

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 Labour
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): Asbestos and asbestos-bearing products
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Decision of Council of State concerning changing the Decision of Council of State concerning prohibition of manufacture, importation, sale and use of asbestos and asbestos-bearing products. (available in Finnish, 2 pages and in English, 1 page).
6. Description of content: The proposed Decision is an amendment to the Decision which came into effect on 1 January 1993. According to Article 3 of the decision, manufacture and importation of asbestos and asbestos-bearing products has been prohibited since 1 January 1993 and sale and use will be prohibited after 1 January 1994. This amendment proposes certain exceptions. After proposed decision cutting to make gaskets and two additional types of use will be allowed unless substitute material for these purposes are available.
7. Objective and rationale: Labour protection
8. Relevant documents: The document will be issued in the Statutes of Finland.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force 30 June 1993
10. Final date for comments: 11 June 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: