NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: FINLAND

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

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):
   Chemicals

5. Title: Chemicals Act (available only in Finnish. 27 pp.)

6. Description of content: This proposal concerns chemicals and their manufacture, handling, import, export etc. (alcoholic beverages, explosives, radioactive substances, transportation of chemicals and transit transportation are not included). The major changes to the present legislation would be:
   - new category "chemicals dangerous for the environment"
   - new duties on manufacturers and importers: to obtain information and assess the hazards (maybe to a larger extent than now), to provide information to the users of chemicals (maybe also to users other than workers)
   - prenotification of new chemicals
   - new licensing and notification obligations, activities to be controlled in addition to manufacture and sale, are storage and use.

7. Objective and rationale: Human health and environmental safety

8. Relevant documents: The proposal will be published in the Statutes of Finland.

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:
   Adoption: Autumn 1987
   Entry into force: 1 January 1989

10. Final date for comments: As soon as possible

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