

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Meeting of 26-27 May 1982

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee held its tenth meeting on 26-27 May 1982, under the chairmanship of Mr. K. Bergholm (Finland).
2. The Committee agreed to grant a request by to the International Office of Epizootics (O.I.E.) to observe its meetings in accordance with the agreed procedures.
3. Signatories provided information on the implementation and administration of the Agreement. The Committee will revert to this item at its next meeting in the context of the third annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement.
4. The Committee resumed its discussion of regional standards-writing activities and of individual standards-writing and certifying bodies in signatories and agreed to keep these items on the agenda of future meetings.
5. Signatories had a first exchange of views on international standardization activities and the use of existing international standards. The Committee agreed that this was a matter of interest which it would keep under review in the light of developments and of the specific concerns of signatories.
6. The Committee recommended a set of common elements for use in information booklets which signatories might issue on the operation of their enquiry points.
7. The Committee agreed to arrangements for the third annual review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement under Article 15.8 to be held in the autumn of 1982.
8. The Committee also agreed to arrangements for the first three-year review of the operation and implementation of the Agreement under Article 15.9 which will be held commencing on 14 October 1982.
9. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 13-15 October 1982.