

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 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): Chemicals
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Decree on Wood Preservatives and Slimicides (available in Finnish, 6 pages and English, 7 pages)
6. Description of content: Regulation of advance approval of wood preservatives and slimicides and of notification of such would generally follow the regulations contained in the Chemicals Decree in force (620/90). An exception to this Decree would be that the application for advance approval of a slimicide could be made by the manufacturer or the importer of the slimicide manufacturing equipment, if the slimicide on account of its characteristics is to be prepared on site. The Decree would also stipulate in greater detail on such information in the application or notification as cannot be kept confidential. An applicant for advance approval of a wood preservative or slimicide or a notifier of a wood preservative or slimicide should, in his application or notification, separately make it clear which of the information he provides should be kept confidential from others than the authorities engaged in handling the application or notification. The packaging of the wood preservative or slimicide should, in addition to the markings stipulated in the Chemical Decree, contain the names and concentrations of the effective ingredients of the wood preservative or slimicide.
7. Objective and rationale: Environmental protection
8. Relevant documents:
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force 1 November 1993
10. Final date for comments: 31 July 1993. The document will be issued in the Statutes of Finland.
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: