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 or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   - Food additives

5. Title: Decree on Food Additives and Decision of the Ministry of Trade and Industry on Food Additives

6. Description of content: The proposed food additive statutes comprise a Decree and a Decision by the Ministry of Trade and Industry to be issued by virtue of the Decree. The proposed Decree lays down definitions of food additives and the use of food additives, as well as general provisions on the requirements to be made of food additives, on general conditions for authorized use thereof, and on labellings of additive packages. The proposed Decision lays down general provisions on use of food additives as well as definitions of flavouring and processing aids and special provisions on use thereof. Detailed restrictions on the use of food additives are set forth in Annex 1 to the proposed Decision (certain basic foodstuffs, the so-called positive list), in Annex 2 (other foodstuffs than those listed in Annex 1, horizontal provisions by additive), in Annex 5 (restrictions of use of certain flavourings) and in Annex 6 (processing aids). Annex 3 lays down the identity numbers and the technological purposes of the food additives, and Annex 4 contains the class names of the additives.

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection

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

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force: 1 March 1992

10. Final date for comments: 31 October 1991

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: 91-1129