

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>FINLAND</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of the Environment
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): Antifouling paints containing organostannic compounds
5. Title: Decision by the Council of State on Restriction of the Use of Organostannic Compounds (available in Finnish, 2 pages)
6. Description of content: Antifouling paints that contain organostannic compounds may only be used in the painting of boats exceeding a length of 25 metres. Such paints may only be placed on the market in packagings of a capacity equal to or greater than 20 litres and they shall be sold to professional users only. The packagings of such preparations shall be furnished with a text in Finnish and Swedish to the following effect: "To be used only in painting of boats exceeding a length of 25 metres. Restricted to professional users." Organostannic compounds may not be used in the treatment of industrial process, cooling or waste water. The Decision is based on the Directive 89/677/EEC.
7. Objective and rationale: Environmental protection
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 July 1991
10. Final date for comments: 30 August 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: