GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE
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 Agriculture and Forestry

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):
   Garden plants, mainly 06.02

5. Title: Statute Concerning Seedling Material

6. Description of content: Legislation concerning the production, trade and import of garden plant seedlings has been reviewed in Finland by the Law on Seedling Material (663/91), which will come into force on the 1 March 1992. In accordance with the Law, a statute concerning seedling material is suggested to be given.

   As regards decorative plants and vegetable plants, the scope of application of the legislation would be defined with the aforementioned statute. Furthermore, the contents of the entrepreneur's duty to send a declaration concerning the commencement of business activities, the contents of the seedling material registers and that of seedlings material import declaration, and the marking of seedlings as provided by law, among other things, would be prescribed more in detail in the statute than in the law.

   The draft statute also includes regulations more detailed than those in law as regards requirements concerning health aspects of production and storing units of garden plants, the health of stock plants that are used in production and that of garden plants that are imported or put on sale. Such common demands will be made on the business premises used by the entrepreneur.

7. Objective and rationale: Health and quality of plants, consumer protection

8. Relevant documents: The document will be published in the Statutes of Finland 91-1155
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: