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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>EUROPEAN COMMUNITY</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Commission of the European Communities
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): Electric washing machines (excluding washer driers)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Directive of Implementing Council Directive 92/75/EEC With Regard to Energy Labelling of Household Washing Machines (17 pages)
6.	Description of content: The proposal implements Council Directive 92/75 for washing machines. For these, it will introduce a compulsory, harmonized energy labelling scheme combined with the provision of a harmonized energy information fiche. It will require manufacturers to produce harmonized labels and fiches, and retailers to apply the labels to appliances whenever they are displayed.
7.	Objective and rationale: Rational use of energy: the scheme will encourage consumers to buy, and manufacturers to sell more energy efficient washing machines. At the same time barriers to trade created by differing national schemes will be avoided.
8.	Relevant documents: Council Directive 92/75/EEC of 22 September 1992 and draft Commission Directive implementing that Directive with regard to energy labelling of household washing machines.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Adoption: by end 1994 Entry into force: one year after adoption
10.	Final date for comments: 11 November 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: DG III-A-1