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**HORIZONTAL LEGISLATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK
CONCERNING TECHNICAL HARMONIZATION POLICIES**

Submission from Estonia

It is recalled that at its previous sessions, the Working Party invited delegations to provide written information on their national horizontal legislation concerning technical regulations, standardization and conformity assessment procedures with a view to compiling such information.

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SUBMISSION FROM ESTONIA

Technical regulations

Technical Regulations and Standards Act

Provides the relationships between technical regulations, standards and technical specifications; the principles for avoiding barriers to trade resulting from technical regulations or standards; the bases for the notification of technical regulations and standards; the bases for the organisation of standardisation. (reference to the Estonian "State official bulletin" where the Act/Regulation is published: RT I 1999, 29, 398; 2000, 29, 169; 78, 495; 2002, 32, 186; 99, 580)

Product Conformity Attestation Act

Provides a procedure for applying for a status of Notified Body and general principles of conformity assessment. Sectoral legislation may provide additional requirements and derogations. (RT I 1999, 92, 825; 2001, 94, 579; 2002, 44, 282)

Regulation of the Government No. 423 of 12 December 2000 "Form and Dimensions of Conformity Mark, and Procedure for Affixing Conformity Marks" (RT I 2000, 98, 635)

Metrology Act

The legal framework of the Estonian national metrology system is based on the Metrology Act, which came into force in 1995. The Act defines the structure of the system, as well as the scope of the measuring instruments, which are subject to mandatory verification (instruments used for commercial transactions, health care and environmental protection). The amendments adopted in June 2000 establish the legal metrology authority, principles of legal metrology control and the market surveillance of measuring instruments. (RT I 1994, 71, 1224; 1999, 4, 50; 2000, 55, 358; 2002, 61, 375; 63, 387)

Standardisation

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Conformity assessment

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Technical Obstacles to Trade

Implementation and Administration of International Obligations Related to Technical Barriers to Trade:

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- Product Conformity Attestation Act
- Regulation of the Government No. 423 of 12 December 2000 “Form and Dimensions of Conformity Mark, and procedure for Affixing Conformity Marks”
- Metrology Act

NB: These three Acts are described in more detail above under “Technical regulations”.

Organigramme - Structures for Technical Harmonisation, General Chart

- a) ———▶ established by Law, appointed by ministerial designation
- b) - - - - -▶ cooperation
- c) - - - - -▶ coordination of technical harmonization process
- d)▶ authorization, designation
- e) - - - - -▶ supervising
- d) - - - - -▶ accreditation, technical competence evaluation

