

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party and Agency: <u>UNITED STATES</u> : Consumer Product Safety Commission (63)
2. Provision of the Agreement: Proposed Technical Regulation (Article 2.5.2)
3. Product(s) covered, CCCN Heading (National Tariff Heading where applicable): Benzene-containing consumer products.
4. Title of project: Proposal to withdraw proposed ban on benzene.
5. Description: Based on information indicating that benzene, as currently used in consumer products, does not present a significant risk to consumers, the Commission proposes to withdraw its proposed ban of consumer products, except gasoline and solvents or reagents for laboratory use, containing benzene as an international ingredient or as a contaminant at a level of 0.1 per cent or greater by volume.
6. Objective and rationale: It was presented to CPSC that low levels of exposure to benzene does not constitute a health hazard.
7. Relevant document(s): 46 FR 3034, 13-01-81, 16 CFR Part 1307, TBT/Notif.80.9
8. Where published, when adopted: Federal Register.
9. Final date for submission of comments: 13 March 1981
10. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined