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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 TAJIKISTAN**

*Addendum*

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

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**1 RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

1.1. In Tajikistan, the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On technical regulation" is the legal basis for the application of technical regulations, which came into force on 1 January 2010. This law reflects the provisions of the TBT Agreement relevant to the development and adoption of national technical regulations and regulates relations arising during the development, approval and implementation of mandatory requirements for products and related processes. And also, the principle of the Law of Tajikistan "On technical regulation" is based on proportionality and non-discrimination in international trade.

1.2. By the Order of the Government of Tajikistan from 2 May 2013, No. 42-r - Development programme of technical regulations for the years 2013-2014 was approved, providing for the development of eight technical regulations. The programme is posted on the website <http://www.standard.tj/ru/>. Each developing plan of technical regulations will be published on the website of Tajikstandard and in other mass media.

1.3. The Law of Tajikistan "On Standardization" in the new edition was accepted as No. 668 from 29 December 2010, which complies with the provisions of TBT Agreement regarding the development and adoption by consensus of the state standards, which are voluntary. The process of consideration of draft standards is in line with the Code of Good Practice.

1.4. For the purpose of implementation of the Law of Tajikistan "On Standardization", the Resolution of the Government of Tajikistan from 2 November 2011 approved the Procedure for establishing and maintaining of the Public Fund of Standards, developed and submitted by the Agency of Tajikstandard. This Fund contains the texts of operating in Tajikistan of international, interstate and state standards and is a source for information and documents, and functioning of the National Enquiry Point on TBT organized on the basis of the Agency Tajikstandard.

1.5. In order to ensure the provisions of the WTO TBT Agreement regarding the development, adoption and application of conformity assessment procedures, the Law of Tajikistan "On conformity assessment" No.759 from 2 August 2011 was passed in accordance with international standards, including the TBT Agreement. In particular, Article 19 of the Act provides the conformity assessment procedure which complies with Articles 5, 6, 7 of the TBT Agreement.

1.6. The list of goods liable to obligatory certification, which is approved by the Government of Tajikistan is No.310 from 6 June 2012, developed in accordance with WTO requirements and legal regulatory acts of Tajikistan, which are harmonized with international requirements.

1.7. The development of a Procedure for utilization and destruction of food products, materials and items that do not comply with the technical regulations is included in the state register No. 201 of the Ministry of Justice of Tajikistan. This procedure is developed on the basis of the requirements of Article 19 of the Law of Tajikistan "On Food Safety" and establishes a procedure of utilization and destruction of food products, materials and items, the consumption of which is unsafe, as well as the usage of which is dangerous to human life and health, flora and fauna and environmental pollution. It was developed and approved by the Resolution of the Government of Tajikistan (No. 512 from 2 October 2012) "State Program of Quality" for 2013-2015.

1.8. The programme is designed to enhance the competitiveness of goods manufactured in Tajikistan in the international market. The state program also provides harmonization of existing technical regulatory acts and documents with the requirements of international standards.

1.9. The current programme includes measures to implement the concept of energy security to establish requirements for the use of energy resources, the creation of energy conservation and rationing of energy consumption for the specific types of products.

1.10. In order to create a uniform market protection and consumer (users) protection system from unsafe products, activities of the State programme include the development of technical regulations and regulatory acts and documents, and the creation of collection system and exchange of information on products hazardous to human life and health and the environment.

1.11. Other national legislative acts of the Republic of Tajikistan:

- Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On the safety of food products";
- Law of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 671 from 29 December 2010 "On Food Security";
- Law of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 760 from 2 August 2011, "On Environmental Protection";
- Law of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 72 from 9 December 2004, "On Protection of Consumers";
- Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On External Trade Activities";
- Law of the Republic of Tajikistan No. 674 from 29 December 2010 "On Veterinary";
- Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Plant Quarantine", No. 498 from 29 March 2009;
- Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Energy Saving";
- Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan "On adoption of action plan on simplification of the administrative barriers to export and import of goods" No. 487 from 1 October 2008.

## 2 TRANSPARENCY

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