5	5	3	3	2	2

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		Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered
Ireland	<u>Total</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>
	Belgium							1	1	1	1	1	1
	Canada							3	3	3	3	3	3
	France							2	2	2	2	2	2
	Germany, F.R.							1	1	1	1	1	1
	Philippines							1	1	1	1	1	1
	Sweden	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Tunisia							4	4	4	4	4	4
	United Kingdom Hong Kong	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	5	5	5
	United States	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1



9. TESTING PROCEDURES AND ACCEPTANCE  
OF TEST RESULTS

Japan

Guidelines on utilization of test data from foreign testing organizations were drawn with respect to the following seven relevant laws: the Ship Safety Law, the Road Vehicles Act, the Public Telecommunications Law, the Radio Law, the Industrial Safety and Health Law, the Fire Service Law and the Law concerning Safety Assurance and Quality Improvement of Feed. Over the period under review, the Japanese authorities designated seven testing organizations: two organizations in the Federal Republic of Germany and one in France under the Consumer Product Safety Law, one organization in the United States under the Food Sanitation Law, one organization in Canada, one in the United Kingdom and one in the United States under the Electrical Appliances and Materials Control Law. In addition, acceptance of foreign clinical test data for medical devices, in vitro diagnostic reagents and pharmaceutical products is being implemented.