GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: FINLAND

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Trade and Industry

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):

Fresh fruits, berries and vegetables

5. Title: Decree on Vegetables (available in Finnish, 3 pages and English, 4 pages)

6. Description of content: The proposal applies to fresh berries, fruits, vegetables and beets for sale. The Decree will not apply to potatoes, mushrooms, vegetables for industrial purposes or sales directly to consumers at the place of production.

The proposal includes the minimum requirements for vegetables and the quality requirements for classified vegetables and regulations concerning transport and sale. The Decree cancels the Decree on Vegetables (526/69) as well as the Decree on Apples (527/69).

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection

8. Relevant documents: UN/ECE Quality Standards for Fruits and Vegetables

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force: 1 June 1993

10. Final date for comments: 31 December 1992

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

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