

IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT
ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

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

1. With a view to ensure the application of the Agreement at the national level, a document "Guidelines for notification under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade" has been adopted by the National Council of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality (CONMETRO), and should enter into force on 20 September 1996. It reproduces the principles of the Agreement, gives them concrete form in terms of domestic legislation and ensures their systematic application.
2. Notice of proposed or adopted technical regulations is normally published in "DOU - Diário Oficial da União" (Official Gazette), issued by Imprensa Nacional from the Ministry of Justice, in accordance with Articles 2.9.1 and 5.6.1 of the Agreement.
3. A period of 60 days, as recommended by the Committee, is generally allowed for comments on the adoption of technical regulations, with exception for certain cases (depending on urgency consideration) where this period could be extended or reduced.
4. The Brazilian Enquiry Point, to which requests for consultation under the Agreement should be addressed, is a department of the National Institute of Metrology Standardization and Industrial Quality (INMETRO). It is the central point for all notifications under the Agreement and the initial point of contact for enquiries from other Members.

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5. In accordance with the provisions of Article 10 of the Agreement, on the dissemination of information, Brazil is working in the establishment of a data base which will grant access to the WTO TBT Notifications received by the Enquiry Point. Summaries of these notifications, including titles and description of contents, are translated into Portuguese and published in the monthly bulletin INMETRO INFORMAÇÃO.