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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: <u>AUSTRIA</u>
2. Agency responsible: Federal Ministry of Environment, Youth and Family
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): PVC-products
5. Title: Draft Ordinance on Restrictions and Labelling of PVC-Products
6. Description of content: The proposed regulation covers provisions referring in general to restrictions and the prohibition of manufacturing certain PVC-products having a content of more than 1 mg./kg. Vinylchloride or containing substances such as Barium, Cadmium and lead and its compounds. As from 1 January 1991 and 1 January 1994 respectively the marketing and importation of various PVC-products like packaging material (except articles for pharmaceutical purposes), children's toys and other short-lived consumption products not destined for recycling, is prohibited. Products in circulation after the said date have to carry a distinct and clearly visible "PVC"-identification mark. For other persons except manufacturers and importers engaged in the marketing of such products a transition period up to 31 January 1991 is provided for.
7. Objective and rationale: Consumer information; public health and environmental protection
8. Relevant documents: Federal Law Gazette No. 326/1987 Federal Law Gazette No. 300/1989
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1991 1 January 1994 respectively
10. Final date for comments: Within 3 months
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: