

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: Decree on Notifications Concerning the Export of Certain Dangerous Chemicals (available in Finnish, 5 pages and English, 6 pages)
6. Description of content: Under the Chemicals Act (744/89, Amendment 1412/92) anyone who supplies, for export purposes, a chemical the handling of which has been given up to protect human health or the environment, or the handling of which has been banned or severely restricted, is obliged to notify the National Board of Waters and the Environment of the export of the chemical. Notification shall also be made in case of a chemical whose export, under international obligations, requires prior informed consent by the recipient country. The Decree on notification of export of certain dangerous chemicals would stipulate on chemicals subject to notification, exemptions to the notification procedure, notification time, contents and handling of the notification, re-notification, packaging and labelling of exported chemicals, confidential information, and supervision of the Decree.
7. Objective and rationale: Environmental protection.
8. Relevant documents: UNEP, London Guidelines for the Exchange of Information on Chemicals in International Trade, 1989 Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2455/92 concerning the export and import of certain dangerous chemicals
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: