

ANNEX 1

TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS FOR THE
SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT

Note : References to the definitions of international standardizing bodies in the explanatory notes are made as they stood in March 1979.

1. *Technical specification*

A specification contained in a document which lays down characteristics of a product such as levels of quality, performance, safety or dimensions. It may include, or deal exclusively with terminology, symbols, testing and test methods, packaging, marking or labelling requirements as they apply to a product.

Explanatory note :

This Agreement deals only with technical specifications relating to products. Thus the wording of the corresponding Economic Commission for Europe/International Organization for Standardization definition is amended in order to exclude services and codes of practice.

2. *Technical regulation*

A technical specification, including the applicable administrative provisions, with which compliance is mandatory.

Explanatory note :

The wording differs from the corresponding Economic Commission for Europe International Organization for Standardization definition because the latter is based on the definition of regulation which is not defined in this Agreement. Furthermore the Economic Commission for Europe/International Organization for Standardization definition contains a normative element which is included in the operative provisions of this Agreement. For the purposes of this Agreement, this definition covers also a standard of which the application has been made mandatory not by separate regulation but by virtue of a general law.

3. *Standard*

A technical specification approved by a recognized standardizing body for repeated or continuous application, with which compliance is not mandatory.

Explanatory note :

The corresponding Economic Commission for Europe/International Organization for Standardization definition contains several normative elements which are not included in the above definition. Accordingly, technical specifications which are not based on consensus are covered by this Agreement. This definition does not cover technical specifications prepared by an individual company for its own production or consumption requirements. The word "body" covers also a national standardizing system.