

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>SWEDEN</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): Certain Articles containing or produced by using HCFC (Ex HS: 39.23, 39.24, 39.26, 94.01, 94.03, 94.04)
5. Title: Amendment to the Ordinance, SFS 1988:716 on CFC:S and Halons etc.
6. Description of content: New provisions about HCFC in the Ordinance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- requirements for professional handling of HCFC to prevent emissions;- ban on production and importation of aerosols containing HCFC;- ban on commercial use of HCFC, except for use in refrigerators etc. and for the production of rigid foams for insulating purposes;- ban on the importation of certain packing and insulating materials and certain furniture or parts thereof, mattresses etc. containing soft or rigid foam manufactured with HCFC.
7. Objective and rationale: Environment protection. At the Third Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol held in Nairobi in June 1991, a statement was made by the heads of delegations representing the Governments of Sweden, Finland, Norway, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Denmark. It was stated that the substitution of the controlled substances with HCFC:S must be as moderate and temporary as possible and that the governments are determined to limit by no later than 1995 the use of HCFC:S to specific key applications where other more environmentally suitable alternative substances or technologies are not available. The use in those areas shall be phased out as soon as technically feasible.

8. Relevant documents: The Ordinance on CFCs and Halons etc. and, SFS 1988:716, and amendments (earlier circulated as TBT/Notif.87.101, 89.41 and 91.87)

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:

Date of adoption: 1992

Entry into force: 1 January 1994

10. Final date for comments: 10 December 1991

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