

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SWEDEN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Swedish Radiation Protection Institute Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Swedish Radiation Protection Institute
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): X-ray equipment
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Institute's Regulations and General Advice on X-rays in Veterinary Medicine (10 pages, available in Swedish)
6.	Description of content: These draft regulations on X-rays used in veterinary medicine comprises requirements on radiation protection organisation, education and quality assurance. In addition there are technical requirements on X-ray equipment related to radiation protection. These rules derives from relevant standards of the IEC (International Elektrotechnical Commission - IEC 60601-1-3, 60601-1, 60601-2-7, 60601-2-28). Finally there are some given rules for the work, in the form of general advice. The overwhelming majority of equipment used by Swedish veterinaires are the same as in human medicine.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The intention is, among others with technical requirements, to protect personnel and animal owners against radiation. A selection of requirements in different standards has been done, which to a reasonable extent prevent unintentional exposure and unnecessary radiation doses. The rules are also a tool in optimizing investigations. As a whole the regulations fit in under the Council Directive 96/29/Euratom on Basic Safety Standards for radiation protection.
8.	Relevant documents: Radiation Protection Act, Radiation Protection Ordinance
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 13 May 2000
10.	Final date for comments: 7 April 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: