NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: NORWAY

2. Agency responsible:
Norwegian State Pollution Control Authority

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

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
Soap, organic surface-active agents etc., CCCN 34.01 and 34.02

5. Title:
Regulation concerning Phosphorus Content in Cleansing Agents

6. Description of content:
The regulation defines maximum limits for the content of phosphorus in cleansing agents. The limits are related to the type of agent and its applications, as specified:

* Washing products for clothes 3.0% (w/w)
* Cleansing agents for use in dishwashers 3.8%
* Liquid cleaning agents 0.2%
* Cleaning agents in powder form 2.5%
* Cleansing agents for dairies and the food industries 10.0%
* Cleansing agents for milk production and other industries 2.5%

(1% phosphorus corresponds to 4% sodium tripolyphosphate.) The regulation prohibits the import or selling of products with a content of phosphorus (as tripolyphosphates or in other forms) exceeding these limits.

7. Objective and rationale:
Protection of human health and environment.

8. Relevant documents:

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:
The Regulation will probably be adopted before 30 June 1985 and enter into force autumn 1985.

10. Final date for comments:
28 February 1985

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

Copies of a summary of the regulation (in English) and a text of the draft regulation (in Norwegian) are available in the secretariat.

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