

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**EIGHTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
OPERATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

Background Document by the Secretariat

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The Committee will conduct its seventh annual review under Article 15.3 of the Agreement at its meeting on 20 March 2003. This document contains information on developments in the implementation and operation of the Agreement during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002.

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I. COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

1.1 Composition of the Committee

Chairpersons: Mr. Joshua Phoho Setipa (Lesotho)
Ms. Emily Earl (New Zealand)

Members¹

Albania	Ecuador	Lithuania
Angola	Egypt	Luxembourg
Antigua and Barbuda	El Salvador	Macau, China
Argentina	Estonia	Madagascar
Australia	European Community	Malawi
Austria	Fiji	Malaysia
Bahrain	Finland	Maldives
Bangladesh	France	Mali
Barbados	Gabon	Malta
Belgium	Gambia	Mauritania
Belize	Georgia	Mauritius
Benin	Germany	Mexico
Bolivia	Ghana	Moldova
Botswana	Greece	Mongolia
Brazil	Grenada	Morocco
Brunei Darussalam	Guatemala	Mozambique
Bulgaria	Guinea	Myanmar
Burkina Faso	Guinea Bissau	Namibia
Burundi	Guyana	Netherlands
Cameroon	Haiti	New Zealand
Canada	Honduras	Nicaragua
Central African Republic	Hong Kong, China	Niger
Chad	Hungary	Nigeria
Chile	Iceland	Norway
China	India	Oman
Chinese Taipei	Indonesia	Pakistan
Colombia	Ireland	Panama
Congo	Israel	Papua New Guinea
Congo, Democratic Rep of the	Italy	Paraguay
Costa Rica	Jamaica	Peru
Côte d'Ivoire	Japan	Philippines
Croatia	Jordan	Poland
Cuba	Kenya	Portugal
Cyprus	Korea, Rep. of	Qatar
Czech Republic	Kuwait	Romania
Denmark	Kyrgyz Republic	Rwanda
Djibouti	Latvia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Dominica	Lesotho	Saint Lucia
Dominican Republic	Liechtenstein	Saint Vincent & Grenadines

¹Members on 31 December 2002.

Senegal	Suriname	Turkey
Sierra Leone	Swaziland	Uganda
Singapore	Sweden	United Arab Emirates
Slovak Republic	Switzerland	United Kingdom
Slovenia	Tanzania	United States
Solomon Islands	Thailand	Uruguay
South Africa	Togo	Venezuela
Spain	Trinidad and Tobago	Zambia
Sri Lanka	Tunisia	Zimbabwe

Observer Governments²

Algeria	Ethiopia	Seychelles
Andorra	Former Yugoslav Rep. of	Sudan
Armenia	Macedonia	Tonga
Azerbaijan	Kazakstan	Ukraine
Bahamas	Lao	Uzbekistan
Belarus	Lebanon	Vanuatu
Bhutan	Nepal	Viet Nam
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Russian Federation	Yemen
Cambodia	Samoa	
Cape Verde	Saudi Arabia	

Observer Organizations

ACP³, ALADI,³ EFTA,³ FAO, IEC, IMF, ISO, ITC, OECD, OIE, OIML,³ UNCTAD, UN/ECE, UNIDO,³ WHO, WHO/FAO Codex Alimentarius Commission and the World Bank.

1.2 Main developments of the Committee during the current period

The Committee held its twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth meetings on 15 March, 20-21 June and 17 October (G/TBT/M/26-28) respectively. At those meetings, the Committee heard statements concerning the implementation and administration of the Agreement, technical assistance and observer status. A number of Members informed the Committee of measures taken to ensure the implementation and administration of the Agreement. Several measures were brought to the attention of the Committee by Members who raised concerns about the potential adverse trade effects or inconsistency with the Agreement of those measures. The OIE, WHO, UNCTAD and the UN/ECE were invited to update the Committee on their technical assistance activities and on the ways in which they sought to ensure effective participation of Members, in particular developing country Members in their activities.

At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Committee carried out its Seventh Annual Review of the Implementation and Operation of the Agreement under Article 15.3 as well as its Seventh Annual Review of the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards (Annex 3 of the Agreement) based on background documents G/TBT/11/Rev.2, WTO TBT Standards Code Directory (Seventh Edition), G/TBT/CS/1/Add.6 and G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.8. It considered a number of proposals made at the Special Meeting on Procedures for Information Exchange held on 28 June 2001, and agreed to prepare a booklet on transparency provisions of the Agreement.

²Observers on 31 December 2002.

³Observer status on an ad hoc basis.

Following the Second Triennial Review of the Operation and Implementation of the Agreement under Article 15.4 (G/TBT/9), the Committee continued discussions on a number of elements taken up during that Review. It continued to develop a demand-driven Technical Cooperation Programme as confirmed and mandated by Ministers at Doha. A questionnaire for a survey to assist developing country Members to identify and prioritize their specific needs in the TBT-field was prepared (G/TBT/W/178). Fifty developing country Members submitted responses to the questionnaire for the consideration of the Committee. (Job(02)/99 – Job(02)/99/Add.49).

At its twenty-eight and twenty-ninth meetings, it proceeded to carry out the mandate provided by Ministers at Doha to address the outstanding implementation issues. At its twenty-ninth meeting, it carried out the annual transitional review mandated in the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China

II. IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement (Article 15.2)

Table 1 – Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement received in 2002

Members	Date of entry into force	Documents containing Members' Statements on Implementation and Administration of the Agreement
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	11 December 2001	G/TBT/2/Add.65
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	1 January 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.66
GRENADA	22 February 1996	G/TBT/2/Add.67
MOLDOVA	26 July 2001	G/TBT/2/Add.68
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN, AND MATSU	1 January 2002	G/TBT/2/Add.69
VENEZUELA	1 January 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.70
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	1 January 1995	G/TBT/2/Add.71

III. NOTIFICATIONS

3.1 Notifications made in the current year and since the entry into force of the agreement by Members and by the relevant Articles of the Agreement

In 2002, Members submitted 581⁴ notifications. Since the entry into force of the Agreement on 1 January 1995 up to 31 December 2002, 4666 notifications have been made by 73 Members. Articles 2.9, 2.10, 3.2, 5.6, 5.7 and 7.2 were specified in 4129, 155, 3, 359, 50 and 3 notifications respectively. 121 notifications did not refer to any Articles.

Monthly lists of notifications are contained in documents G/TBT/GEN/13-24.

Table 2 – Notifications made by Members and by relevant Articles of the Agreement in the current year and since the entry into force of the Agreement

Members	Number of notifications made in 2002	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2002							Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Argentina	39	27	0	0	12	0	0	0	122
Australia	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	110
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bahrain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Barbados	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Belgium	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	204
Benin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Botswana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brazil	45	35	0	0	10	0	0	0	189
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Canada	28	22	0	0	6	0	0	0	188
Chile	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
Colombia	9	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	63
Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Cuba	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Cyprus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

⁴ Notification G/TBT/N/GBR/5 has been withdrawn

Members	Number of notifications made in 2002	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2002							Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Czech Republic	43	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	180
Denmark	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	168
El Salvador	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
Egypt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Estonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
European Communities	17	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	208
Fiji	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Finland	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
France	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Grenada	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Guatemala	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Hong Kong, China	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	43
Hungary ⁵	5	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
India	9	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	54
Indonesia	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
Israel	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	63
Italy	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Japan ⁵	33	31	0	0	5	0	0	0	298
Korea	19	16	0	0	3	0	0	0	138
Kuwait	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6
Latvia	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Lithuania	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3

⁵ Member notifying under more than one Article

Members	Number of notifications made in 2002	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2002							Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
Macau, China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Malaysia	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	164
Mexico	34	23	6	0	3	1	0	1	224
Netherlands	15	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	585
New Zealand	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
Nicaragua	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Panama	28	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Peru	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Philippines	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Saint Lucia	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Senegal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Singapore	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Slovak Republic	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Slovenia	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
South Africa	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
Spain	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Sri Lanka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Sweden	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
Switzerland	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
Thailand	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	204

Members	Number of notifications made in 2002	Number of notifications made under the relevant Articles in 2002							Total number of notifications made since 1 January 1995
		2.9	2.10	3.2	5.6	5.7	7.2	Not specified	
The People's Republic of China	12	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu ⁶	5	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	5
Trinidad and Tobago	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Tunisia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
United Kingdom ⁶	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	24
United States	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	229
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Venezuela	23	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
TOTAL	581	506	13	0	63	1	0	4	4666

3.2 Objectives and Rationales stated in Notifications⁷

Table 3 – Objectives and Rationales stated in Notifications in 2002

Objectives and Rationales	Notifications received in 2002
National Security Requirements	6
Consumer Information, Labelling	42
Prevention of Deceptive Practices & Cons. Protect.	103
Protection of Human Health or Safety	261
Protection of Animal or Plant Life or Health	23
Protection of Environment	76
Quality Requirements	16

⁶ Member notifying under more than one Article

⁷ The following classification of objectives and rationales is based on the criteria laid down in document G/TBT/W/18

Objectives and Rationales	Notifications received in 2002
	Harmonization
Adoption of New Domestic Law and Technology	80
Lowering or Removal of Trade Barriers	3
Trade Facilitation	4
Others	26
Not Specified	16
Total	710⁸

3.3 Observation of the Recommended Comment Period by Members in the current year

The Committee has recommended 60 days as a minimum length of time to be allowed for the presentation of comments from other Members (G/TBT/1/Rev.8). In 2002, Members allowed an average of 49.20 calendar days for comments. 164 notifications did not specify a comment period, stated as non applicable or had a lapsed comment period. The table on the following pages gives the relevant data on the observation of the recommended comment period by each Member in 2002

Table 4 – Observation of the recommended comment period by Member in 2002

Number of notifications made with comment period						
Members	Less than 45 days	45-59 days	60 days or more	Not specified, lapsed or stated as non-applicable	of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7	Total
Argentina				39	0	39
Australia	1	1	1	1		4
Belgium				11		11
Brazil	11			34		45
Canada	7	10	10	1		28
Chile			8			8
Colombia		2	6	1	1	9
Cuba				1		1
Czech Republic	32	3	8	0	0	43
Denmark	1	4	1			6

⁸ Among the 581 notifications submitted, 110 have two or more objectives stated

Number of notifications made with comment period						
Members	Less than 45 days	45-59 days	60 days or more	Not specified, lapsed or stated as non-applicable	of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7	Total
El Salvador	3		1	3		7
European Communities	6	1	10			17
Finland			5			5
France			7			7
Grenada			3			3
Guatemala	1					1
Hong Kong, China		1	2	1		4
Hungary	5					5
India			1	8		9
Indonesia			2			2
Israel			8			8
Italy				1		1
Japan	7	9	16	1		33
Korea	6	5	2	6		19
Kuwait	1	5				6
Latvia	5					5
Lithuania	1					1
Malaysia			1			1
Mexico	17	2	1	14	7	34
Netherlands	1	8	3	3	3	15
New Zealand	4	3				7
Nicaragua			2	3		5
Panama				28		28
Peru	1					1
Philippines	2	13	1			16

Number of notifications made with comment period						
Members	Less than 45 days	45-59 days	60 days or more	Not specified, lapsed or stated as non-applicable	of which notified under Articles 2.10 and 5.7	Total
Saint Lucia	1			1		2
Singapore	1					1
Slovak Republic			2			2
Slovenia	2	4	1			7
South Africa	3	5	4			12
Spain	8	1	1	2		12
Sweden		1	16			17
Switzerland		6	1	1		8
Thailand			20	1		21
The People's Republic of China	3	9				12
The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu			4	1	1	5
Trinidad and Tobago	5	1				6
United Kingdom	1		3			4
United States	7	3	4			14
Venezuela	8	2	12	1		23
TOTAL	151	99	167	164	11	581

3.4 Notifications under Article 10.7 – bilateral or multilateral agreements reached by Members on issues related to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures

In 2002, six notifications were made under Article 10.7 (G/TBT/10.7/36-41), notifying respectively the Mutual Recognition Agreement reached by:

- (1) United States and Japan;
- (2) Japan and the European Community;
- (3) The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu and Canada;

- (4) Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Labour (Austria), BELCERT (Belgium), Belgian Calibration Organisation (Belgium), BELTEST (Belgium), Czech Accreditation Institute (Czech Republic), Danish Accreditation (Denmark), Finnish Accreditation Service (Finland), Comité Français d'Accréditation (France), Deutscher Akkreditierungsrat (Germany), Icelandic Board for Technical Accreditation (Iceland), National Accreditation Board (Ireland), Servizio di Taratura in Italia (Italy), Sistema Nazionale per l'Accreditamento degli Organismi di Certificazioni e Ispezione (Italy), Sistema Nazionale per l'Accreditamento di Laboratori (Italy), Latvian National Accreditation Bureau (Latvia), Lithuanian National Accreditation Bureau (Lithuania), Raad voor Accreditatie (Netherlands), Instituto Português de Qualidade (Portugal), Slovak National Accreditation Service (Slovakia), Entidad Nacional de Acreditación (Spain), Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (Sweden), Swiss Accreditation Service (Switzerland) and United Kingdom Accreditation Service (United Kingdom);
- (5) Organismo Argentino de Acreditacion - OAA (Argentina); Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand - JAS-ANZ (Australia and New Zealand); Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Labour - BMWA (Austria); BELCERT (Belgium); National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality - INMETRO (Brazil); Standards Council of Canada - SCC (Canada); China National Accreditation Board for Certifiers - CNAB (China); Czech Accreditation Institute - CAI (Czech Republic); Danish Accreditation - DANAK (Denmark); National Accreditation Association of DPR of Korea - NAA (DPR of Korea); The Finnish Accreditation Service - FINAS (Finland); Comité Français d'Accréditation - COFRAC (France); German Accreditation Council - DAR (Germany); Hong Kong Accreditation Service - HKAS (Hong Kong, China); National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies - NABCB (India); Accreditation Body of Indonesia - KAN-BSN (Indonesia); The Irish National Accreditation Board - NAB (Ireland); Sistema Nazionale per l'Accreditamento degli Organismi di Certificazione - SINCERT (Italy); The Japan Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment - JAB (Japan); Japan Accreditation System for Product Certification Bodies of JIS Mark - JASC (Japan); Department of Standards; Malaysia - DSM (Malaysia); Mauritius Accreditation Service - MAURITAS (Mauritius); Mexican Accreditation Entity - EMA (Mexico); Dutch Accreditation Council - RVA (Netherlands); Norwegian Accreditation - NA (Norway); Bureau of Product Standards - BPS (Philippines); Polish Centre for Accreditation - PCA (Poland); Korea Accreditation System - KAS (Korea); Korea Accreditation Board - KAB (Korea); Romanian Accreditation Association - RENAR (Romania); Singapore Accreditation Council - SAC (Singapore); Slovak National Accreditation Service - SNAS (Slovakia); Slovenska Akreditacija - SA (Slovenia); South African National Accreditation System - SANAS (South Africa); Entidad Nacional de Acreditacion - ENAC (Spain); Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment - SWEDAC (Sweden); Swiss Federal Office of Metrology and Accreditation, Swiss Accreditation Service - SAS (Switzerland); CNAB (Chinese Taipei); National Accreditation Council - NAC (Thailand); Tunisian Accreditation Council - TUNAC (Tunisia) and United Kingdom Accreditation Service - UKAS (United Kingdom);
- (6) NATA (Australia), BELTEST and BKO/OBE (Belgium); Inmetro (Brazil); SCC (Canada); CNACL (China); CAI (Czech Republic); DANAK (Denmark); FINAS (Finland); COFRAC (France); DAP (Germany); DACH (Germany); PTB (Germany); DATech (Germany); HKAS (Hong Kong, China); NABL (India); NAB (Ireland); IAJ (Japan); JAB (Japan); KOLAS (Korea); RvA (The Netherlands); IANZ (New Zealand); Norwegian Accreditation (Norwegian); SAC (Singapore); SANAS (South Africa); SWEDAC (Sweden); SAS (Switzerland); CNLA (Chinese Taipei); UKAS (United Kingdom); A2LA (USA); NVLAP (USA); ICBO (USA) and VILAS/STAMEQ (Vietnam).

IV. PUBLICATIONS AND ENQUIRY POINTS

4.1 Publications used to announce that work is proceeding on draft technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures under Article 2.9.1 and 5.6.1 of the Agreement

Relevant information is contained in documents G/TBT/2 and addenda.

4.2 Publications in which the final text of technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures are published under Article 2.11 and 5.8 of the Agreement

Relevant information is contained in documents G/TBT/2 and addenda.

4.3 Enquiry points under Article 10 of the Agreement

The updated list of WTO TBT Enquiry Points under Article 10.1 and 10.2 is contained in document G/TBT/ENQ/21.

V. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT

In 2002, the Secretariat held and participated in regional, national seminars, workshops and technical missions on the Agreement and its related matters with the cooperation of the APEC, ASEAN, CARICOM, Codex, IEC, ISO, SADC, UN/ECLAC and UNIDO. They were held in Thailand, Kenya, Botswana, Colombia, Egypt, Cuba, Argentina, Saint Lucia, Latvia, Gabon, Ecuador, Oman, Paraguay, Viet Nam, Brazil, Peru, Mexico for SADC, Central and West African, South and Central American, Caribbean, North African and Arab, Central and Eastern European, CARICOM APEC country Members and Observers.

VI. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 14

Dispute	Request for Consultations	Request to Join Consultations	Request for the Establishment of a Panel	Mutually Agreed Solution	Panel Established	Panel Report	Notice of Appeal	Appellate Report Circulated
<i>Belgium–Administration of Measures Establishing Customs Duties for Rice</i>	19 Oct. 2000 United States (WT/DS210/1) (G/TBT/D/21)		19 Jan. 2001 United States (WT/DS210/2) and 1 March 2001 (WT/DS210/2/ Rev.1)	2 January 2002 (WT/DS210/6) (G/TBT/D/ 21/Add.1)	12 March 2001 (WT/DSB/M/ 101)			
<i>European Communities - Trade Description of Sardines</i>	23 April 2001 Peru (WT/DS231/1) (G/TBT/D/22)	3 May 2001 Venezuela (WT/DS231/2) 7 May 2001 Chile (WT/DS231/3) 8 May 2001 United States (WT/DS231/4) 9 May 2001 Ecuador (WT/DS231/5)	7 June 2001 Peru (WT/DS231/6)		24 July 2001 (WT/DSB/M/ 107)	29 May 2002 (WT/DS231/ R) and 10 June 2002 (WT/DS231/ R/Corr.1)	4 July 2002 (WT/DS231/11)	26 September 2002 (WT/DS231/ AB/R)
<i>Mexico – Measures affecting the Import of Matches</i>	28 May 2001 Chile (WT/DS232/1) (G/TBT/D/23)	8 June 2001 EC (WT/DS232/2)						
<i>Argentina – Measures affecting the Import of Pharmaceutical Products</i>	30 May 2001 India (WT/DS233/1) (G/TBT/D/24)							
<i>European Communities - Measures affecting imports of wine</i>	12 September 2002 Argentina (WT/DS263/1) (G/TBT/D/25)							

VII. CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE PREPARATION, ADOPTION AND APPLICATION OF STANDARDS

Since the entry into force of the Agreement, 139 standardizing bodies from 101 Members have adhered to the Code of Good Practice. Notifications of acceptance of the Code by standardizing bodies of Members are contained in documents G/TBT/CS/N/1-150⁹. Document G/TBT/CS/2/Rev.9 contains the complete list by Member of standardizing bodies that have accepted the Code since 1 January 1995. A list of standardizing bodies adhered to the Code in 2002 is contained in document G/TBT/CS/1/Add.7. In 2002, 10 standardizing bodies from 10 Members have accepted the Code, and six bodies from one Member have withdrawn from the Code.

The eighth edition of the WTO TBT Standards Code Directory is published by the ISO/IEC Information Centre in February 2003.

⁹ Notifications G/TBT/CS/N/118 and 138 have been cancelled.

VIII. WORKING AND SPECIAL DOCUMENTS ISSUED DURING THE CURRENT PERIOD

Document reference	Date of issue	Title and content of documents	Number of pages
G/TBT/W/171	17 January 2002	Comments on Notifications G/TBT/N/EEC/6 And 7 of The European Communities – Communication from Argentina	1
G/TBT/W/172	27 February 2002	Actions to Increase Participation of Developing Country Members in the Work of Relevant International Standard Setting Organizations - Information from International Organizations - Report of the Director-General	4
G/TBT/W/173	8 March 2002	A Policy Framework for the Facilitation of Trade in the Fields of Standardization and Conformity Assessment: A Toolbox of Instruments - Communication from the European Commission	1
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