

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTIFICATION

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

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| 1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>AUSTRIA</u> |
| 2. Agency responsible: Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family |
| 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 (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): PVC-products |
| 5. Title: Draft Ordinance on Restrictions and Labelling of PVC-Products |
| 6. Description of content: The proposed regulation covers provisions referring in general to restrictions and the prohibition of manufacturing certain PVC-products having a content of more than 1 mg./kg. Vinylchloride or containing substances such as Barium, Cadmium and lead and its compounds. As from 1 January 1991 and 1 January 1994 respectively the marketing and importation of various PVC-products like packaging material (except articles for pharmaceutical purposes), children's toys and other short-lived consumption products not destined for recycling, is prohibited. Products in circulation after the said date have to carry a distinct and clearly visible "PVC"-identification mark. For other persons except manufacturers and importers engaged in the marketing of such products a transition period up to 31 January 1991 is provided for. |
| 7. Objective and rationale: Consumer information; public health and environmental protection |
| 8. Relevant documents: Federal Law Gazette No. 326/1987 Federal Law Gazette No. 300/1989 |
| 9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1991 1 January 1994 respectively |
| 10. Final date for comments: Within 3 months |
| 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] or address of other body: |