

**GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

**NOTIFICATION**

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

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):  9401 Seats 9403 Other furniture 4418 Builders' joinery 4410 Particle board 4411 Fibre board 4412 Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Classification of Furniture and Materials for Furniture Production According to the Formaldehyde Content Determined by the Chamber Method and by Perforator
6.	Description of content: Draft classification of furniture and materials for furniture production according to the emission of formaldehyde. According to Standard CSN 49 0030, the permanent level of formaldehyde concentration in the atmosphere in the test chamber must not exceed the following:  - Furniture in category 1: 0.035 mg. m <sup>-3</sup> - Furniture in category 2: 0.050 mg. m <sup>-3</sup> - Agglomerated board (determined by the chamber method): 0.124 mg. m <sup>-3</sup> - Fibre board and particle board (determined by the perforator method): max. average 6 mg. 100g <sup>-1</sup> max. measure 8 mg. 100g <sup>-1</sup>

7.	Objective and rationale: Public health
8.	Relevant documents:  Decree No. 44/1994 of 1 February 1994 by UNMS SR (Official Journal of the Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing No. 2/1994).  Compulsory Measure No. 8 of 30 March 1981 (Official Journal of the Ministry of Health No. 5-6/1981).
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: August 1994
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address and telefax number of other body: