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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>FINLAND</u>
2. Agency responsible: National Board of Labour Protection
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [x], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Reversing alarms of vehicles at work
5. Title: Decision of the Council of State Concerning Reversing Alarms and their Installation, Inspection and Use (available in Finnish, 2 pages)
6. Description of content: The purpose of the proposed Council of State Decision is to ordain that certain types of lorries and over 1,500 kg. forklift trucks shall be equipped with an obligatory reversing alarm warning of a reversing vehicle. According to the proposal, the alarm should be of a type approved by the occupational safety authorities and it would be mounted on a vehicle in such a way that it functions only when the vehicle is backing. Under certain circumstances, it should further be possible to disconnect the alarm. The alarm could be replaced for instance by a TV camera, which transmits a picture from behind the vehicle on a screen in the operator's visual field. The proposal also emphasizes that the operator is obliged to make sure that reversing is safe irrespective of the fact that the alarm is used.

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7. Objective and rationale: Occupational safety
8. Relevant documents: The Decision will be published in the Statutes of Finland.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and <u>entry into force</u> : 1 January 1992
10. Final date for comments: 15 March 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: