

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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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>AUSTRALIA</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Federal Bureau of Consumer Affairs
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Consumer Goods
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Trade Practices Amendment (Origin Labelling) Bill - Explanatory Memorandum - 9 pages
6.	Description of content: It is proposed to introduce a scheme to govern representations about the origin of consumer goods. The scheme will be voluntary in that it will apply only where the goods carry a representation that the place of origin of the goods is Australia. The scheme will not contain any direct provision about such representations on imported goods unless such imported goods make a representation about Australia.
7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer advice. To prevent deceptive and misleading labelling of consumer products
8.	Relevant documents: Draft Bill for an Act to amend the Trade Practices Act 1974
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: In 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 1 June 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: