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Committee of Participants on the Expansion of Trade in Information Technology Products

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Note by the Secretariat¹

Revision

1. As of 13 February 2004, the ITA had 46 participants (covering 61 Members and States or separate customs territories in the process of acceding to the WTO) representing approximately 97 percent of world trade in information technology products.

Albania	Estonia	Latvia	Poland
Australia	European Communities ²	Lithuania	Romania
Bahrain	Georgia	Macao, China	Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu
Bulgaria	Hong Kong, China	Malaysia	Singapore
Canada	Iceland	Mauritius	Slovak Republic
China	India	Moldova	Slovenia
Costa Rica	Indonesia	Morocco	Switzerland ³
Croatia	Israel	New Zealand	Thailand
Cyprus	Japan	Norway	Turkey
Czech Republic	Jordan	Oman	United States
Egypt	Korea	Panama	
El Salvador	Kyrgyz Republic	Philippines	

2. If the participant was a WTO Member at the time of their participation in the ITA, they were required to follow the procedures for the formal rectification and modification of schedules (Decision of 26 March 1980 on Procedures for Modification and Rectification of Schedules of Tariff Concessions, BISD 27S/25) pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Annex to the Ministerial Declaration. Thus, documents from the following 31 participants have been received and circulated pursuant to these procedures:

¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and without prejudice to the positions of Members and to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

² The schedule of the European Communities comprises the commitments of the 15 member states.

³ On behalf of the customs union Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

Australia	India	Philippines
Bulgaria	Indonesia	Poland ⁴
Canada	Israel	Romania ⁵
Costa Rica	Japan	Singapore
Cyprus	Korea	Slovak Republic ⁴
Czech Republic ⁴	Macao, China	Slovenia
Egypt	Malaysia ⁴	Switzerland ⁵
El Salvador	Mauritius	Thailand ⁴
European Communities	New Zealand	Turkey
Hong Kong, China	Norway	United States
Iceland		

Of the above, El Salvador has indicated that implementation would begin after the completion of domestic procedural requirements.⁶ Bahrain, Morocco, and Panama have not yet submitted the formal documentation.

3. Albania, China, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Jordan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Oman, and the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu incorporated their commitments in their schedules annexed to their Protocols of Accession, and therefore it was not necessary to follow the procedures for rectification and modification of tariff schedules.

4. Letters of acceptance, in accordance with the provision of paragraph 10 of the Annex to the Declaration, have been received from all participants except twelve.

5. The following documentation, noted as being submitted under paragraph 2 above, has been formally certified by the Director-General:

Australia; Bulgaria; Canada; Costa Rica; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Egypt;⁷ European Communities; Hong Kong, China; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Israel; Japan; Korea; Macao, China; Malaysia; Mauritius; New Zealand; Norway; Philippines; Poland; Romania; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Switzerland; Thailand; Turkey; United States.

⁴ First rate reduction occurred on 1 January 1998.

⁵ First rate reduction occurred on 31 December 1997.

⁶ Bulgaria, India, Israel, Philippines, Poland, Slovenia, Switzerland, and Turkey which had also made such a notification, have subsequently notified that these procedural requirements have been completed.

⁷ Certification in process, will be formally circulated shortly.