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- a scope has been added to define the subject of the document and the aspects covered, thereby indicating the limits of applicability of the document;
- [Clauses 4](#) and [5](#) have been added to support the implementation of the WTO TBT agreement.

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