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 the Environment

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):
   Equipment emitting noise

5. Title: General Regulations on Noise Labelling issued by the Ministry of the Environment (available in Finnish 4 pages and English 6 pages)

6. Description of content: Noise labelling of each piece of equipment shall consist of a mark to be permanently attached to the piece of equipment and of a noise labelling certificate to be appended to the instructions for use of the equipment. Noise labelling shall be made by the manufacturer, the importer, the seller or other deliverer of the equipment, who shall also guarantee that the information on the mark is correct. Noise labelling and determination of noise emission values may be either voluntary or based on rules and regulations.

   The measurement of the noise emissions for labelling shall be made in accordance with the method generally used for measuring the noise emissions of the type of equipment and described in the relevant international standard. The declared noise emission values shall be determined on the basis of measurement results in accordance with the EN 27574 standard series. The declared values shall be determined taking due account of the deviation of measurement results so that these will, during verification measurements, with 95 per cent certainty fall short of the value given in the noise labelling.

7. Objective and rationale: Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

   The regulation will be issued as a publication of the Ministry of the Environment

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

10. Final date for comments: 20 December 1991

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

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