

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>FINLAND</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
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): New chemical substances
5. Title: Decision of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on Notification of New Substances (available in Finnish, 5 pages + Annexes 12 pages)
6. Description of content: The draft decision of Ministry of Social Affairs and Health covers the procedures for the notification of new chemical substances and the information necessary for evaluating risks of new substances. The decision is similar to the draft 7th amendment (COM(89)575 final - SYN 227) of the EC directive on classification, packaging and labelling dangerous substances (67/548/EEC). The notification requirements and trigger volumes for full notification and reduced notification are the same as in the 7th amendment of the substance directive. According to the decision the substances listed in the European inventory of existing commercial substances (EINECS) are exempted from notification. If a substance is already notified in the European Community or in EFTA-country, the notifier must send a technical dossier in summary form and copy of a written acknowledgement from competent authority to the Finnish competent authority, which is the National Board of Health. If the Finnish competent authority requires more detailed information on a new substance, the notifier must send the technical dossier in its entirety to Finland.

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7. Objective and rationale: Safety

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

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: 1 September 1990

10. Final date for comments: 31 July 1990

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