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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): Snowmobiles
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Council of State Decision on Maximum Sound Pressure Levels for Snowmobiles (available in Finnish, 1 page and in English, 2 pages).
6. Description of content: For snowmobiles manufactured in Finland or imported to and sold in the country, the A-weighted sound pressure level dB may not exceed 85 dB after 1 January 1994. For snowmobiles manufactured in Finland or imported, the A-weighted sound pressure level in dB may not exceed 80 dB after 1 January 1998. The sound pressure level shall be determined in accordance with the regulations in the European Community Directive 78/1015 and its Amendments 87/56/EEC and 89/235/EEC. The measurements must be performed on hard snow. A snowmobile is considered to fulfil the requirements in Section 3 if it carries a noise label in accordance with the general regulations on noise labelling issued by the Ministry of the Environment and if it is accompanied by the manufacturer's certificate in accordance with the Ministry Regulations guaranteeing that the sound pressure level of the snowmobile is less than the maximum permissible.
7. Objective and rationale: Environmental protection
8. Relevant documents: The document will be issued in the Statutes of Finland.
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Entry into force 1 January 1994
10. Final date for comments: 30 April 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: