

# 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: <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): Chemicals
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Decision of the Ministry of the Environment on Advance Approval and Notification Procedures for Wood Preservatives and Slimicides (available in Finnish, 9 pages and English, 11 pages)
6. Description of content: The Ministry of the Environment Decision would stipulate on the contents of the application and notification regarding a wood preservative or slimicide mainly in the same manner as the Decision presently in force. According to the Decision, investigations of wood preservatives and slimicides could also be made in the manner stipulated by the European Economic Community (Council Directive 67/548/EEC, Annex V). Appendices to the Decision would give more accurate instructions on investigation of chronic toxicity and carcinogenicity of a wood preservative and on investigation of a slimicide regarding its effect on activated sludge. If it is technically impossible or scientifically unmotivated to provide the information in the appendices or to perform the required investigations, the applicant could justify the absence of information in the same manner as under the present Ministry of the Environment Decision.
7. Objective and rationale: Environmental protection
8. Relevant documents:
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force: 1 November 1993
10. Final date for comments: 31 July 1993. The document will be issued in the Statutes of Finland.
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: