

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

TBT/Notif.88.146

1 August 1988

Special Distribution

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>SWEDEN</u>
2. Agency responsible: National Food Administration
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X] 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading: Food
5. Title: Swedish Report on Labelling of Prepackaged Food (SLV-Rapport 1988:3)
6. Description of content: The National Food Administration has, at the request of the Swedish Government, issued a report on labelling of prepackaged food. In this report the National Food Administration has elaborated proposals for regulations on labelling of prepackaged food. The proposals are based on the following principles: (1) consumers should, by means of the labelling of prepackaged food, get better information on the nutritive value of the food; (2) the labelling should help consumers to make a better economic judgement of the food; (3) the labelling should be clearer and easier to understand; (4) labelling of prepackaged food should as far as possible correspond with regulations within Codex Alimentarius, the EC and the Nordic countries. The report contains detailed proposals on labelling of the name of the food, list of ingredients, net contents and drain weight, quantity of certain ingredients, date marking and nutrition value. One of the proposals in the report is that prepackaged milk and cream products with a fat content of at least 12 g./100 g. should be marked "x% fat" as a part of the name of the food. It is also proposed that butter, margarine and minarine should be marked with x% fat as part of the name of the food (for example: butter 80 per cent fat).

./.

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection and to ensure fair practices in food trade
8. Relevant documents: The statute-book of the National Food Administration
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Will be determined later
10. Final date for comments: 27 September 1988
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: