

Committee on Technical Barriers to TradeNOTIFICATION

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 Agriculture and Forestry
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): Fertilizers
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Decision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on Fertilizers (available in Finnish, 54 pages and English, 9 pages)
6.	Description of content: The draft contains proposals for a new decision concerning fertilizers. The decision is based on the new fertilizer law, which has been reformed in connection with the EEA-process. The new legislation is aimed to come into force simultaneously with the EEA Agreement. The main purpose of the proposal is to harmonize the Finnish legislation with the EC-legislation. As regards cadmium content of fertilizers Finland has, however, according to the EEA Agreement the right to maintain its legislation existing at the date of entry into force of the Agreement. At the moment the cadmium content of fertilizers in Finland is limited to 50 mg./kg. of phosphorus. This requirement, which is still supposed to maintain, applies only to the field crop and garden fertilizers. In addition to this the draft decision includes limit values for cadmium also for the fertilizers other than those which contain phosphorus. The proposed limit value is 3 mg. of cadmium per kilo of dry matter. This requirement would not, however, apply to EEC-fertilizers.
7.	Objective and rationale: EEA Agreement, environmental protection, protection of the health of people and animals.
8.	Relevant documents: 76/116/EEC, 88/183/EEC, 89/284/EEC, 89/530/EEC, 80/876/EEC, 87/94/EEC

9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force: 1 November 1993
10.	Final date for comments: 30 September 1993. The document will be issued in the Statutes of Finland.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: