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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>EUROPEAN COMMUNITY</u> |
| 2. Agency responsible: Commission of the European Community |
| 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):
81.07 Cadmium and its compounds |
| 5. Title: Proposal for a Council Directive Amending for the Tenth Time Directive 76/769/EEC on the Approximation of the Laws, Regulations and Administrative Provisions of the Member States Relating to Restrictions on the Marketing and Use of Certain Dangerous Substances and Preparations (4 pages) |
| 6. Description of content: This proposal contains the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the ban on the use of cadmium and its compounds in three sectors: pigments, stabilizers and plating (in the case of pigments, polymers are covered; in the case of stabilizers, products or articles are covered and in the case of plating, sectors or applications are covered);- the prohibition of placing on the market of finished products whose cadmium content exceeds 0.01 per cent by weight;- a general derogation clause is provided for all of the three sectors mentioned above for reasons of safety and reliability;- a reassessment of the situation in respect of the development of substitutes for cadmium is provided within a certain period of the adoption of this proposal. |
| 7. Objective and rationale: This proposal aims to improve the protection of man and the environment and the functioning of the internal market through the imposition of the same restriction in this area. |
| 8. Relevant documents: Official Journal C 8 of 13 January 1990, pages 8-11 |
| 9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:
Adoption: to be decided
Entry into force: varies with product |
| 10. Final date for comments: 6 April 1990 |
| 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body:
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