NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: SWEDEN

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Industry

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):
   Electrical equipment

5. Title: Draft Ordinance on Electrical Equipment

6. Description of content: The Swedish Ministry of Industry has by virtue of a Government Bill (1987/88:82) and an amendment of the Electrical Act (SFS 1902:71 s 1, amended 1988:218) prepared a Draft Ordinance on Electrical Equipment. The Draft Ordinance contains requirements initiating a new control system for electrical equipment. The system implies an approximation to the "Low-Voltage Directive" (73/23/EEC). The Ordinance will be supplemented by requirements issued by the National Energy Administration.

   According to the proposal, electrical equipment produced in conformity with Swedish standards for such equipment will be presumed to meet with the proposed safety requirements in the Ordinance. These requirements correspond to those stipulated in the "Low-Voltage Directive". The National Energy Administration will decide which products should be regarded as high-risk products. Such products must be type approved.

   Instead of a general requirement as to type approval of electrical equipment, the new system initiates a compulsory obligation to have the equipment registered by the Swedish Institute for Testing and Approval of Electrical Equipment, SEMKO. A product that is in conformity with Swedish standards will be registered without a technical inspection if there are documents showing that it meets the relevant Swedish standard. Manufacturers who will use a declaration of conformity as a basis for registration must reach an agreement with SEMKO about such a use.

7. Objective and rationale: Protection of human safety

The Ordinance will be published in the Swedish Statute Book.

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: After notification

10. Final date for comments: 15 March 1989

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