NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 2.5.2

The following notification, received from the European Economic Community, is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4 of the Agreement.

80.15.1. Motor vehicles (CCT 87.02.A.1(b))
Amendment of Council Directive 70/157/EEC of 6 February 1970 relating to the permissible sound level and the exhaust system of motor vehicles. It is proposed primarily to adapt measuring methods to technical progress, more particularly by taking into account the work done by ISO and the Geneva Economic Commission for Europe. It is also planned to add approval provisions for the exhaust system as a technical unit.

The objective is mainly to improve the protection of health and the environment by a more precise measurement of noise, and thereby make possible subsequent reduction of the noise emitted.

Time-limit for submission of observations - 1 October 1980.
Date of entry into force - not yet determined.

80.15.2. Chemical substances (CCT - in particular, Chapters 28, 29, 31, 34).

80.15.2.1. Amendment of Council Directive 76/769/EEC of 27 July 1976 relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations. Under present Community legislation, the use of polychlorinated terphenyl products (PCT) is forbidden. It is now planned to permit their use of certain purposes and under certain conditions. It is consequently proposed to liberalize the existing legislation while maintaining a high level of health protection.

This proposal is published in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 31 of 8 February 1980.

Time-limit for submission of observations - 15 July 1980.
Date of entry into force - not yet determined.

80.15.2.2. Amendment of Council Directive 76/769 of 27 July 1976 relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations. The objective of this new proposal is to prohibit the use of certain asbestos fibres in a number of products because they are particularly dangerous to health. This proposal is published in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 78 of 28 March 1980.

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80.15.2.2. Time-limit for submission of observations - 1 October 1980.
(cont'd) Date of entry into force - not yet determined.

80.15.2.3. Amendment of Directive 73/404/EEC of 22 November 1973 relating to methods of testing the biodegradability of non-ionic surfactants. In the interests of health and the protection of the environment, it is proposed to prohibit the use of certain detergents whose limits of biodegradability are to be calculated by the methods specified in the proposal. This proposal is published in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. C 104 of 28 April 1980.

Time-limit for submission of observations - 1 September 1980.
Date of entry into force - not yet determined.

80.15.2.4. Amendment of Directive 73/173/EEC of 4 June 1973 relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (solvents). It is proposed to add some fifty new substances to the list that has been adopted and to effect certain re-classifications of the substances already on the list.

Objective - protection of human health.
Time-limit for submission of observations - 31 July 1980.
Date of entry into force - not yet determined.

80.15.2.5. Amendment of Directive 77/728/EEC of 7 November 1977 relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of paints, varnishes, printing inks, adhesives and similar products. As in the preceding proposal, it is planned to add new substances and reclassify others in the light of technical progress in this field.

Objective - protection of human health.
Time-limit for submission of observations - 1 October 1980.
Date of entry into force - not yet determined.

80.15.2.6. Amendment of Directive 78/631/EEC of 26 June 1978 relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous preparations (pesticides). New products are to be added and old products reclassified.

Objective - protection of human health.
Time-limit for submission of observations - 1 September 1980.
Date of entry into force - not yet determined.