**NOTIFICATION**

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

1. **Party to Agreement notifying:** SWEDEN

2. **Agency responsible:** Chemicals Inspectorate

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):**
   - Cement (ex CCCN 25.23)

5. **Title:** Draft Regulation Concerning Chrome in Cement

6. **Description of content:** The Chemicals Inspectorate has elaborated a draft Regulation on chrome in cement i.e. Portland cement, modified Portland cement, blended cement, masonry cement and not hardened cement-bearing products. When cement is delivered for use the manufacturer, importer and transferrer are responsible that the amount of water-soluble hexavalent chrome is reduced as much as possible. (The Inspectorate in a proposed advice to the Regulation interpret this demand so that an amount of more than 2 milligram water-soluble hexavalent chrome per kilogram dry cement is incompatible with the demand). Prepacked cement containing a reducing agent shall when transferred be labelled with the date of packaging. Furthermore the labelling shall give information about the latest date when the reducing agent is still effective and the increased risk for chrome eczema if the cement is used after that date. Exemptions from the Regulation can be granted for special reasons.

7. **Objective and rationale:** Protection for human health

8. **Relevant documents:** Will be published in the statute book of the Chemicals Inspectorate.

9. **Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:** 1 January 1988

10. **Final date for comments:** 9 October 1987

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

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