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SEVENTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Supplement

The Committee concluded its seventh annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement at its meeting on 13-14 October 1986. The present document contains additional information supplied by signatories under the relevant items of this review. It supplements or replaces document TBT/25 in the following sections:

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2. IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 GENERAL

Portugal

The Portuguese Institute for Quality (IPQ) was established on 11 September 1986 in the Ministry of Industry and Trade by the Law Decree No. 183/86 of 12 July 1986.

4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT

Finland

A seminar on technical barriers to trade financed by the government of Finland and organized by the Programme for Development Cooperation at the Helsinki School of Economics (PRODEC) was held in Helsinki from 13 to 22 August 1986. The GATT secretariat co-operated with the PRODEC in selecting the candidates and in the elaboration of the programme for the seminar. The seminar was attended by seventeen officials from responsible ministries and standardization bodies in ten non-European developing countries, (six of which were non-signatories), and by two observers. The ISO Development Programme, the Finnish Standards Association, the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Finnish Ministry of Trade and Industry and the GATT secretariat provided speakers. Visits were made to the Finnish Standards Association, the Finnish Customs Administration and to various laboratories in Helsinki.

6. ACCEPTANCE, ACCESSION AND RESERVATIONS

Hong Kong

Pursuant to the declaration of Hong Kong as a contracting party to the GATT with effect from 23 April 1986 (TBT/24), Hong Kong continues to accept the Agreement and to participate in the work of the Committee.

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.5 and Corrs.1 and 2.

8.3 ENQUIRIES AND RESPONSES

The number of enquiries originating in other Parties and responses to requests by enquiry points in Belgium, the EEC and Finland during the years 1985 and 1986, is reported in the following pages.

Party Receiving Enquiries	Enquiries Originating in	Number of Enquiries from 1.1.1986 to 30.9. 1986					
		Total [of which from respective Enquiry points]		Regarding Proposed Rules and Regulations		Regarding Existing Rules and Regulations	
		Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered
Belgium	Total	25	25				
	Chile	1	1				
	Denmark	5	5				
	France	3	3				
	Netherlands	1	1				
	Portugal	1	1				
	Spain	7	7				
	Sweden	1	1				
	Tunisia	1	1				
	United Kingdom	2	2				
	United States	3	3				

Party Receiving Enquiries	Enquiries Originating in	Number of Enquiries in 1985					
		Total [of which from respective Enquiry points]		Regarding Proposed Rules and Regulations		Regarding Existing Rules and Regulations	
		Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered
EEC	Total	28	28	25	25	3	3
	Czechoslovakia	3	3	3	3		
	Finland	2	2	1	1	1	1
	Hong Kong	2	2	2	2		
	Hungary	2	2	2	2		
	Norway	2	2	2	2		
	Philippines	1	1	1	1		
	Singapore	1	1	1	1		
	Spain	2	2	1	1	1	1
	Tunisia	7	7	6	6	1	1
	United States	6	6	6	6		

Party Receiving Enquiries	Enquiries Originating in	Number of Enquiries in 1985					
		Total [of which from respective Enquiry points]		Regarding Proposed Rules and Regulations		Regarding Existing Rules and Regulations	
		Received	Answered	Received	Answered	Received	Answered
Finland	Total	84 [42]	84				
	Austria	1[1]	1				
	Canada	6[3]	6				
	Chile	1	1				
	Denmark	14[13]	14				
	France	8[3]	8				
	Germany, F.R.	6[1]	6				
	India	2	2				
	Italy	1	1				
	Japan	2	2				
	Netherlands	3[1]	3				
	New Zealand	1[1]	1				
	Philippines	2[2]	2				
	Singapore	1	1				
	Spain	1[1]	1				
	Sweden	13[10]	13				
	United Kingdom	15[4]	15				
	United States	7[2]	7				

9. TESTING PROCEDURES AND ACCEPTANCE OF TESTS RESULTS

France/United Kingdom

A mutual recognition agreement was signed between the National Testing Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (NATLAS) in the United Kingdom and the Réseau National d'Essais (RNE) in France. By virtue of this agreement, the laboratories accredited by these two voluntary accreditation systems will be recognized as giving equivalent technical guarangees and the services of these accredited laboratores will be promoted in both countries.

Japan

On page 16 of TBT/25, the second sentence on the third line should read "With respect to imported foods".

Romania

The UN/Economic Commission for Europe Agreement on uniform conditions for mutual acceptance of homologation of motor vehicles and its fifty annexes, are presently being applied in Romania. Romania has also entered into agreements with the relevant technical bodies in a number of countries on mutual acceptance of tests and inspection concerning safety of equipment under pressure and of lifting equipment.