

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### NOTIFICATION

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

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| 1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>FINLAND</u>  |
| 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):<br>Antifouling paints containing organostannic compounds   |
| 5. Title: Decision by the Council of State on Restriction of the Use of Organostannic Compounds (available in Finnish, 2 pages)  |
| 6. Description of content: Antifouling paints that contain organostannic compounds may only be used in the painting of boats exceeding a length of 25 metres. Such paints may only be placed on the market in packagings of a capacity equal to or greater than 20 litres and they shall be sold to professional users only. The packagings of such preparations shall be furnished with a text in Finnish and Swedish to the following effect: "To be used only in painting of boats exceeding a length of 25 metres. Restricted to professional users."<br><br>Organostannic compounds may not be used in the treatment of industrial process, cooling or waste water.<br><br>The Decision is based on the Directive 89/677/EEC. |
| 7. Objective and rationale: Environmental protection   |
| 8. Relevant documents: The Decision will be published in the Statutes of Finland.  |
| 9. Proposed dates of adoption and <u>entry into force</u> : 1 July 1991  |
| 10. Final date for comments: 30 August 1990  |
| 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body:   |