

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): Detergents
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Decision of the Council of State on Restrictions in Placing on the Market and Use of Detergents (available in Finnish, 2 pages)
6. Description of content: The proposed decision contains the regulations included in the EC Directives 73/404/EEC, 73/405/EEC, 82/242/EEC and 82/243/EEC. The placing on the market and use of detergents where the average level of biodegradability of the surfactants contained therein is less than 90 per cent is prohibited as of 1 January 1993. Biodegradability should be tested according to the EC Directives 82/242/EEC and 82/243/EEC.
7. Objective and rationale: Environmental protection; putting EEA Agreement into force
8. Relevant documents: - Directives 73/404/EEC, 73/405/EEC, 82/242/EEC, 82/243/EEC. - The document will be issued in the Statutes of Finland.
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: