NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **SWEDEN**

2. Agency responsible: Products Control Board

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [ ], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Products containing cadmium

5. Title: Draft regulation on exemptions from the ban on the use of cadmium substances for surface treatment or as a stabilizer or as a colouring agent.

6. Description of content:
The Ordinance (SPS 1979:771), amending the Ordinance (SPS 1973:334) on products hazardous to health and the environment, prescribes that cadmium may not be used in surface treatment, as a stabilizer or as a colouring agent, after 1 July 1982. According to this Ordinance, the Products Control Board may issue regulations for general exemptions from or, in special cases, exemptions in casu from the regulations, provided the use of a substance or product covered by such exemption is of considerable importance from a general viewpoint, or for products manufactured abroad where only a small part of the product is treated with or contains cadmium substance or where some other special reason applies.

In the Ordinance (SPS 1980:84) the Government prescribed that until the end of June 1982, the above-mentioned ban shall apply only to the use or import of such products for which the Products Control Board has issued special regulations. The National Environment Protection Board, which prepares issues to be decided by the Products Control Board, has now elaborated a preliminary draft regulation on exemptions from the ban. The goods exempted from the ban have been listed in most cases with a time-limit imposed (paragraph 1). Furthermore, there are certain general exemptions from the ban (paragraph 2).

7. Objective and rationale: Protection for human safety and health

8. Relevant documents: Ordinance SPS 1979:771
   Ordinance SPS 1980:84

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: The same as the Ordinance SPS 1979:771, i.e. 1982-07-01.

10. Final date for comments: 23 October 1981

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [x] or address of other body: