NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: AUSTRIA

2. Agency responsible: Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

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

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

5. Title: Draft Amendment to the Ordinance and Implementing Regulations on Forest Protection (Wood Control Law)

6. Description of content: The draft ordinance and the respective implementing regulations refer in particular to some newly adapted phytosanitary control measures concerning the importation and transit of wood through the federal territory. As for the provisions concerning the transport of wood § 1(4) of the Wood Control Law now regulates the requirements that had formerly been stipulated in individual licences. Places of entry are established exclusively by regulation. The permission given by the customs authorities for importation and transit of wood depends on the existence and presentation of a proper clearance certificate.

7. Objective and rationale: Adaptation of existing legislation

   Federal Law Gazette No. 155/1988 as amended

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Six months after its publication on the first day of the following month

10. Final date for comments: Within three months

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

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