

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>DENMARK</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Public Works, General Directorate of Posts and Telegraphs
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.5.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Telephone sets
5. Title: Bill Concerning Telephone Sets
6. Description of content: See the enclosed explanatory note.
7. Objective and rationale: See the enclosed explanatory note.
8. Relevant documents: Bill No. L 162 (introduced on 30 January 1986), ref. Min.f.off.arb. G.P.T. j.nr. TLK 9230
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: No proposed date of adoption. The date of entry into force will be decided by the Minister of Public Works.
10. Final date for comments: 15 May 1986
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: Ministry of Public Works, General Directorate of Posts and Telegraphs, Anker Heegaards Gade 4, DK-1503 <u>Copenhagen V</u>

Ministry of Public Works  
General Directorate of  
Posts and Telegraphs  
Denmark

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The Ministry of Public Works has proposed a law on telephone sets, and a Bill was introduced in the Folketing (the Danish Parliament) on 30 January 1986. It appears from the notes on the Bill that if passed by the Folketing it will only enter into force following completed notification to the EC and GATT.

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So far, the Danish State and the concessionary telephone companies in Denmark have had a monopoly of connecting telephone sets to the public telecommunications network. In connection with a limitation of the monopoly in the field of telephone sets, the Bill aims at creating a legal basis for a State-controlled type approval scheme for telephone sets. The content of the standards and specifications which are to form the basis of the type approval scheme will rest on objective criteria primarily designed to protect the telecommunications network against disturbance and to ensure the functional capability of the service in which the telephone set is incorporated.

At the same time the Bill contains a prohibition of import, distribution, delivery and connection to the telecommunications network of non - type approved telephone sets. The prohibition does not include import which takes place for the purpose of type approval in Denmark.

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The import of telephone sets from abroad has increased sharply in recent years. A considerable part of these telephones do not fulfil the quality requirements made for telephone sets in Denmark.

Under certain circumstances the telephone sets may therefore cause disturbance in the telecommunications network.

To obviate this, it has been decided to introduce a State-controlled type approval scheme for telephone sets.