NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: FINLAND


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):

   Explosives

5. Title: Decision of the Ministry of Trade and Industry on explosives (available in Finnish, 29 pages)

6. Description of content: The proposal replaces the Decision of the Ministry, code No. 130/80, from 1980. The changes in the subject matter are, however, relatively insignificant as to the operational practices. The principal changes are due to the introduced new classification system. Explosives are classified into five hazard divisions (1.1-1.5) according to the criteria laid down in the UN Recommendation on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The classification into compatibility groups (A-S) has been taken into use for the storage of explosives, too.

   The proposed decision contains detailed safety requirements (safety zones and technical requirements for buildings and installations) for the manufacture and storage of explosives.

7. Objective and rationale: Safety

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

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

10. Final date for comments: 15 September 1989

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

   89-0978