**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**NOTIFICATION**

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

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

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

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):**
   - Food products

5. **Title:** Decree on Treatment of Foodstuffs with Ionizing Radiation (The proposed decree is available only in Finnish, 4 pages.)

6. **Description of content:** The following radiation may be used in the treatment of foodstuffs:
   1. Gamma radiation sent by Cobalt 60 or Cesium 137,
   2. X-Radiation, the energy of which is maximum 5 million electron volts (MEV), and
   3. Electron radiation with maximum energy of 10 MEV.
   
   The following food products may be radiated:
   - Spices, maximum 10 KGY
   - All foodstuffs for patients who need a sterile diet as an essential part of their treatment (maximum dose of radiation not given).

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

8. **Relevant documents:** The proposal will be published in the Statutes of Finland. Codex Alimentarius Standard CAC/Vol. XV

9. **Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:** May 1987, 1 June 1987

10. **Final date for comments:** 30 April 1987

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

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