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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 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): Wastes and products hampering waste management
5. Title: Waste Act (available in Finnish, 32 pages and English, 30 pages)
6. Description of content: The purpose of the proposed Act is to support sustainable development by promoting the rational use of natural resources, and preventing and combating the danger and harm to health and the environment arising from wastes. The Act repeals the Waste Management Act of 31 August 1978. The Act shall apply to waste, prevention of its generation and reduction of its hazardous or harmful nature, promotion of waste recovery, appropriate organization of waste management, prevention of littering and soil contamination, and the cleaning of areas which have become littered and contaminated. The Act also contains regulations on waste planning and approval procedures, on the cost liability of a waste holder and financing waste management, on obtaining information, inspection and supervision, and on the enforcement, consequences and appeal. The Act defines the relevant concepts of waste management and the duties of the competent authorities.
7. Objective and rationale: Protection of health and environment
8. Relevant documents: EC Directives given on the basis of waste management.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force: 1 April 1993
10. Final date for comments: The document will be issued in the Statutes of Finland.
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: