**NOTIFICATION**

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

1. **Party to Agreement notifying:** UNITED KINGDOM

2. **Agency responsible:** Department of Trade and Industry

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):**
   - Expanding novelties (Tariff No. 39.02)

5. **Title:** The Expanding Novelties (Safety) Order 1983 (1983 No. 1791)

6. **Description of content:** The Order bans the supply of any article which contains any salts of poly(acrylic acid) or its copolymers or any substance which when left for not more than four hours in water having a temperature of between 21°C and 25°C reacts with that water to form such salts; at least two dimensions of which are less than 45 mm; and any dimension of which expands by more than 50 per cent when the article is left for not more than four hours in distilled water having a temperature of between 21°C and 25°C.

7. **Objective and rationale:** Human health and safety

8. **Relevant documents:** Consumer Safety Act 1978

9. **Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:** Adopted 5 December to come into force 6 December and to run initially for 12 months

10. **Final date for comments:** -

11. **Texts available from:** National enquiry point or address of other body: