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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: National Board of Navigation
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): Commercial boats less than 15 metres
5. Title: Nordic Boat Standard. Commercial Boats Less Than 15 Metres. Materials and Components for Boats Less Than 15 Metres. (Available in English, 200 pages)
6. Description of content: The National Board of Navigation in Finland notifies that the Nordic Boat Standard for Commercial Boats less than 15 metres and the Standard for Materials and Components enter into force on 1 January 1991. The Nordic Boat Standard for Commercial Boats less than 15 metres has been developed in co-operation among the relevant Administrations in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Det norske Veritas. The Authorities consider that this Standard contains safety requirements which are equivalent to valid national provisions for commercial vessels which are subject to survey in the Nordic countries. The Nordic Boat Standard for Commercial Boats contains the joint Nordic Standard for Commercial Boats less than 15 metres in length. The Standard primarily contains direct requirements related to safety but also requirements related to quality, lifetime, fitness for the user etc. where such items are of major importance for safety. Additional requirements may be applied when found necessary for ensuring that the purpose of the Standard is complied with.

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6. Description of content: (cont'd)

The Standard does not contain any requirements in respect of:

- portable safety equipment;
- portable navigational equipment;
- communication equipment;
- portable fire extinguishers;
- electrical installations above 50 V;
- special restrictions concerning operation which have to be decided upon nationally;
- tankers and other types of ships for carriage of dangerous goods.

The Nordic Boat Standard for Material and Components contains a number of provisions for sub-contractors to the boat industry. The Standard shall be used in connection with the certification of boats less than 15 metres in length according to the Nordic Boat Standard. The Standard gives the material and components manufacturers a possibility to get their products accepted under the Nordic Boat Standard before products are ordered for boats which shall be certified.

Nordic Approval shall be applied for by the manufacturer of the boat or by his agent. The documentation which shall be available before the approval shall provide a basis for an overall control of the fact that all the requirements under the Standards related to construction, scantlings, arrangement, stability and loading etc. are fulfilled.

7. Objective and rationale: Safety

8. Relevant documents: News bulletin of the National Board of Navigation

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:

Entry into force: 1 January 1991

10. Final date for comments: 30 November 1990

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