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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>SWEDEN</u>
2. Agency responsible: The Swedish Government (Ministry of Environment and Energy)
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <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): Sulphurous fuel (CCCN ex 27.10)
5. Title: Draft of Amendments in Government Ordinance on Sulphurous Fuel
6. Description of content: The Swedish Government (Ministry of Environment and Energy) is preparing certain amendments in articles 5 and 7 in the Ordinance (1976:1055) on sulphurous fuel. <p>As to article 5 the Government has the intention to prohibit the yearly average sulphur content to exceed 0.2 percentage by weight in deliveries from anyone in Sweden who, on a commercial basis for domestic use, is transferring fuel oil or diesel fuel oil having a maximum viscosity of 10 mm² per second (centistoke) at 20° Celsius. The same limit values will apply to anyone who, for personal use, is importing such oil.</p> <p>As to article 7 of the Ordinance anyone who sells fossil fuel at the time an agreement is made must inform the buyer of the sulphur content of the fuel. In the present article there is an exemption from this obligation for light fuel oil and diesel fuel oil. The Government is now preparing additional requirements to the effect that the obligation to inform the buyer of the sulphur content shall include even light fuel oil and diesel fuel oil.</p> <p>The Government will authorize the National Environment Protection Board to issue implementing regulations concerning the amendments. Such regulations will, as drafts, be notified through the GATT secretariat if the criteria for notification is fulfilled.</p>
7. Objective and rationale: Protection for human health and for the environment
8. Relevant documents: Government decision 1987-01-08 as regards the Ordinance on sulphurous fuel (SFS 1976:1055)
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force preliminary during second half of 1987
10. Final date for comments: 21 April 1987
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: