

WTO COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

PROPOSALS RELATING TO THE MEETING ON PROCEDURES FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE HELD ON 14 SEPTMEBER 1998

At its informal meeting on 22 January 1999, the Committee requested the Secretariat to compile and redraft the non-controversial proposals made relating to the Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange (held on 14 September 1998), taking into account the discussions held at the Committee meeting on 20 November 1998 (G/TBT/M/14). The Chairman had invited delegations to further reflect on them, and suggested that the Committee revert back to them at its next meeting on 30-31 March. Please note that all changes to existing decisions or recommendations of the Committee as contained in document G/TBT/1/Rev.5, or new ones that are being proposed, have been italicised for easier identification.

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A. Proposal concerning the list of Enquiry Points (document G/TBT/ENQ/)

1. *The email addresses of enquiry points should be provided where available, in order to be included in document G/TBT/ENQ/.*

B. Proposals concerning Point III on Notification Procedures in Document G/TBT/1/Rev.5

2. Item 1 on Format and Guidelines, Decisions Item (iii), on page 11

- To replace "Article 2.10.1: adopted technical regulations ..." with "*Article 2.10.1: technical regulations adopted for urgent problems...*".
- To replace "Article 3.2: proposed or adopted technical regulations ..." with "*Article 3.2: proposed technical regulations or technical regulations adopted for urgent problems...*".
- To replace "Article 5.7.1: adopted procedures for assessment of conformity ..." with "*Article 5.7.1: conformity assessment procedures adopted for urgent problems...*".
- To replace "Article 7.2: proposed or adopted procedures for assessment of conformity ..." with "*Article 7.2: proposed procedures for assessment of conformity or conformity assessment procedures adopted for urgent problems ...*".

3. Item 4 on Translation of Documents Relating to Notifications and Address of Body Supplying the Documents, Decision (c), on page 16

"Members shall indicate under point 11 of the WTO TBT notification form the exact address, *where available, email address*, telephone and fax numbers of the body responsible for supplying the relevant documents if that body is not the enquiry point."

4. Point (v) of the table on page 12:

Currently reads: "Title of the proposed or adopted of the notified document technical regulation or procedures for assessment of conformity. Number of pages in the notified document. The language(s) in which notified documents are available."

To read: *"Title of the proposed or adopted technical regulation or procedure for the assessment of conformity that is notified. Number of pages in the notified document. The language(s) in which notified documents are available. If a translation of the document is planned, this should be indicated. If a translated summary is available, this too should be indicated."*

5. Item 5 on Processing Requests for Documentation on page 16

Recommendation (b):

"Any requests for documentation should be processed if possible within five working days. If a delay in supplying the documentation requested is foreseen, this should be acknowledged to the requester, *along with an estimate of when the documents can be provided.*"

6. New Recommendations (c) and (d) under Item 5 on page 16

"(c) Email requests for documentation should include name, organization, address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address in the request; and

(d) Electronic delivery of documentation is encouraged and requests should indicate whether an electronic version or hard copy is desired".

C. Proposals concerning Point IV on Procedures for Information Exchange in Document G/TBT/1/Rev.5

7. Item 2 on Booklets on Enquiry Points, Recommendation (b)(i) on page 19

Replacing "Objective, name, and address of WTO TBT enquiry point(s)", with *"Objective, name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email and internet addresses, if available, of WTO TBT enquiry point(s)".*
