

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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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>EUROPEAN COMMUNITY</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Commission of the European Communities
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [X], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Refrigerators, freezers and their combinations
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Commission Directive on Energy Labelling and Standard Product Information of Household Electric Refrigerators, Freezers and their Combinations (17 pages)
6.	Description of content: Implementation of Council Directive No. 92/75 for refrigerators and freezers. For these, it will introduce a compulsory, harmonized energy labelling scheme combined with the provision of a harmonized energy information fiche. It will require manufacturers to produce harmonized labels and fiches, and retailers to apply the labels to appliances whenever they are displayed.
7.	Objective and rationale: Rational use of energy: the scheme will encourage consumers to buy, and manufacturers to sell more energy efficient refrigerators and freezers. At the same time barriers to trade created by differing national schemes will be avoided.
8.	Relevant documents: Council Directive 92/75 of 22 September 1993 - published in O.J. No. L 297, 13 October 1992, pages 16-19. Draft Commission Directive on Energy Labelling
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Adoption: October 1993 Entry into force: 1 July 1994
10.	Final date for comments: 15 September 1993
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: DG III-A-1