

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## 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>FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY</u>
2. Agency responsible: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
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): Pentachlorphenol (PCP)
5. Title: Ordinance on the Ban of Pentachlorphenol
6. Description of content: It is prohibited to manufacture, put on to the market or use pentachlorphenol and its compounds, preparations (containing in total more than 0.01 per cent of these substances) as well as products which as a result of treatment with preparations containing PCP or its compounds in a concentration exceeding 5 mg./kg.
7. Objective and rationale: The ordinance is designed to ensure the protection of man and the environment. PCP is one of the major sources for the input of the highly toxic PCDDs and PCDFs into the environment. In animal tests PCDDs and PCDFs have proved to be carcinogenic. With human beings, damage to health has been suspected to be connected with the application of wood preservatives containing PCP.
8. Relevant documents: Bundesgesetzblatt (Federal Law Gazette) T. I, JG 1989, 59, S. 2235-2236

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9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 23 December 1989

10. Final date for comments: -

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

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