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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **FINLAND**

2. Agency responsible: National Board of Trade and Consumer Affairs

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):
   - Foodstuffs (excluding milk and edible fats)

5. Title: **Decision of the National Board of Trade and Consumer Affairs on Nutritional Labelling** (available in Finnish and in Swedish, 4 pages)

6. Description of content:
   **Revision of the Decision of the National Board of Trade and Consumer Affairs on Nutritional Labelling**

   The National Board of Trade and Consumer Affairs issued a decision on nutritional labelling in 1979. As this decision no longer meets the actual requirements and is in some respects incompatible with corresponding legislation in other countries, the National Board of Trade and Consumer Affairs has introduced certain exemptions into the present proposal concerning, e.g. the labelling of the nutritive value. According to the Codex standard and the practice adopted by other Nordic countries the labelling of the nutritive value on the retail packing will be voluntary even in future. However, if there is a nutritional claim on the retail packing, the energy content of the foodstuff, its protein, fat and carbohydrate contents as well as the amount of the nutrient mentioned in the nutritional claim must be stated on the retail packing. The amounts of vitamins and minerals may also be given, if the amount of the substance obtained from the foodstuff is significant. The labelling of nutrients must be based on analytical results.

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection and information

8. Relevant documents:


10. Final date for comments: 31 March 1989

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

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