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FOURTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Background Document by the Secretariat

The Committee will conduct its fourth annual review under Article 15.3 of the Agreement at its meeting on 31 March 1999. This document contains information on developments in the implementation and operation of the Agreement during the period from 1 January to 31 December 1998.

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I. COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

1.1 Composition of the Committee

Chairperson: Otto Th. Genee (Netherlands)

Members¹

Angola	Gabon	Myanmar
Antigua and Barbuda	Gambia	Namibia
Argentina	Germany	Netherlands
Australia	Ghana	New Zealand
Austria	Greece	Nicaragua
Bahrain	Grenada	Niger
Bangladesh	Guatemala	Nigeria
Barbados	Guinea Bissau	Norway
Belgium	Guinea, Rep.of	Pakistan
Belize	Guyana	Panama
Benin	Haiti	Papua New Guinea
Bolivia	Honduras	Paraguay
Botswana	Hong Kong, China	Peru
Brazil	Hungary	Philippines
Brunei Darussalam	Iceland	Poland
Bulgaria	India	Portugal
Burkina Faso	Indonesia	Qatar
Burundi	Ireland	Romania
Cameroon	Israel	Rwanda
Canada	Italy	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Central African Republic	Jamaica	Saint Lucia
Chad	Japan	Saint Vincent & Gren.
Chile	Kenya	Senegal
Colombia	Korea	Sierra Leone
Congo	Kuwait	Singapore
Congo, Democratic Rep of the	Kyrgyz Republic	Slovak Republic
Costa Rica	Lesotho	Slovenia
Côte d'Ivoire	Liechtenstein	Solomon Islands
Cuba	Luxembourg	South Africa
Cyprus	Macau	Spain
Czech Republic	Madagascar	Sri Lanka
Denmark	Malawi	Suriname
Djibouti	Malaysia	Swaziland
Dominica	Maldives	Sweden
Dominican Republic	Mali	Switzerland
EC	Malta	Tanzania
Ecuador	Mauritania	Thailand
Egypt	Mauritius	Togo
El Salvador	Mexico	Trinidad and Tobago
Fiji	Mongolia	Tunisia
Finland	Morocco	Turkey
France	Mozambique	Uganda

¹Members and observers on 31 December 1998.

United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States

Uruguay
Venezuela
Zambia

Zimbabwe

Observer Governments²

Albania

Algeria

Andorra

Armenia

Azerbaijan

Belarus

Cambodia

Cape Verde

China

Croatia

Estonia

Ethiopia

Former Yugoslav Rep. of

Macedonia

Georgia

Jordan

Kazakhstan

Lao

Latvia

Lithuania

Moldova

Nepal

Oman

Russian Federation

Saudi Arabia

Seychelles

Sudan

Chinese Taipei

Tonga

Ukraine

Uzbekistan

Vanuatu

Viet Nam

Observer Organizations

ACP³, ALADI³, EFTA³, FAO, IEC, IMF, ISO, ITC, OECD, OIE, OIML³, UNCTAD, UN/ECE, WHO, WHO/FAO Codex Alimentarius Commission and the World Bank

1.2 Main Developments of the Committee during the Current Period

The Committee held its twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth meetings on 27 March, 1 July, 15 September and 20 November 1998 (G/TBT/M/11-14) respectively. At those meetings, the Committee heard statements on the implementation and administration of the Agreement, technical assistance, and observer status. A number of Members informed the Committee of measures taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement. Several measures were brought to the attention of the Committee by Members who raised concerns about the potential adverse trade effects or inconsistency with the Agreement of those measures.

At its meeting in March, the Committee carried out its Third Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the Agreement under Article 15.3 (G/TBT/6) and of the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards, Annex 3 of the Agreement (G/TBT/CS/1/Add.2, G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.4 and WTO TBT Standards Code Directory – third addition). It started its programme of work arising from the First Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement under Article 15.4.

At its meetings in July, September and November, the Committee continued its work programme arising from the Triennial Review. At those meetings, delegations presented their papers and proposals, and discussions were held under different elements of the Triennial Review (G/TBT/5). Relevant submissions by delegations and Secretariat papers are contained in documents G/TBT/W/60-61, 63-64, 70-72, 74 and Add.1, 75-76 and Add.1, 79-88, 92-93 and 99.

²Members and observers on 31 December 1998.

³Observer status on an ad hoc basis.

On 14 September, a Workshop and a Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange were held. There was a good turn out of representatives from capitals of developing and least developed countries as a result of the WTO Dutch Funds financing their participation. At the Workshop, the transparency provisions of the Agreement were laid out and several national and regional experiences concerning enquiry points and notification procedures presented. A number of speakers addressed the importance of disseminating standard information to industry. At the Meeting, delegations addressed the specific difficulties and problems faced by national enquiry points and with respect to notification procedures. Proposals and suggestions were made in this respect, including those related to ways to enhance electronic exchange and possible relevant technical assistance. It was agreed that a survey on national enquiry points would be conducted to determine what steps needed to be taken to facilitate the electronic transmission of documents between Members. The survey would also facilitate efforts to better target technical assistance and training.

At its meeting in November, the Committee adopted its Report (1998) to the Council for Trade in Goods (G/L/278), and held discussions on trade facilitation related to the TBT Agreement. It was agreed that the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee would submit a note to the Chairman of the Council for Trade In Goods in this regard. At the meeting, the Committee also held discussions on the proposals concerning notifications and information exchange arising from the special Meeting held on 14 September (G/TBT/W/89-90 and 100).

On 19 November, a special Information Sessions of Bodies Involved in the Preparation of International Standards was held. Ten organizations were invited (FAO, FAO/WHO Codex, IEC, ISO, OIE, OIML, ITU, OECD, UN/ECE and WHO). The objectives of the Information Session was to increase the awareness of Members of the activities of these organizations, to have them take account of the ongoing discussions on international standards in the Committee, and to develop an improved understanding of the role of international standards within the Agreement. The Secretariat was requested to prepare a synthesis paper compiling the information provided by the organizations. It was agreed that a similar Information Session on Conformity Assessment Procedures would be held in 1999.

II. IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement (Article 15.2)

Table 1 - Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement received in 1998

Members	Date of entry into Force	Documents containing Members' Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement
BOLIVIA	14 September 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.43 and Supp.1
MONGOLIA	27 January 1997	G/TBT/2/Add.44
PAKISTAN	1 January 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.45
CYPRUS	30 July 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.46
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	1 March 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.47
BARBADOS	1 January 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.48
REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE	3 March 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.49
HONDURAS	1 January 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.50

III. NOTIFICATIONS

3.1 Notifications made in the current year and since entry into force of the Agreement by Members and by the relevant Articles of the Agreement

Since the entry into force of the Agreement on 1 January 1995 up to 31 December 1998, 2667 notifications have been made by 49 Members.

Table 2 – Notifications made in the current year and since entry into force of the Agreement by Members and by the relevant Articles of the Agreement

Members	Number of notifications made in 1998	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 1998							Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995	Total number of notifications made under the relevant Articles since 1 January 1995						
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	not specified		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	not specified
Argentina	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	8	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	67	62	8	-	3	3	-	-
Austria	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
Belgium ⁴	49	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	126	126	-	-	-	-	-	-
Benin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	19	17	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	17	1	-	-	-	-	2
Botswana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	43	36	3	-	3	-	-	1	87	74	7	-	3	-	-	3
Canada	19	18	-	-	1	-	-	-	85	81	-	3	1	-	-	-
Chile	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colombia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	31	3	-	-	3	-	-
Costa Rica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	6	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	33	28	-	-	5	-	-	-
Denmark	39	26	1	-	-	-	-	12	103	73	11	-	7	6	-	22
El Salvador	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	31	1	-	-	-	-	-
Egypt	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
European Community ⁵	36	16	-	-	21	-	-	2	133	112	-	-	32	-	-	3

⁴Two notifications submitted on behalf of the Benelux partners.⁵Member notifying under more than one article.

Members	Number of notifications made in 1998	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 1998							Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995	Total number of notifications made under the relevant Articles since 1 January 1995						
		2..9	2.10	3..2	5.6	5.7	7..2	not specified		2..9	2.10	3..2	5.6	5.7	7.2	not specified
Fiji	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Finland	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	20	16	1	-	-	-	-	3	38	35	2	-	1	-	-	3
Germany	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	6	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hong Kong, China	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	19	14	-	-	5	-	-	-
India	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	43	-	-	-	-	-	1
Israel ⁶	45	32	-	-	23	-	-	2	55	41	-	-	27	-	-	2
Jamaica	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Japan	27	22	1	-	4	-	-	-	147	126	3	-	21	1	-	-
Republic of Korea	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	39	1	-	2	-	-	4
Macau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	39	-	-	-	-	-	21
Mexico	35	34	1	-	-	-	-	-	120	116	3	-	-	-	-	1
Netherlands	88	87	1	-	-	-	-	-	436	425	11	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway ⁷	12	11	-	-	9	-	-	1	50	47	1	-	9	-	-	1
Philippines	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	20	1	-	3	1	-	-
Poland	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Senegal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Singapore	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-

⁶Member notifying under more than one article.

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		2..9	2.10	3..2	5.6	5.7	7..2	not specified		2..9	2.10	3..2	5.6	5.7	7.2	not specified
Slovak Republic	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	22	-	-	8	-	-	-
South Africa	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	23	1	-	-	-	-	1
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	68	-	-	1	-	-	1
Switzerland	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	43	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thailand ⁸	34	26	-	-	1	8	-	-	78	59	10	-	2	8	-	-
Trinidad & Tobago	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Turkey ⁹	4	4	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	3	-
United Kingdom	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	33	32	-	-	1	-	-	-	124	123	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTAL¹⁰	648	562	11	-	68	8	3	24	2267	2044	74	3	131	22	3	68

⁸Member notifying under more than one article.

⁹Member notifying under more than one article.

¹⁰Two notifications submitted on behalf of the Benelux partners.

3.1.1 Objectives and Rationales stated in Notifications¹¹**Table 3** - Objectives and Rationales stated in Notifications in 1998

Objectives and Rationales	Notifications received in 1998
National Security Requirements	0
Prevention of Deceptive Practices and consumer protection	72
Protection of Human Health or Safety	241
Protection of Animal or Plant Life or Health	5
Protection of the Environment	61
Quality Requirements	13
Harmonization	33
Adaptation to New Domestic Law and Technology	92
Lowering or Removal of Trade Barriers	12
Cost Saving and Increasing Productivity	8
Other (including for consumers' information)	108
Not specified	3
Total	648

3.1.2 Observation of the Recommended Comment Period by Members in the current year¹²

The Committee has recommended 60 days as a minimum length of time to be allowed for the presentation of comments from other Members (G/TBT/1/Rev.5). In 1998, Members allowed an average of 47.2 calendar days for comments, the comment period had lapsed for 14 notifications, and the number of notifications that did not specify a comment period was 93. The table on the following pages gives the relevant data on the observation of the recommended comment period by each Member in 1998.

¹¹The following classification of objectives and rationales is based on the criteria laid down in document G/TBT/W/18.

¹²Calculated on the basis that the date of issue of the notification (in English) by the WTO Secretariat is the first day.

Table 4 – Observation of the recommended comment period by Members in 1998

Members	Number of notifications made with comment period					Total
	Less than 45 days	45-59 days	60 days or more	Not specified or lapsed	of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7	
Argentina	-	-	-	1	-	1
Australia	7	-	1	-	2	8
Austria	-	-	1	-	-	1
Belgium	-	-	2	47	-	49
Bolivia	-	-	-	19	-	19
Brazil	31	2	2	8	3	43
Canada	15	-	3	1	-	19
Chile	4	5	-	1	-	10
Czech Republic	2	3	1	-	-	6
Denmark	24	6	6	3	1	39
El Salvador	-	2	-	-	-	2
Egypt	1	1	3	-	-	5
European Communities	8	14	14	-	-	36
Finland	-	-	4	-	-	4
France	3	4	13	-	1	20
Germany	2	-	-	-	-	2
Hong, Kong, China	-	1	1	-	-	2
Israel	14	17	13	1	-	45
Jamaica	2	2	-	-	1	4
Japan	8	3	16	-	1	27
Republic of Korea	6	2	-	-	-	8
Malaysia	28	-	-	-	-	28
Mexico	19	8	1	7	1	35
Netherlands	29	46	11	2	1	88
New Zealand	4	1	-	-	-	5
Norway	9	2	-	1	-	12
Philippines	-	1	-	-	-	1
Poland	-	-	1	-	1	1

Members	Number of notifications made with comment period					Total
	Less than 45 days	45-59 days	60 days or more	Not specified or lapsed	of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7	
Singapore	1	2	-	-	-	3
Slovak Republic	-	1	1	-	-	2
South Africa	6	-	-	11	-	17
Spain	5	-	1	3	-	9
Sweden	1	4	11	-	-	16
Switzerland	-	5	2	-	-	7
Thailand	1	6	26	1	8	34
Trinidad and Tobago	-	1	-	-	-	1
Turkey	3	-	1	-	-	4
United Kingdom	-	2	-	-	-	2
United States	8	10	14	1	-	33
TOTAL	241	151	149	107	19	648

3.2 Notifications under Article 10.7 - Bilateral or Multilateral Agreements reached by Members on issues related to Technical Regulations, Standards or Conformity Assessment Procedures

In 1998, no notification was made under Article 10.7.

IV. PUBLICATIONS AND ENQUIRY POINTS

4.1 Publications used to announce that work is proceeding on draft technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures under Articles 2.9.1 and 5.6.1 of the Agreement

Relevant information is contained in documents G/TBT/2 and addenda.

4.2 Publications in which the final texts of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures are published under Articles 2.11 and 5.8 of the Agreement

Relevant information is contained in documents G/TBT/2 and addenda.

4.3 Enquiry points under Article 10 of the Agreement

Updated lists of WTO TBT Enquiry Points under Articles 10.1 and 10.2 of the Agreement are contained in documents G/TBT/ENQ/1-13.

V. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT

In 1998, the Secretariat held TBT Seminars jointly with the ISO, ITC, AIDMO and OAS for the French speaking African countries, Arab countries and Latin American countries. Resource to pay for participants from French speaking African countries attending the Seminar was obtained from the WTO Norway Funds.

VI. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 14

Dispute	Request for Consultations	Request to Join Consultations	Mutually Agreed Solution	Panel Established Circulated	Panel Report	Notice of Appeal	Appellate Report Circulated
<i>European Communities - Measures Concerning Meat and Meat Products (Hormones)</i>	31 Jan. 1996 United States (WT/DS26/1) (G/TBT/D/5)	8 Feb. 1996 New Zealand (WT/DS26/2) 9 Feb. 1996 Australia (WT/DS26/3) 13 Feb. 1996 Canada (WT/DS26/4)		20 May 1996	Circulated 18 Aug. 1997 (WT/DS26/R/USA) Adopted 13 Feb. 1998 (WT/DS26/13)	24 Sept. 1997 (WT/D S26/9)	Circulated 16 Jan. 1998 (WT/DS26/AB/R) Adopted 13 Feb. 1998 (WT/DS26/13)
<i>European Communities - Measures Affecting Livestock and Meat (Hormones)</i>	8 July 1996 Canada (WT/DS48/1) (G/TBT/D/7)	22 July 1996 Australia (WT/DS48/2) 23 July 1996 United States (WT/DS48/3) 23 July 1996 New Zealand (WT/DS48/4)		16 Oct. 1996	Circulated 18 Aug. 1997 (WT/DS48/R/CAN) Adopted 13 Feb. 1998 (WT/DS/48/11)	24 Sep. 1997 (WT/D S48/7)	Circulated 16 Jan. 1998 (WT/DS48/AB/R) Adopted 13 Feb. 1998 (WT/DS48/11)
<i>Argentina - Measures Affecting Imports of Footwear, Textiles, Apparel and Other Items</i>	15 Oct. 1996 United States (WT/DS56/1) (G/TBT/D/10)	29 Oct. 1996 Hungary (WT/DS56/2) 4 Nov. 1996 European Communities (WT/DS56/3)		25 Feb. 1997	Circulated 25 Nov. 1997 (WT/DS56/R) Adopted 22 April 1998 (WT/DS/56/11)	21 Jan. 1998	Circulated 27 March 1998 (WT/DS56/AB/R) Adopted 22 April 1998 (WT/DS/56/11)
<i>United States - Measures Affecting Textiles and Apparel Products</i>	3 June 1997 European Communities (WT/DS85/1) (G/TBT/D/13)	11 June 1997 Switzerland (WT/DS85/2) 18 June 1997 Honduras (WT/DS85/3)	11 Feb. 1998 (WT/DS85/9)				

Dispute	Request for Consultations	Request to Join Consultations	Mutually Agreed Solution	Panel Established Circulated	Panel Report	Notice of Appeal	Appellate Report Circulated
		17 June 1997 Hong Kong, China (WT/DS85/4)					
		18 June 1997 Pakistan (WT/DS85/5)					
		18 June 1997 India (WT/DS85/6)					
		19 June 1997 Japan (WT/DS85/7)					
		25 June 1997 Dominican Republic (WT/DS85/8)					
<i>European Communities-</i> Measures Affecting Asbestos and Products containing Asbestos	3 June 1998 Canada (WT/DS135/1) (G/TBT/D/15)	12 June 1998 Brazil (WT/DS135/2)					
<i>European Communities-</i> Restrictions on Certain Import Duties on Rice	8 June 1998 India (WT/DS/134/1) (G/TBT/D/16)						
<i>European Communities</i> Measures Affecting Imports of Wood of Conifers from Canada	24 June 1998 Canada (WT/DS/137/1) (G/TBT/D/17)						
<i>United States-</i> Certain Measures Affecting the Import of Cattle, Swine and Grain from Canada	19 Sept. 1998 Canada (WT/DS/144/1) (G/TBT/D/18)						
<i>United States-</i> Measures Affecting Textiles and	25 Nov. 1998 European Communities (WT/DS151/1)	8 Dec. 1998 Dominican Republic (WT/DS151/2)					

Dispute	Request for Consultations	Request to Join Consultations	Mutually Agreed Solution	Panel Established Circulated	Panel Report	Notice of Appeal	Appellate Report Circulated
Apparel Products (II)	(G/TBT/D/19)	8 Dec. 1998 Hong Kong, China (WT/DS151/3) 9 Dec. 1998 Pakistan (WT/DS151/4) 7 Dec. 1998 Honduras (WT/DS151/5) 7 Dec. 1998 Japan (WT/DS151/6) 7 Dec. 1998 Switzerland (WT/DS151/7) 10 Dec. 1998 El Salvador (WT/DS151/8)					

VII. CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE PREPARATION, ADOPTION AND APPLICATION OF STANDARDS

Overall, since the entry into force of the Agreement, 106 standardizing bodies from 76 Members have adhered to the Code of Good Practice. Notifications of acceptance of the Code by standardizing bodies are contained in documents G/TBT/CS/N/1-106. Document G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.5 contains the complete list by Member of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code since 1 January 1995.

In 1998, 14 standardizing bodies from 10 Members accepted the Code. A list by Member of all standardizing bodies that have adhered to the Code in 1998 is in document G/TBT/CS/1/Add.3.

The fourth WTO TBT Standards Code Directory has been published by the ISO/IEC Information Centre in February 1999.

VIII. WORKING AND SPECIAL DOCUMENTS ISSUED DURING THE CURRENT PERIOD

Document reference	Date of issue	Title and content of documents	Number of pages
G/TBT/W/60	9 March 1998	Environmental Labels and Market Access: Case Study on the Colombian Flower-Growing Industry - Contribution from Colombia	8
G/TBT/W/61	11 March 1998	Forests: A National Experience - Contribution from Canada	57
G/TBT/W/62	6 April 1998	Request for Observer Status by the International Vine and Wine Office	1
G/TBT/W/63	7 April 1998	Conformity Assessment Procedures: Supplier's Declaration of Conformity - Contribution from the United States	3
G/TBT/W/64	2 April 1998	Transparency in International Standards Development – Contribution from the United States	2
G/TBT/W/65	28 April 1998	Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 March 1998	14
G/TBT/W/66	28 April 1998	Communication from Fiji	1
G/TBT/W/67	26 May 1998	Communication from the ISO	17
G/TBT/W/68, and Add.1 + Add.2	26 May 1998 16 July 1998 13 August 1998	Request for Observer Status by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)	2 15 2
G/TBT/W/69	15 June 1998	Communication from Mexico	1
G/TBT/W/70	23 June 1998	ISO/IEC Guides on Conformity Assessment - Note from the European Communities	2
G/TBT/W/71	24 June 1998	National Experiences with Technical Regulations - Contribution from Canada	2
G/TBT/W/72	24 June 1998	A list of Relevant International Guides and Recommendations related to Conformity Assessment Procedures - Note by the Secretariat	9
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