GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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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: PHILIPPINES

2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Product Standards

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):

Plywood

5. Title: Philippine National Standard Specification for Plywood (First Revision) (available in English, 22 pages)

6. Description of content: This standard specifies the requirements for general purpose plywood.

Revision of the standard was undertaken due to requests from some sectors for inclusion of plywood thicknesses which are used in the mass housing programme in the Philippines and those which are currently being exported.

In the revision process, the standard length and width of plywood were rationalized and tolerances were provided to allow for manufacturing deviation. The definition of plywood was also broadened to include blockboard and stripboards.

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection

8. Relevant documents: ANSI AI99.1:1974; AS 2270:1979; AS 2271:1979; AS 2272:1979; BS 6566P4:1985; CNS 1349:1983; IS 303:1975; JAS SIS-8:1988; SS1:1984; ISO/DIS 1954.2

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Immediately

10. Final date for comments:

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: