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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED STATES

2. Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (237)

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):
   - Asbestos (CCCN: Chapter 68)

5. Title: Asbestos = Proposed Mining and Import Restrictions and Proposed Manufacturing Importation and Processing Prohibitions

6. Description of content: EPA is proposing a rule under section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act to prohibit the manufacture, importation, and processing of asbestos in certain products and to phase out the use of asbestos in all other products. The products EPA proposes to ban are asbestos-cement pipe and fittings, roofing felts, flooring felts (and felt-backed sheet flooring), vinyl-asbestos floor tile, and asbestos clothing. Under this rule, EPA would also allow only those persons with permits issued by EPA to mine or import asbestos for use in products that are not banned.

7. Objective and rationale: To reduce the serious unreasonable risk to human health presented by exposure to asbestos


9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined

10. Final date for comments: 29 April 1986

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