

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>NORWAY</u>
2. Agency responsible: State Pollution Control Authority
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): Chemicals, different entries under tariff headings 28-39
5. Title: Draft Regulations Concerning Notification of Chemical Substances (23 pages, available in English)
6. Description of content: Is given in Annex
7. Objective and rationale: To protect human health and the environment.
8. Relevant documents:
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1991
10. Final date for comments: 15 August 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body:

ANNEX

The regulations lay down rules concerning the requirement for notification. In this connection, notification means the obligation to provide the State Pollution Control Authority with specific information concerning chemical substances. Information is required about, inter alia, the chemical identity of the substance, results of specifically described tests of health and environmental impacts, and information on envisaged use and quantity. Manufacture or import of a chemical substance may not take place until the substance has been notified.

Notification does not imply approval of a chemical substance. The regulations do not exempt manufacturers and importers from the general requirements for care pursuant to the Product Control Act. Nor do the regulations imply exemption from the obligation to classify, label and declare chemical substances and products, imposed by the Regulations Concerning the Labelling, Sale etc. of Chemical Substances and Products which May Involve a Hazard to Health, laid down on ... (revised edition).

The regulations apply to the production and import of chemical substances not included in the EEC List EINECS (European Inventory of Existing Commercial Chemical Substances).

The regulations also apply to:

- chemical substances that are components of chemical products;
- production of chemical substances intended for export.

The regulations do not apply to:

- chemical substances manufactured or imported exclusively for purposes of research or analysis in laboratories, or for product development;
- polymer compounds, with the exception of:
 - polymer compounds containing more than 2 per cent in combined form of a monomer that is not listed in EINECS;
 - biopolymers;
- solid, processed articles;
- intermediate products, by-products or waste products which occur during the production process and are not sold to another.

The regulations do not apply to substances that are regulated by other legislation.