NOTIFICATION

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

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

2. Agency responsible: National Board of Transport

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (HS where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):

   Buses (ex HS 87), trains and trams and other means of transport

5. Title: Draft Amendments to the Regulation on Providing Facilities for the Disabled on Public Transport Vehicles

6. Description of content:

   The Swedish National Board of Transport has prepared amendments in the Regulation on providing facilities for the disabled on public transport vehicles (TPRS 1985:10). Previous amendments to this Regulation have been notified in document TBT/Notif.88.130. The Regulation applies to buses, cars, trucks, trains, local trains, trams, subways, airplanes for domestic traffic, passenger ships for domestic traffic and rail-cars.

   The main amendment is that the Regulation will apply to all professional passenger traffic. The draft Regulation has requirements concerning route number and/or destination signs, bus stop signs and signalling devices for alighting (concerns only buses in route traffic).

   Concerning doors for buses, at least one door has to have a minimum breadth of 750 mm., so that a person in a wheel-chair can be brought into the bus. If there is another door intended for passengers, it shall have a breadth and design that allows a comfortable entry. Special handles for the disabled for facilitating entering and alighting have to be marked in contrasting colours.

   In some cases, buses also have to be provided with possibilities for having a lifting device for wheel-chairs. The Regulation covers certain requirements for such lifting devices.
6. Description of content: (cont'd)

Certain requirements are also set up for ventilation systems and facilitating entering and alighting for wheel-chairs. Concerning special spaces for wheel-chairs, at least one has to be adequate for a heavy electric wheel-chair. If a space is only adequate for a manual wheel-chair, special signs giving this information have to be put up.

The amendments will not apply on buses of 1990 or an earlier model year and buses that are not used in domestic route traffic or taxi traffic. An English version of the Regulation will be available in May 1989.

7. Objective and rationale: To improve the general conditions and safety for the disabled on public transport.


9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined later

10. Final date for comments: 20 June 1989

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