# 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 or Agency:** United Kingdom; Department of Trade

2. **Provision of the Agreement:** 2.5.2

3. **Product(s) covered, CCCN Heading (National Tariff Heading where applicable):**
   
   Cosmetics, CCCN Heading 3306

4. **Title of project:** Proposed amendments to the Cosmetic Products Regulations 1978

5. **Description:**

   The proposed regulations would remove chloroform from the list of substances which may be used in cosmetic products subject to certain conditions and prohibit its use in all cosmetic products other than medicinal toothpastes, for which provision is made by the Medicines (Chloroform Prohibition) Order 1979 as amended by the Medicines (Chloroform Prohibition) Amendment Order 1980. This is permitted by Article 12 of EEC Directive 76/768, which the Cosmetic Products Regulations 1978 implement.

   The proposed regulations would also remove the prohibition placed upon the use, in cosmetic products intended to come into contact with the mucous membranes, of colouring agents which include zirconium or its derivatives or strontium or its salts. This is permitted by Article 1.3 and Annex V of Directive 76/768/EEC.

6. **Objective and rationale:**

   The reason for the introduction of the regulations is the protection of health and safety.

7. **Relevant document(s):**

   Draft regulations and consultative letter dated 23 July 1980 issued to interested bodies.

8. **Where published, when adopted:** British Business

9. **Final date for submission of comments:**

   15 September 1980

10. **Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:**

    As soon as possible after consultations have been completed.