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

1. **Party to Agreement notifying:** UNITED KINGDOM

2. **Agency responsible:** Department 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):**
   1. Toys including balloon-making kits
   2. Any substance intended for making balloons

5. **Title:** The Benzene in Toys (Safety) Regulations 1987

6. **Description of content:** These Regulations prohibit the supply of toys (including balloon-making kits) or part of a toy which contains benzene, or any substance which is intended for making balloons and contains benzene in the free state in excess of 5 mg./kg. of the mass of the toy or part of the toy or substance, as the case may be.

   The Regulations supersede Regulation 2(a) and (b) and the proviso of the Novelties (Safety) Regulations 1980.

7. **Objective and rationale:** To implement EC Directive 82/806/EEC - Benzene in Toys. Benzene is recognized as being highly toxic and liable to affect the central nervous and hematoporetic systems and to induce cancer and, in particular, leukaemia.


10. **Final date for comments:** -

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