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## INDIVIDUAL STANDARDIZING AND CERTIFYING BODIES

Note by the Secretariat

### Corrigendum

The section on Austria appearing on page 4 of TBT/W/44/Add.1 should be replaced by the following:

1. Body:

Osterreichisches Normungsinstitut (ON)  
[Austrian Standards Institute (ON)]  
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A-1021 Wien

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2. Date established: 23 September 1920

3. Membership:

Representatives of national and economic administration of the federal government and the provinces, of independent economic bodies and of professional organizations interested in standardization and representing the interests of producers and consumers.

4. Organizational structure and management:

ON is a non-profit organization incorporated by public law. The executive organs are:

- General Assembly (election of Presidency, Board of Directors and Auditors, fixation and contributions, adoption of annual reports, etc.)
- Presidency (convocation of the General Assembly and the Presidency, representation of the organization)
- Board of Directors (implementation and administration tasks)
- Auditors (examination of the account)

5. Financing:

About one half of total resources come from the sale of publications and over one third from the sale of other services. The balance originated from subscription of members, certification and testing and a small (less than 10 per cent) government subsidy.

6. Activities:

Standards-writing and certification, publications and educational and promotional activities. ON is empowered to grant the title "ONORM" or a corresponding label to indicate that a product has been manufactured in keeping with an applicable ON standard.

- (a) Standards-writing organization
- (b) Publication of Austrian Standards and recommendations of foreign standards for the use in Austria by endorsement notice
- (c) No enforcements of standards or technical regulations, which can be only made mandatory or compulsory by authorities vested with the necessary legal power)
- (d) Membership in ISO and CEN; "noncertifying membership" in ISO/CERTICO and CENCER
- (e) National inquiry point for standards
- (f) Magazine ONORM and yearly report on activities

7. Fields of standardization:

Iron and metals, mechanical engineering, building and construction, electrotechnology, health and medical equipment, non-metallic materials, chemical and allied industries, special technologies.

- (a) Standardization in all areas, as far as these are not already covered by laws and regulations.
- (b) Per year approx. 300 Austrian Standards are published or revised. The ON does not issue regulations.

8. Fields of certification:

Applies to all ONORM standards. The ON only registers certificates of conformity to standards after a producer or dealer handing it over. The certification is performed by governmental or governmentally authorized test stations or civil engineers.

9. Status of publications:<sup>1/</sup>

Most ONORM standards are voluntary. However, they can become mandatory in toto or in part by acts of parliament or decree.

ON mainly publishes Austrian Standards.

- (a) Voluntary standards including endorsed foreign standards having the same status approx. 2500
- (b) About 5 per cent of the Austrian Standards are made mandatory by Austrian governmental authorities
- (c) nil
- (d) Supporting publications like handbooks, schoolbooks, special lists of standards, etc. are issued.

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<sup>1</sup> The following publications have been made available for consultation by delegations:

- Statuten (constitution)
- . Geschäftsordnung 1974 (internal regulations 1974)
- Annual Report 1980
- 'Das österreichische Normenwesen' (Normengesetz 1971 with comments)

These are available for consultation in Room 1073, Centre William Rappard.