

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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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 Communities
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): Biocidal products, disinfectants, preservatives, pest control products, etc. (Details in Annex V of the proposal)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposal for a Council Directive Concerning the Placing of Biocidal Products on the Market (37 pages)
6.	Description of content: The proposal provides for: - the establishment at Community level of a positive list of active substances for inclusion in biocidal products; - an authorization to be issued by Member States before any biocidal product can be placed on the market. A system of mutual recognition of the authorizations is also foreseen (between Member States).
7.	Objective and rationale: - free circulation of biocidal products within the Community; - protection of the environment and health.
8.	Relevant documents: Full text of the proposal published in the Official Journal of the European Communities, No. C239 of 3 September 1993, page 3.

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:

Adoption: July 1994

Entry into force: January 1996

10. Final date for comments: 31 December 1993

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address of other body: DG III-A-1