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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **SWEDEN**

2. Agency responsible: National Food Administration

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (HS where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   - Food

5. Title: Draft Amendment to the General Implementing Regulations (concerns labelling requirements for prepackaged foods)

6. Description of content: The National Food Administration has prepared amendments to the Administration's General Implementing Regulations and Food Additive list that concerns General Labelling requirements for pre-packed foods. The proposals are partly based on a report with proposals on labelling of pre-packaged food which was notified last year in document TBT/Notif.88.146 and partly on a Nordic report on harmonized labelling requirements. The draft proposal contains requirements for the labelling of pre-packaged foods with the name of the food, list of ingredients, net weight, quantity of certain ingredients, quantity of nutrients, date of minimum durability and country of origin.

   The major changes concern the list of ingredients which shall be proceeded with the word ingredients or an expression in which the word ingredient is included. Water does not have to be declared if the amount added is less than 5 g. per 100 g. of the product. There are some new proposals concerning the labelling of composite ingredients and class name for ingredients. All pre-packaged foods with certain exceptions have to be marked with a "best before date". Another change is that the country of origin shall be included in the labelling.

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection and to ensure fair practices in food trade.

8. Relevant documents: The Food Administration's General Implementing Regulation


10. Final date for comments: 31 August 1989

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