

IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL  
BARRIERS TO TRADE

Addendum

Communication from Hungary

The following statement under Article 15.2 of the Agreement has been received from the delegation of Hungary.

1. The Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization and the agreements and associated legal instruments included in its Annexes 1, 2 and 3 (thus, *inter alia*, the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade) was ratified by the Hungarian Parliament in December 1994 and entered into force on 1 January 1995. Law No. 28 of 1995 on National Standardization entered into force in May 1995.

2. The Ministry of Industry Trade and Tourism has the general responsibility for the implementation of the Agreement. Representations concerning Hungarian implementation of the Agreement and request for consultations should be directed to:

Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism  
Department for International Organizations  
and Tariff Policy  
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H-1880 Budapest  
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3. Technical regulations are generally published in the Official Gazette (Magyar Közlöny). Regulations usually also appear in the official gazettes of the responsible ministries. Activities related to national standardization are performed by the Hungarian Standards Institution (HSI). The HSI keeps records of draft national standards and operates an information service concerning standardization, *inter alia*, through its official journal, the Standardization Gazette (Szabványügyi Közlöny).

- (a) Draft technical regulations and national standards are announced in the Standardization Gazette (Szabványügyi Közlöny).

- (b) For presentation of comments in writing on technical regulations and national standards usually two months are allowed.
- (c) The enquiry point for the purposes required by Articles 10.1 and 10.3 of the Agreement is established at the Hungarian Standards Institute:

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(Magyar Szabványügyi Testület)  
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- (d) The HSI has exclusive rights to set national standards.