
Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2007

Corrigendum

Paragraphs 101 and 117 should read as follows:

101. The representative of Brazil referred to paragraph 68(a)(i)²² and suggested that one way to address this recommendation would be to encourage countries to provide information on webpages which could include information on notified technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures as well. He referred also to paragraph 68(c)(iv)²³ and proposed that, in case translations of notified measures were made available, the concerned Member should notify this fact as an addendum to the original notification. On another issue, the delegation of Brazil was of the view that the area of transparency and technical assistance were connected – and this needed to be discussed further. It was recalled that the Fourth Triennial Review already contained some recommendations relevant to transparency in respect of the demand and supply of technical assistance.²⁴ It was pointed out that in Brazil transparency in technical assistance had two aspects: transparency in the demand and in the supply of technical assistance itself. He stressed that technical assistance needed to be transparent. Moreover, technical assistance was necessary to obtain transparency and implementation of the TBT Agreement.

117. The representative of Brazil referred to document Job(06)/252 (The Reference to the Sixth Edition of the ISO/IEC Guide 2: 1991 in Annex 1 of the TBT Agreement on Terms and Their Definitions). He stated that any amendment of Annex 1 could be along the lines of what was stated in the first bullet of paragraph 19 of document Job(06)/252 but making clear that any future amendment or update of references would need to be subject to the evaluation and approval by the Committee.

²² In G/TBT/19, para 68(a)(i) the Committee agreed, with regard to the publication of a notice of proposed technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures, "to examine ways in which the publications for such notices – and their content – are made available, so as to enable all interested parties to become acquainted with them".

²³ Which is about exploring ways to enhance the sharing of translation of documents referred to in notifications, such as posting on Members' websites or developing a format to inform other Members of the existence of translations of notified measures.

²⁴ See, in particular, Section II.E.1. of G/TBT/19.