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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

- 1. Party to Agreement notifying: FINLAND
- 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of the Environment
- 3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [Chemicals], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):

Chemicals

- 5. Title: Decision by the Council of State on Restrictions in the Use and Import of Fully and Partially Halogenated Chlorofluorocarbons, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane and Tetrachloromethane (available in Finnish and English, 5 pages)
- 6. Description of content: The proposal contains the following provisions concerning the use, import and disposal of ozone-depleting substances as well as provisions concerning import of products containing such substances:
 - ban on production and importation of rigid foam plastics containing CFCs (including import of products containing foam plastics);
 - ban on production and importation of refrigeration appliances containing CFCs;
 - ban on use of CFCs in solvents and sterilants;
 - ban on production and importation of products containing HCFCs (excluding refrigeration appliances and foam plastics for insulation);
 - ban on use of 1,1,1-trichloroethane and carbon tetrachloride;
 - ban on importation of certain ozone-depleting substances from countries not Parties to the Montreal Protocol;
 - provisions concerning CFC, HCFC, 1,1,1-trichloroethane and carbon tetrachloride wastes.

- 7. Objective and rationale: Protection of the environment
- 8. Relevant documents: The document will be published in the Statutes of Finland.
- 9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:

Entry into force: 1 December 1992

- 10. Final date for comments: 15 October 1992
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: