

**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>UNITED STATES</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (428)
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): Ozone depleting substances
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Protection of Stratospheric Ozone (26 pages)
6.	Description of content: In this action the Agency proposes regulations to ban certain non-essential products containing or manufactured with Class II ozone-depleting substances under Section 610(D) of the Clean Air Act, as amended. The substances affected by this proposed rulemaking include certain hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs). Today's action will facilitate implementation of the statutory effective date of this ban of 1 January 1994, and provides guidance and exceptions to the ban that are outlined in the statute.
7.	Objective and rationale: To clarify definitions and provide exemptions, as authorized under Section 610(D).
8.	Relevant documents: 58 FR 50464, 27 September 1993; 40 CFR Part 82. Will appear in the Federal Register when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 12 November 1993
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: