

# 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>FINLAND</u>
2. Agency responsible: National Board of Agriculture
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):  Coniferous wood chips from Japan, China, Korea, United States or Canada (44.01/10.00/21.00)
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Changes of the Decision by the National Board of Agriculture of Finland on the Enforcement of the Statute on Prevention of the Entry of Plant Pests into Finland (Dnro 347/011/92) (available in Finnish, Swedish and English, 2 pages)
6. Description of content: According to the existing Regulations (Plant Protection Act 127/81, Statute 173/81, and Decision of the National Board of Agriculture Dnro 347/011/92) the import of coniferous wood chips from regions where the pine wood nematode ( <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> ) exists, is forbidden. The regions are: Canada, China, Japan, Korea, and the United States.  By the change of the previous decision by the National Board of Agriculture, the import of coniferous wood chips into Finland from the countries mentioned above is allowed if the consignment is heat-treated and the temperature in all parts of the material reaches at least +70°C.  The treatment should be indicated in the phytosanitary certificate given by the Plant Protection Authority in the exporting country.
7. Objective and rationale: Plant Protection Act (127/81)
8. Relevant documents:
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:  Entry into force: 1 March 1993
10. Final date for comments: 19 February 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: