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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>
2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry
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): Domestic electrical appliances and plugs, sockets, adaptors, fuse-link and cartridge fuse-link that are ordinarily intended for domestic use at a voltage of not less than 200 volts and are designed to operate at a maximum rated input of not more than 13 amps.
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Plugs and Sockets Etc. (Safety) Regulation 1992
6. Description of content: (a) Retain existing provision that all 13 amp plugs must be approved by an approval body. (b) Introduce new requirement that most domestic electrical appliances are supplied fitted with a correctly fused 13 amp plug.
7. Objective and rationale: To ensure the continued protection of the United Kingdom consumer against sub-standard and unsafe plugs etc. To reduce the potential risk of serious injury through a wrongly-fused or badly-wired plug.
8. Relevant documents: Consultation and Draft Regulations CIE/IEC/884-1 BS 546: 1950 BS 1363: Part 3: 1989 BS 646: 1958 BS 4573: 1970 BS 1362: 1973 BS 5733: 1979 BS 1363: 1984 BS EN 50075: 1991

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9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:

Date of adoption: mid 1993

Entry into force: end 1993

10. Final date for comments: 2 April 1993

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point or address of other body: