

THE COUNCIL

Having regard to Article 5(b) of the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development of 14th December 1960 ;

Considering that the differences between national technical regulations applicable to certain types of equipment used in the oil industry are liable to hamper trade expansion ;

Considering that the International Standardization Organisation has done or begun work on the harmonization of these national regulations ;

I. ASKS the Governments of those Member countries whose industrial circles participate in the International Standardization Organisation to draw the attention of these industrial circles to the importance of :

- (a) The accomplishment of the work of this body's Technical Committee No. 67 on the dimensions of certain types of equipment for the industry (pipes and flanges) ;

- (b) Other technical work which is within the competence of the said Committee, particularly with regard to loading and unloading equipment, underground or surface storage installations, release valves.

II. RECOMMENDS the Governments of Member countries to adapt their national technical regulations as far as possible to the international standards drawn up by the International Standardization Organisation in the field of equipment for the oil industry.

In adopting this Recommendation, the Council :

1. NOTED the Reports by the Trade Committee and the Special Committee for Machinery of 27th October 1965 on the Harmonisation of National Technical Regulations Applicable to Oil Distribution and Storage Equipment [Doc. No. C(65)110] ;
2. INSTRUCTED the Special Committee for Machinery to follow up the Implementation of this Recommendation and to report on the subject in due course.
3. NOTED that Canada abstained from this Recommendation.