NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: NORWAY

2. Agency responsible: State Pollution Control Authority

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):

   Batteries and accumulators containing dangerous substances, HS 8506 and 8507

5. Title: Regulations Concerning Prohibition and Labelling of Certain Types of Batteries/Accumulators

6. Description of content:

   (1) Prohibition

      It is prohibited to:

      - Produce or import alkaline batteries containing more than or equal to 0.025 per cent cadmium and mercury by weight from the date this regulation enters into force.

      - Sell alkaline batteries containing more than or equal to 0.025 per cent cadmium and mercury by weight later than 1 June 1990.

      - Produce and import all types of alkaline batteries containing more than or equal to 0.005 per cent cadmium by weight and 0.001 per cent mercury by weight from 1 January 1991.

      - Produce or import zinc/carbon batteries containing more than or equal to 0.001 per cent mercury by weight from the date this regulation enters into force.

      - Sell zinc/carbon batteries containing more than or equal to 0.001 per cent mercury by weight later than 1 June 1990.

      - Produce, import or sell all kinds of batteries containing more than or equal to 0.001 per cent mercury by weight from 1 January 1995.

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6. Description of content (cont'd)

(ii) Labelling

From the date this regulation enters into force the following batteries/accumulators and/or packagings are not allowed to be imported, produced or sold unless they are labelled with the proposed Nordic label (ISO-symbol 7000-1135 with red arrows):

- Nickel/cadmium batteries containing more than or equal to 0.025 per cent cadmium and mercury by weight, and their packaging.

- Packaging containing mercury oxide, silver oxide, or zinc/oxygen batteries containing more than or equal to 0.025 per cent mercury and cadmium by weight.

- Batteries or accumulators containing more than 0.4 per cent lead by weight.

Lead batteries and accumulators containing sulphuric acid shall also be labelled as corrosive according to Norwegian regulations concerning labelling, sale etc. of chemical substances and products which may involve a hazard to health.

7. Objective and rationale: Reduce environmental pollution

8. Relevant documents:

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1990

10. Final date for comments: 25 September 1989

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