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NOTIFICATION

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

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): Washing machines, driers and their combinations, dishwashers, ovens, water heaters and hot water storage appliances, lighting appliances HS: ex-chapter 85
5. Title: Proposal for a Council Directive on the Indication by Labelling and Standard Product Information of the Consumption of Energy and Other Resources of Household Appliances. Number of Pages in the Notified Document: 4
6. Description of content: The proposal will introduce a compulsory, harmonized energy labelling scheme combined with the provision of a harmonized energy information fiche for the principal household appliances. It will require manufacturers to produce harmonized labels and fiches, and retailers to apply the labels to appliances whenever they are displayed.
7. Objective and rationale: Rational use of energy - the scheme will encourage consumers to buy, and manufacturers to sell, more energy-efficient appliances. At the same time barriers to trade created by differing national schemes will be avoided.
8. Relevant documents: Official Journal of the EEC, No. C 235 of 10 September 1991, pages 5 to 8
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Date of adoption: 1 July 1992 Entry into force: 1 January 1993
10. Final date for comments: 29 May 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: D.G. III.A.1