

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: SWEDEN

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources

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):

Specified goods with insulating materials and/or interior and structural parts containing rigid plastic foam which has been manufactured with CFCs as a blowing agent, e.g. refrigerating or freezing equipment, heat pumps, water heaters, containers, vehicles, vessels (from HS Nos. 84.18, 84.19, 85.16, 86.03, 86.05, 86.06, 86.09, 87.02, 87.03, 87.04, 87.07, 87.08, 87.16, 89.01, 89.02, 89.03 and 89.07).

Goods that contain CFCs as refrigerant or heat transfer medium.

Carbon tetrachloride

5. Title: Ordinance Concerning Amendments to the Ordinance (1988:716) on CFCs and Halons etc.

6. Description of content: From 1 January 1995 the use of CFCs on a professional basis will in principle be banned in Sweden. Remaining major fields of application then affected will be the use of CFCs as refrigerant or heat transfer medium in refrigerating or freezing equipment, heat pumps and air-conditioning plants and as a blowing agent in the production of rigid plastic foam for use inter alia in the motor industry and in the manufacture of refrigerators. The draft Ordinance concerns an extension of the present import ban to comprise goods within these fields of application. The draft also contains provisions implementing Articles 4.1 bis, 4.2 bis and 4.3 bis of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The ban on the use on a professional basis of carbon tetrachloride is proposed to be advanced to apply after 31 October 1993 instead of as present stipulated on 31 December 1997.

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7. Objective and rationale: Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents: Earlier notifications: GATT TBT/Notif.87.101, 89.41, 91.87 and 91.259

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:

Proposed date of adoption at the latest: 31 December 1992

Entry into force for new import bans: 1 January 1995

10. Final date for comments: 10 August 1992

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