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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: FINLAND
2. Agency responsible: National Board of Health
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [x], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Birth control devices
5. Title: Circular by the National Board of Health on Quality Control of Birth Control Devices (available in Finnish and in Swedish, 10 pages)
6. Description of content: All birth control devices (condoms, pessaries, intra-uterine devices and chemical preparations) sold in Finland have to be approved by the National Board of Health. Each batch of these devices, manufactured in or imported to Finland, has to be tested and approved by the National Board of Health prior to release for sale. In this draft circular, there are new requirements for birth control devices. The draft does not contain any significant changes compared to existing valid regulations. The most important proposed changes are: the requirement of less pinholes per batch in condoms and pessaries; a new test of tenacity for threads of intra-uterine devices.
7. Objective and rationale: Human health
8. Relevant documents: The draft will be published as a circular by the National Board of Health
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force: Autumn 1989
10. Final date for comments: 14 July 1989
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [x] or address of other body:

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