

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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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: 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): Chemicals
5. Title: Decision by the Council of State on Restrictions in the Use of Pentachlorophenol, Monomethyldichlorodiphenyl Methane, Monomethyldichlorodiphenyl Methane and Monomethyldibromodiphenyl Methane (available in Finnish, 2 pages)
6. Description of content: The proposed decision contains the regulations included in EC Directives 91/173/EEC and 91/339/EEC.  The placing on the market of pentachlorophenol (PCP) and its salts and esters as well as preparations containing more than 0.1 per cent of these substances is prohibited as of 1 January 1993. The restriction does not apply to substances and preparations intended for use in industrial installations for the treatment of wood and impregnation of textiles and as a synthesizing or processing agent. Use of treated wood is prohibited inside buildings and in the manufacture of containers for plant-growing purposes. PCP when used alone or in preparations may not contain more than 4 ppm. hexachlorodibentsoparadioxin. PCP and preparations containing PCP may be sold only for industrial and professional use.  The use and placing on the market of monomethyltetrachlorodiphenyl methane as well as preparations and products containing the substance is prohibited as of 18 June 1992. The use and placing on the market of monomethyldichlorodiphenyl methane and monomethyldibromodiphenyl methane as well as preparations and products containing these substances is prohibited as of 1 January 1993.
7. Objective and rationale: Environmental protection
8. Relevant documents: Directives 91/173/EEC and 91/339/EEC
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force 1 January 1993
10. Final date for comments: 30 November 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: