

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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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: Technical Inspection Centre
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):  Pressure vessels
5. Title: TTK-Order PS-90: Fabrication Licence of Pressure Vessels and Supervisor of Fabrication (available in Finnish, 10 pages)
6. Description of content: The draft TTK-Order presents requirements and duties of the pressure vessel manufacturer and supervisor and gives guidance for applications of approval.  Essential changes to earlier practice are the following:  Native firm applying for a licence has to forward:  - a written presentation of the management of essential points in the quality control of a welded product. A quality assurance system according to the ISO 9000 series is acceptable at this point;  - calibrating reports which show sufficient accuracy of the ampere, volt and flow meters of welding equipment, the movements of automatic welding equipment and the guides in equipment of the thermal cutting;  - directives for checking and calibrating of the above-mentioned welding equipment and meters which must include checking time, method, required accuracy and reporting;  - report of procedure qualification tests supervised by the district office of Technical Inspection Centre and made according to SFS-EN 288-3 with the variables of the standard which apply to the actual production.

6. (cont'd)

A foreign manufacturer can do pressure vessel installation, changes and repair work if there are corresponding regulations for manufacturing licences in his own country and he follows Finnish rules for pressure vessels. The importer, owner or user of the pressure vessel shall give all needed information on this to the district office of the Technical Inspection Centre.

7. Objective and rationale: Safety of pressure vessels

8. Relevant documents: The document will be published as a TTK-Order by the Technical Inspection Centre

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1991

10. Final date for comments: 15 September 1990

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