

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>SWEDEN</u>
2. Agency responsible: National Chemicals Inspectorate
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): Particle boards, plywood, wood-fibre boards, block boards and similar boards containing additives based on formaldehyde.
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment of the National Chemicals Inspectorate's Regulations (KIFS 1989:5) on Formaldehyde in Wood-Based Boards
6. Description of content: Phenol-glued boards, where the added formaldehyde only occurs as a co-polymer with phenol, are exempted. Requirements for approval by the National Testing Agency are replaced by requirements for certification. Introduction of possibility of product certification and use of correlated testing methods.
7. Objective and rationale: Harmonization with equivalent provisions of EC member States
8. Relevant documents: Present Regulation (KIFS 1989:5) notified as GATT TBT/Notif.88.128
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 1993
10. Final date for comments: 10 May 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: