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INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Addendum

The following statement has been received from the delegation of Singapore.

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1. No special legislation is required in Singapore to implement the Agreement. All relevant government departments and regulatory authorities have been provided with copies of the Agreement and have been informed accordingly of their obligations under it.

2. The department responsible for co-ordinating the implementation and administration of the Agreement as well as for notifying the GATT Committee is:

Department of Trade
201 World Trade Centre
Maritime Square
Singapore 0409.

3. The specific authorities responsible for standardization, certification and implementation of government technical regulations are outlined below.

Standards and certification

Standardization and certification are undertaken by the Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research (SISIR). In principle, ISO, IEC and other international standards are used as a basis for the preparation of Singapore Standards. All standards prepared are not mandatory except those which are incorporated into the technical regulations of the regulatory authorities for public health and safety. Prior to a standard being endorsed, a three-month period is given for public comments and the notice is published in the press. The publication of the standards is notified in the Government Gazette.

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