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COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, dated 16 February 1993, has been received from Mexico with the request that it be circulated to members of the Committee.

In a letter dated 21 October 1992, my Government informed the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade through you of a Resolution on goods subject to Mexican official standards of a mandatory nature and provisions relating to labelling, marking or inscriptions providing commercial information, which had been published in the Official Gazette of 3 August 1992. As we stated at the time, the main purpose of this Resolution is to compile and clarify the regulatory framework of mandatory Mexican official standards so as to ensure their implementation.

The Resolution in question was recently modified by the inclusion of amendments and additions which clarify the text.

My authorities believe that it would be desirable, for reasons of transparency, to inform the other signatories in the Committee of these amendments; such notification is without prejudice to the trade impact of these provisions on third countries. We should therefore be obliged if you would arrange for this letter and the above-mentioned Resolution to be given the appropriate follow-up in the Committee.

A copy of the Resolution in question is on file in the GATT Secretariat and can be consulted by interested Parties.