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

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

2. Agency responsible: National Board of Labour Protection

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):

   Blasting and quarrying apparatus

5. Title: Norms Concerning Blasting (Safety Regulation No. 16:0; Requirements Related to the Type Approval) (Available in Finnish, 7 pages)

6. Description of content:

   Safety Regulation No. 16:0 which will be published in the series "Safety Regulations" by the National Board of Labour Protection is to be implemented by virtue of the Decision of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on regulations concerning blasting and quarrying. The Decision by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health will be published in the Statutes of Finland.

   According to the Decision of the Council of State on blasting and quarrying (Statutes of Finland 410/86), any electric ignition apparatus, wire tester, ohmmeter, solifluction indicator (insulating resistance indicator) and other electric apparatus, mechanical apparatus used on the site in the manufacture of an explosive, and any charging apparatus operated pneumatically or otherwise mechanically shall be type approved by the National Board of Labour Protection and provided with a marking indicating such approval.

   The safety regulations will provide more detailed instructions on the application of the Decision (410/86), like requirements on the type approval procedure as well as technical requirements on the relevant apparatus.

   The requirement and testing procedures have been specified and updated, but are still at the joint Nordic level.
7. Objective and rationale: Occupational safety

8. Relevant documents: Decision of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on regulations concerning blasting and quarrying Decision of the Council of State (410/86)

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 August 1989

10. Final date for comments: 5 May 1989

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