

occur, the matter is resolved according to guiding principles established by the European Court of Justice. Community law has primacy and must be fully and uniformly applied throughout the Common Market.

Harmonization of Industrial Standards

The community regards the diverse standards of member countries as technical obstacles to trade and has a continuing program for harmonizing standards.

The Community has undertaken a comprehensive review of all the physical, technical and fiscal barriers that stand in the way of trade, industry and people operating on a Community-wide basis, and in June 1985 published a white paper setting out a comprehensive and integrated package of 300 proposals to remove these barriers and thus effectively create a single market in Europe. The white paper was presented to the European Community heads of government, who endorsed the plan and gave their commitment to "achieving completely and effectively the conditions for a single market . . . by 1992 at the latest."

Many of the broad proposals listed in the white paper have been adopted. In the industrial sector, specific directives have been issued by the European Community Council. Enforcing EEC standards is the responsibility of each member state.

Of the standards that have already been harmonized, the major portion relates to highway truck carriers, automobiles, agricultural tractors and meteorological equipment. It is generally accepted that national standards will remain in effect until a directive has been approved by the Council and published in the EEC's official journal as a regulation.

Exporters of industrial goods or equipment can continue to rely on their customers for guidance as to the standards that must be complied with on shipments to Europe. Should advice be received of alterations or modifications to be made to goods for export to the Community, interested parties can contact the relevant industry sector branch of Industry, Science and Technology Canada for verification of the EEC regulation or clarification of the specific directive.

The EEC Common Agricultural Policy

Since its introduction in 1962, the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has had a major influence on agricultural production and trade both in the member states of the European Community and worldwide. The fundamental elements