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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>FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Federal Ministry of Economics; Federal Ministry for Regional Planning, Building and Urban Development
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Construction products within the meaning of Directive 89/106/EEC on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to construction products especially insofar as such products are traded and used as construction elements, i.e. windows and specific ventilation systems.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Regulation on Thermal Insulation of Buildings (WärmeschutzVO)
6.	Description of content: Binding provisions concerning effective thermal insulation of new buildings or existing buildings subject to certain alterations. (Basically serving to transform into national law Article 2 (energy certification) and 5 (effective thermal insulation of new buildings) of Council Directive 93/76/EEC (Official Journal EC L 237/28 of 22 September 1993).
7.	Objective and rationale: Reducing energy required for heating and cooling buildings and, thus, CO ₂ emissions.
8.	Relevant documents: Bundesrat - Drucksache (print) 345/93 Bundesrat - Drucksache (print) 345/93 (resolution)
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 March 1994
10.	Final date for comments: 25 January 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address and telefax number of other body: