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

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

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

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

4. Products covered (HS where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   
   Meat (HS 1-2)

5. Title: Decision by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on Meat Inspection (available in Finnish, 21 pages)

6. Description of content: The decision on meat inspection by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry will be stipulated by virtue of the Act on meat inspection (160/60). It will replace the corresponding Decision (267/60) and several circular letters.

   The proposed new Decision will update the meat inspection procedures and judgement of slaughter animals and meat. The number of lymph nodes to be incised will be reduced. A routine trichinae inspection for horse meat will be introduced. The offals of sanitary slaughtered animals will be condemned if the final meat inspection decision is not made within three days of slaughter. Kidneys of adult bovine animals will be routinely condemned due to the high concentration of heavy metals.

7. Objective and rationale: Human and animal health

8. Relevant documents: The Decision will be published in the Statutes of Finland

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force beginning of the year 1990

10. Final date for comments: 14 July 1989

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

89-0713