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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	**Member to Agreement notifying: FINLAND** **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Ministry of the Interior, PO Box 26, FIN 00023 GOVERNMENT, FINLAND, Tel: +358-9-160 2986, Fax: +358-9-160 4672, email: jyrki.karvonen@sm.intermin.fi **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**
3.	**Notified under Article 2.9.2 [** X **], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:**
4.	**Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Portable fire extinguishers (HS 8424).
5.	**Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Ministerial Decree on portable fire extinguishers (1 page).
6.	**Description of content:** The proposed decree provides the requirements of the portable fire extinguishers. Requirements are according to EN3 standard series, but because of the cold climate in Finland the lower temperature limit is –30°C.
7.	**Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Portable fire extinguisher is so important and widely used extinguishing instrument in Finland, that it is very important that all extinguishers which are for sale are according to the same standard. The extinguishers should also function in cold climate.
8.	**Relevant documents:** Pressure equipment directive 97/23/EU and EN3 standard series.
9.	**Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined. **Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined.
10.	**Final date for comments:** 13 August 2001
11.	**Texts available from: National enquiry point [** X **] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:**