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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: SWEDEN

2. Agency responsible: The Swedish Government (Ministry of Environment and Energy)

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 , 2.6.1 , 7.3.2 , 7.4.1 , Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):

Products generating ionizing and non-ionizing radiation

5. Title: Draft Act on Radiation Protection

6. Description of content: The proposed legislation will replace the existing Act on Radiation Protection (Swedish Code of Statute, SFS 1985 : 110). Radiation means both ionizing and non-ionizing radiation. If not otherwise stated the legislation will be applicable to radiation of both categories. Consequently the requirements on safety equipment will be applicable to technical devices which may or are intended to generate ionizing radiation as well as non-ionizing radiation. The new requirements on information and labelling are relevant both to radioactive substances and technical devices.

As to technical devices which are intended to generate ionizing radiation, authorization will be required also for the manufacturing, import, marketing etc., of the device. If authorization, in accordance with a decision by the Government or the competent authority, is required for the handling of a technical device which may generate ionizing radiation or which may generate or is intended to generate non-ionizing radiation, authorization will be required also for the manufacturing, import, marketing etc.

In accordance with the proposal it will be possible to issue provisions for a total ban of materials containing radioactive substances or technical devices generating radiation.

The Government or the competent authority will be given the power to issue implementing regulations concerning e.g. testing approval, inspection and labelling. Such regulations will as drafts be notified through the GATT secretariat if the criteria for notification are fulfilled.

7. Objective and rationale: Protection for human health and safety, animal life and health and the environment.

8. Relevant documents: Will be published in the Swedish Code of Statute and the statute-book of the competent authority.

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 July 1988

10. Final date for comments: 11 December 1987

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point or address of other body: