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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: Office of Standardisation, Metrology and Testing of Slovak Republic Ministry of Agriculture of Slovak Republic
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): Seeds and fruits of forest wood species . .
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: STN 48 1211 Harvesting, Quality, and Quality Testing of Fruits and Seeds of Wood Tree Species
6.	Description of content: Draft of the Standard STN 48 1211 unifies both rules and requirements referring to wood tree fruits and seeds harvesting. It deals with standards of quality, the methodology for testing and determining the quality of the seed stock and seeds of wood trees used for wood regeneration and afforestation of destined plots.
7.	Objective and rationale: Prevention of harvesting and territorial transfer of fruits and seeds of undesirable provenience wood trees, inclusive trading in them.
8.	Relevant documents: This Slovak Standard is a substitute for the Czechoslovak Standards CSN 48 1211 (dated 13 April 1972), CSN 48 2111 (dated 13 April 1972), and ON 48 2121 (dated 19 December 1972) in their full content. Draft of the Standard incorporates: International Rules for Seed Testing (ISTA 1993), Methods and Procedures for Testing Tree Seeds in Canada (CFS Government of Canada, Ottawa, 1987), A Tree and Shrub Seed Handbook (ISTA, Zurich, 1991). Into consideration was taken: the OECD Scheme for the Control of Forest Reproductive Materials Moving in International Trade (Paris, 1974).

9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 15 October 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address and telefax number of other body: Slovak Technical Standards Institute GATT Enquiry Point P.O. Box 202 814 99 Bratislava Slovak Republic