



UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Recommendations on regulatory cooperation and standardization policies

Working Party on
Regulatory Cooperation and
Standardization Policies

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Treatment of Imported Products, Processes and Services¹

The Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies,

Recalling that the Economic Commission for Europe in Decision G (XXX) (1975) expressed the hope that their work would result in accelerated progress in international standardization, especially with a view to removing technical barriers to international trade arising out of different standards and technical regulations or their application;

Recognizing the value of prior information by Governments about technical regulations, i.e. during their preparation or prior to the date when they are issued, in cases where there is no adequate international harmonization of such regulations and where the lack of harmonization might constitute a technical barrier to international trade;

Noting that the mutual recognition of conformity assessment procedures through international agreements is the ultimate goal to be achieved with regard to international cooperation in this field;

Has agreed to recommend that:

E.1 ECE Governments should ensure that imported products, processes and services are treated no less advantageously than national products, processes and services in relation to standards and technical regulations and that the latter should not constitute obstacles to international trade when the products to be imported are in conformity with the standards and technical regulations of the importing country or meet the requirements of standards and technical regulations that are more stringent than those set by the importing country.

¹ Recommendation adopted in 1970, revised in 1976.