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Action Plan for the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam has submitted the following Action Plan for the Implementation of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Working Party.

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No.	Major Obligations	Description of obligations	Responsible Body	Related Bodies	Time frame
1.	Commit that the newly promulgated technical regulation, standards, conformity assessment procedures are fully compliant with the TBT Agreement	Based on WTO general principle, when acceding to the WTO, ensuring all technical regulations, standards, conformity assessment procedures are completely compliant with equivalent provisions of the TBT Agreement	Ministry of Science and Technology	Ministries of Health, Post and Telecommunication, Customs and other concerned agencies	Upon accession
2.	Submit a statement on implementation of the TBT Agreement	Under WTO principle, notifying the time of official implementation of the TBT Agreement when becoming a WTO Member.	Ministry of Trade	Ministries of Science & Technology, Foreign Affairs and other concerned agencies	Upon accession
3.	Establish the WTO/TBT Enquiry Point	Establishing a TBT Enquiry Point (by a Prime Minister's decision appointing Ministry of Science & Technology in charge); Setting up a TBT website and bulletin specializing in WTO/TBT; Building up and updating a database on technical regulations, standards, and conformity assessment procedures.	Ministry of Science and Technology	Ministries of Trade, Foreign Affairs and other concerned agencies	Quarter IV/ 2005
4.	Establish the National TBT Notification Body	Issuing a Government Decision to assign the Ministry of Science and Technology to set up Viet Nam TBT Notification Body; Ministry of Science and Technology in cooperation with other related Ministries setting up the rules and regulation for the operation of Viet Nam's TBT Notification Body	Ministry of Science and Technology	Ministry of Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other concerned agencies	Quarter IV/ 2005
5.	Ensure that technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures are compatible with the TBT Agreement	Revising the legal system on standards and conformity assessment to meet TBT Agreement requirements; Issuing new and/or amending existing legal documents on rules and procedures to promulgate technical regulations in conformance with the requirements specified in the WTO/TBT Agreement	Ministry of Science and Technology	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Fishery, Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Telecommunication and other concerned agencies	On-going basis

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6.	Accept and implement the Code of Good Practice on preparation, adoption and implementation of standards (Annex 3 of the Agreement)	Issuing a regulation on development and application of national and line (ministerial) standards conforming to provisions of the Agreement and the Code; Introducing this Regulation to all organizations and individuals concerned.	Ministry of Science and Technology	Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Fishery, Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Telecommunication and other concerned agencies	Quarter I/ 2006

Realization of the Action Plan:

The Ministry of Science and Technology in coordination with other related Ministries, the Chairmen of Local/Municipal People Committees is responsible to implement this Action Plan consistently and countrywide.