

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>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Slovak Ministry of Health Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can 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): Wooden furniture, wooden furniture for offices, wooden furniture for kitchens, wooden furniture for bedrooms, and other wooden furniture
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: STN 91 0001:1988 Wooden Furniture. Basic Regulations. Amendment 3. (3 pages, in Slovak)
6.	Description of content: Article 7 of the Standard STN 91 0001:1988 is amended as follows: The material used for furniture manufacture is required to be safe and hygienically sound. (a) It is forbidden to use any material, the fumes of which have unfavourable or detrimental effect on objects kept inside the furniture. (b) The composition of the materials used for furniture manufacture has to meet the following requirement: the formaldehyde emissions measured by chamber method in accordance with the Slovak Standard STN 49 0030 must not exceed 0.035 mg.m ⁻³ in furniture destined for bedrooms, childrooms, schools and hospitals, and 0.050 mg.m ⁻³ in other furniture.

6.	Description of content (cont'd): (c) The portion of migrating elements from furniture in contact with foodstuffs, must not exceed the value determined by mandatory provision of the Slovak Ministry of Health No. 36, dated 30 November 1977. (d) Glass used for the product has to meet the requirement determined by Article 29 of the Slovak Standard STN 70 1570. Testing will be performed in accordance with Chapter 4 of the Slovak Standard STN 70 0592.
7.	Objective and rationale: Protection of the users' health
8.	Relevant documents: Slovak Standards: STN 49 0030, STN 70 0592, STN 70 1570. Adoption announcement will be published in Vestník UNMS SR (Official Journal).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 September 1997
10.	Final date for comments: 30 June 1997
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: