NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: IRELAND

2. Agency responsible: Department of Industry and Energy, Industrial Policy Division, Kildare Street, Dublin, 2

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):
   94.01

5. Title: Industrial Research and Standards (Section 44) (Fire Safety requirements for Upholstered Furniture) Amendment Order, 1983

6. Description of content: The purpose of the existing Order is to prohibit the manufacture, assembly or sale of certain types of upholstered seating furniture unless they comply with certain standards as regards ignitability, or else bear the appropriate warning labels (negative labelling).

   The Order prescribes tests to verify the resistance of the upholstery to ignition by smouldering cigarettes and by lighted matches.

7. Objective and rationale: The purpose of the Amendment Order is (i) to include children's furniture and (ii) in the case of furniture complying with the Standard as regards ignitability to require labelling to this effect (positive labelling). These amendments will be effective from 1 May 1983. In addition, certification of conformity in the case of furniture claiming compliance with the Standard as regards ignitability will be required from 1 September 1983.

8. Relevant documents:
   (i) Industrial Research and Standards (Fire Safety Requirements for Upholstered Furniture) Order, 1980 S.I. No. 298 of 1980
   (ii) I.S. No. 244:1980 Requirement for Smouldering and Flame Resistant Upholstery

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 15 April 1983

10. Final date for comments: 1 May 1983

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address of other body: GATT Section, International Trade Division, Department of Trade, Commerce and Tourism, Kildare St., Dublin, 2