

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
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REPORT (1993) OF THE COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

1. This report, submitted under Article 15.8 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, sets out developments in the implementation and operation of the Agreement since the Committee's last report on 3 November 1992 (L/7107).
2. The Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade entered into force on 1 January 1980. As of 2 November 1993, forty-three signatories have accepted the Agreement under Article 15.1¹, two have accepted it subject to ratification. During the period under review, the Agreement was accepted by the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic on 15 April 1993; by Malaysia on 3 June 1993; by Morocco on 1 July 1993; by Indonesia on 1 September 1993 and by Thailand on 1 November 1993. There are twenty-four observers. Observer status was granted to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 11 May 1993 and to Chinese Taipei on 2 November 1993. In addition, seven international organizations are invited to attend meetings of the Committee in an observer capacity.
3. The Committee held its forty-fifth and forty-sixth meeting on 11 May (TBT/M/44) and 2 November (TBT/M/45) respectively. At those meetings, the Committee heard statements on the implementation and administration of the Agreement.
4. At its forty-sixth meeting, the Committee carried out its fourteenth annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement under Article 15.8, based on background documentation contained in TBT/37.

¹This does not include the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.