

IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE

Communication from Georgia

Addendum

The following communication under Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade has been received from Georgia.

I. RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

1. Law of Georgia on "Standardization" – adopted on 25 June 1999 # 2197 entered into force on 1 September 1999 and Law of Georgia on "Certification of Products and Service" – adopted on 6 September 1999 # 376 constituted the basic legal framework for activities in this area. The fulfilment and the implementation of the WTO Agreement on TBT are based on the following regulatory acts:

- Law of Georgia on Protection of Consumers Rights – adopted on 20 March 1996 and entered into force on 1 June 1996;
- Decree of the President of Georgia # 179 27.03.98 (with appropriate amendments) on "Manual of State Department of Standardization, Metrology and Certification";
- The list of technical regulations prepared by executive authorities according to the resolution of the President of Georgia on 21 March 2002 # 223/18;
- The Bulletin of Geostandard prepared in 2003;
- Decree of the Geostandard on acceptance of the "Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards" contained in Annex 3 to the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade – adopted on 16 April 2003;
- Decree of the President of Georgia on 10 July 2003 # 848 on "Acceleration of the process of acceptance of existing euroregulations".

The regulatory acts and documents to be adopted:

- Law of Georgia on "Conformity Assessment" (under the process of consideration);
- Rules on Acceptance of International and Regional Standards as the National Standards in accordance with the ISO: IEC Guideline 21:1999;
- Rules on Application, Acceptance and Elaboration of Technical Regulations (under the process of consideration);
- National Standard – Management of Quality of Food Products – based on HACCP's principles (under the process of acceptance).

II. TRANSPARENCY

A. PUBLICATIONS

The official publication of standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedure as well as the new legislation in the mentioned field are available from Geostandart Manual (published by the State Department of Georgia for Standardization, Metrology and Certification, "Geostandard") and "Sakartvelos Sakanomdeblo Matsne" (Georgian Legislative News). Both of these publications are available for the public.

B. ENQUIRY POINT

The Enquiry Point established under "Sakstandarti" is responsible for the publication of information on standards, technical regulations and proposals as well as notifications of new legislation in the field of standardization, certification and metrology, as well as other regulations relevant to the implementation of the WTO Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and fulfilment of the obligations undertaken by Georgia at the accession to the WTO.

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