

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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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 Social Affairs and Health
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: Chemicals Decree (available in Finnish, 20 pages)
6. Description of content: The meaning of the Chemicals Decree is to protect man and the environment from potential risks, which would arise from placing on the market of dangerous substances and preparations (chemicals). The Chemical Decree covers provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous chemicals and to the notification of new substances. The Decree also covers provisions concerning the register of chemicals and duties of authorities, which are already included in the present Chemicals Decree.  Finland implements with this Decree general provisions of council directives (92/32/EEC) and (88/379/EEC) according to the Agreement of European Economic Area. The detailed provisions of these directives will be given in decisions of ministries.
7. Objective and rationale: Protection of man and the environment
8. Relevant documents: Directives 92/32/EEC and 88/379/EEC
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:  Entry into force: 1 January 1993
10. Final date for comments: 11 December 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: