

# 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>AUSTRIA</u>
2. Agency responsible: Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family
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): Organic solvents
5. Title: Draft Decree on a Ban and Restrictions of Organic Solvents in Paints, Lacquers, Veneers and Glues
6. Description of content: The proposed regulation, based on the Chemicals Act, contains provisions on organic solvents in paints, lacquers, veneers, wood-preservatives, pickling agents, print colours and glues. The marketing of such products and preparations containing hydrocarbons or benzene as solvents will be prohibited as from 1 July 1991. The draft also provides for an annual inventory and reporting obligation for manufacturers and importers, and for transitional provisions entering into force at a later date.
7. Objective and rationale: Protection of human health. Adaptation of existing legislation.
8. Relevant documents: Federal Law Gazette No. 326/1987, Federal Law Gazette No. 325/1990 as amended.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 July 1991
10. Final date for comments: Within three months
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: