**NOTIFICATION**

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

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

2. **Agency responsible:** The Swedish Government (Ministry of Environment and Energy)

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):**
   
   Plant growth regulators, ex HS 28.08

5. **Title:** Proposal for an Ordinance on the Domestic Use of Plant Growth Regulators

6. **Description of content:** The Swedish Government (Ministry of Environment and Energy) has announced an amendment of the Ordinance on pesticides (1985:836). The amendment implies that the use of plant growth regulators (agents used to evoke a shortening of straws) will not be allowed for cultivation of cereals in Sweden. However, an exemption for a period of five years may be made for rye.

7. **Objective and rationale:** Protection of the environment (use of plant growth regulators is associated with an increase in the use of nitrogenous fertilizers).

8. **Relevant documents:** Ordinance on pesticides (1985:836) and (1987:119) and Intensity of Agricultural Production (Memorandum Ds Jo 1987:3)

9. **Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:**
   
   Date of adoption: Not later than 19 February 1988
   
   Entry into force: At the latest 1 April 1988

10. **Final date for comments:** The Ministry of Environment and Energy will proceed to implement the proposed measure after 14 February, according to the 45-days rule.

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

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