

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>PHILIPPINES</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Product Standards
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [X], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Various products
5. Title: Full implementation of Batas Pambansa Bilang 8 - An Act Defining the Metric System and its Units, Providing for its Implementation and Other Purposes (available in English)
6. Description of content: Batas Pambansa Bilang 8 states that the metric system is the only measuring system to be used in the country for all locally manufactured products, imported items, services and documents from any legal and commercial transactions. Thus, local manufacturers and importers covered by existing metrication circulars and mandatory Philippine National Standards are required to observe specified metric sizes. On the other hand, those not affected must state the measurement of their products (e.g. weight, volume, etc.) on their package.
7. Objective and rationale: The metric system will benefit both the consuming public and the industrial sector since its use promotes uniformity and simplicity of measurements and enhances trade as well as industrial and agricultural development.
8. Relevant documents: Presidential Decree Nos. 187 and 748
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 May 1990
10. Final date for comments:
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: