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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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**IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT
ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE**

COMMUNICATION FROM JAPAN

Revision

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

Pursuant to Article 15.2 of the Agreement on Technical barriers to Trade, the Government of Japan would like to inform the Committee of the Measures in existence or taken to ensure the implementation and administration of this Agreement as follows:

1. As a Party to the Tokyo Round TBT Agreement which entered into force for Japan on 25 May 1980, the Government of Japan provided its statement regarding information on implementation and administration in documents TBT/1/Add.7 (10 June 1980) and its supplement (7 July 1980), as well as TBT/1/Add.32 (9 June 1983) and its supplement (15 December 1983).
2. To ensure that the provisions of the WTO/TBT Agreement are implemented, the Agreement has been translated into Japanese. All ministries and agencies concerned with the operation of technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures were provided with copies of the Agreement and the translation.
3. No new legislation or amendment is needed for the Government of Japan to implement the WTO/TBT Agreement.
4. Notice of proposed technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures is normally published in "TSUSHO-KOHO (JETRO Daily)" issued by Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) in accordance with Articles 2.9.1 and 5.6.1 of the Agreement.
5. A period of at least nine weeks (the WTO/TBT Committee has recommended to ensure a period of at least 60 days) is normally allowed for other Members to make comments in writing on Government of Japan's WTO/TBT notifications regarding technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures under Articles 2.9.4 and 5.6.4 of the Agreement.
6. The following enquiry point has been established in accordance with Article 10.1 of the Agreement:

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7. The Government of Japan has designated the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the single central government authority responsible for the implementation on the national level of the provisions concerning notification procedures under Article 10.10 of the TBT Agreement.
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