

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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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: <u>AUSTRALIA</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of Health, Housing and Community Services
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): Tobacco products for retail sale in Australia: HS 24.01, 24.02, 24.03.
5. Title: Health Warnings on Tobacco Products
6. Description of content: The new health warnings system has three elements, a health warning message on the front of the packet, an explanation of the warning on the back of the packet and information on average yields of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide on the side of the packet.
7. Objective and rationale: Public health concerns, to encourage a reduction and cessation of smoking by providing health warning messages, reflecting the real risks of smoking tobacco.
8. Relevant documents: Press release by Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy (15/4/92 D011/92). Legislation of Australian State and Territory governments when adopted.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 July 1993, existing stocks will be sold under current regulations.
10. Final date for comments: 30 November 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address of other body:  Drugs Dependent Branch Health Advancement Division, Department of Health, Housing and Community Services, GPO Box 9848, Canberra ACT 2601