



Recommendation of the Council on  
Administrative and Technical  
Regulations which Hamper the  
Expansion of Trade

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## **Date(s)**

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**THE COUNCIL,**

**HAVING REGARD** to Article 5 b) of the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14 December 1960;

**HAVING REGARD** to the Report of the Trade Committee of 12 June 1962 to the Council on Administrative and Technical Regulations which Hamper the Expansion of Trade [C(62)108];

**HAVING REGARD** to paragraph 16 of the Report of the Preparatory Committee;

**CONSIDERING** that in addition to quantitative restrictions, customs duties, export aids and State trading in imports, there exist in Member countries administrative and technical regulations imposed by the authorities or by private or trading bodies recognised by the authorities and that in certain cases such regulations constitute an unnecessary obstacle to trade;

**I. RECOMMENDS** that Member Governments keep under review their administrative and technical regulations in order to eliminate those provisions which are not essential for the purpose of the regulation and which hamper trade.

**II. DECIDES:**

1. Any Member Government which considers that an administrative or technical regulation enforced in another Member country hampers its exports to that country, or has the effect of directly or indirectly discriminating against its trade, may refer the case to the Organisation. As a general rule cases should be referred only when direct negotiations between the Governments concerned have proved unsuccessful.

2. The Trade Committee shall, where appropriate, with the co-operation of other Committees of the Organisation, examine any case referred to the Organisation under paragraph 1 and shall make a report to the Council, if necessary. Where such a case concerns products coming within the terms of reference of the Committee for Agriculture, or the Fisheries Committee, these Committees and the Trade Committee shall jointly examine the case and shall report to the Council, if necessary.

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