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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

Colombia would like to make the following addition to its conformity verification procedures (Resolution No. 6050 Regulating Activities Connected with the Supervision of the Mandatory Colombian Official Standards for which the Office of the Supervisor of Industry and Trade (*Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio*)) is responsible:

"Until 1 October 2000, compliance with mandatory Colombian official standards may be proved by attaching to the application for registration or an import licence a provisional certificate of conformity issued by the legal representative of the importer on the basis of the information obtained from the manufacturer, provided that it is accompanied by confirmation from an accredited product certification body that an agreement has been drawn up for the purpose of verifying compliance with the standard after the goods have been cleared through customs. The confirmation shall specifically state that the agreement has been paid in full and that a copy of the verification findings will be transmitted to the Office of the Supervisor of Industry and Trade so that it may carry out its monitoring responsibilities.

Certificates issued in accordance with the criteria laid down in this Article shall not require authentication ..."

"Until 1 October 2000, domestic manufacturers may prove compliance with mandatory Colombian official standards by means of a certificate of conformity issued by the legal representative of the manufacturer, provided that it is accompanied by confirmation from an accredited product certification body that the goods are covered by an agreement drawn up for the purpose of obtaining any of the certifications provided in subparagraphs (b) or (c) of paragraph 1 of Article 2 of Resolution No. 6050 of 1999 of the Office of the Supervisor of Industry and Trade. The confirmation shall specifically state that the certification body will inform the Office of the Supervisor of Industry and Trade of the granting or rejection of a certificate or the suspension of the certification procedure within two days following that on which this situation occurs.

Certificates issued in accordance with the criteria laid down in this Article shall not require authentication ..."

"Until 1 October 2000, for the purposes of Article 2 of Resolution No. 6050 of 1999, certificates issued by entities that have sought accreditation as a certification body for the respective products from the Office of the Supervisor of Industry and Trade shall be valid provided that during the corresponding procedure the appraisal of the documents has been carried out and the relevant field audit has been ordered ..."
