

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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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 30 September 1993, forty-two 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; and by Indonesia on 1 September 1993. There are twenty-three observers. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was granted observer status on 11 May 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 26 October (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.
5. [To be completed, as necessary, after the forty-sixth meeting].

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