

**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>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): Television sets (see Article 4 of the Proposal for a Directive)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Use of Standards for the Transmission of Television Signals (2 pages)
6.	Description of content: The proposal for a directive concerns the use of standards for the transmission of television signals in Europe. Its purpose is to assure the establishment of an internal market for the production, transmission, receiving equipment, and services for the transmission of television programmes in wide-screen 16:9 format in the Community as a whole by harmonizing the transmission format so as to take into account market trends and the current technological situation.
7.	Objective and rationale: Creation of the internal market for television services in wide-screen 16:9 format
8.	Relevant documents: Official Journal of the European Communities C/341 of 18 December 1993, page 18

<p>9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Date of adoption: December 1994; Entry into force: Six months after the Directive has been notified to Member States of the EEC.</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 20 May 1994</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address and telefax number of other body:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">D.G. III.A.1</p>