Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: FINLAND

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Trade and 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):
   Materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs

5. Title: Decree on Materials and Articles Intended to Come into Contact with Foodstuffs (available in Finnish and in Swedish, 3 pages)

6. Description of content: The draft Decree will apply to materials and articles which are intended to come into contact with foodstuffs, with the same exclusions as in the EC Council Directive 89/109/EEC. In fact the draft is harmonized with the CD 89/109/EEC except for some minor labelling details concerning indication of a registered office or the registered trade mark of the manufacturer or processor or of a seller established within the Community.

   Thus the proposal stipulates overall requirements for safety and labelling of materials and articles in question. Lists of authorized substances, purity standards, conditions of use, limits on migration and rules for checking compliance including sampling and methods of analysis will be provided in Decisions to be issued by the Ministry of Trade and Industry in agreement with the corresponding specific EC Directives.

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection

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

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1991

10. Final date for comments: 1 December 1989

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