**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:

   a. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):

      Detergents

5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Decision of the Council of State on Restrictions in Placing on the Market and Use of Detergents (available in Finnish, 2 pages)

6. Description of content:

   The proposed decision contains the regulations included in the EC Directives 73/404/EEC, 73/405/EEC, 82/242/EEC and 82/243/EEC.

   The placing on the market and use of detergents where the average level of biodegradability of the surfactants contained therein is less than 90 per cent is prohibited as of 1 January 1993. Biodegradability should be tested according to the EC Directives 82/242/EEC and 82/243/EEC.

   Objective and rationale: Environmental protection; putting EEA Agreement into force

8. Relevant documents:

   b. The document will be issued in the Statutes of Finland.

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force: 1 January 1993

10. Final date for comments: 11 December 1992

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

   92-1808