

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: National Telecommunications Commission, Department of Transportation and Communications Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Telecommunications networks/facilities
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Memorandum Order No. 10-16-90 National Fundamentals Technical Plans (Standards) for Telecommunications (338 pages)
6.	Description of content: This standard provides the basis for the establishment of various telecommunications facilities in the country. All telecommunications facilities shall conform to these fundamental technical standards. Any and all existing telecommunications facilities that do not conform to these technical standards shall be upgraded to conform to these technical standards within a reasonable period.
7.	Objective and rationale: Provides for the characteristics that each portion of the national telecommunications network shall be maintained to ensure satisfactory communications between any two locations within the Republic of the Philippines or between the Philippines and any country where ITU-T and ITU-R recommendations are being adopted.
8.	Relevant documents: Executive Order 546 Creating a Ministry of Transportation and Communications and Commonwealth Act 146 (Public Service Law).

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: }	December 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 31 December 1997	
11.	Texts available from: (in English) Bureau of Product Standards (WTO-TBT Enquiry Point) 3/F Trade and Industry Building 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines Tel. No.: (632) 890-4965 Fax No.: (632) 890-4926	