

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>FINLAND</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Trade and Industry
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Bags and brief-cases, certain yarns, clothes, textiles and footwear, tablewear and kitchen ware, certain tools, certain electrical machinery and apparatus for domestic use, amplifiers, tuners, recorders, radio and television sets.
5. Title: Draft Decree on Origin Markings of Consumer Goods. Available in Finnish, Swedish and the list of products (with tariff positions) also in English.
6. Description of content: The proposed Decree specifies the products covered by the Law on Origin Markings of Consumer Goods and gives requirements for the marking of origin. The name of the country of origin shall be declared legibly and in a place easily seen by the consumer either on the goods or on the packing in which the goods are to be sold. The country's name is by itself considered to be a sufficient mark of origin, the use of a tag instead of permanent label is acceptable. According to the proposal, the Ministry of Trade and Industry can also decide that country names in abbreviated form and names of well-known parts of a country (e.g. Scotland, California) are sufficient marks of origin. Ministry of Trade and Industry will also give further provisions on application of the proposed decree.
7. Objective and rationale: Consumer interests
8. Relevant documents: Law on Origin Markings of Consumer Goods (TBT/Notif.82.72)
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: April 1983, 1 January 1984
10. Final date for comments: 31 March 1983
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: