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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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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: Järnvägsinspektionen (The Swedish Railway Inspectorate) 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: Kommerskollegium (the National Board of Trade)
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):
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Swedish Railway Inspectorate's regulations on the approval of rolling stock. (8 pages, in Swedish)
6.	<p>Description of content: The Swedish Railway Safety Act (1990:1157) states that rolling stock has to be approved before taking into operation in Sweden. Today there are no regulations for application of the Act. These new regulations establish the conditions to be met regarding the process and the documents required for the approval of rolling stock. However, the regulations do not embody functional or technical requirements on rolling stock. The process required in the regulations is in accordance with the standard SS-EN 50126.</p> <p>There are four chapters in the regulations; 1) general requirements, 2) new rolling stock, 3) imported rolling stock, and 4) foreign temporarily used rolling stock.</p> <p>Chapter 1 contains exemptions, definitions, applicant, classification and issues for infrastructure managers.</p> <p>Chapter 2 contains requirements for approval of new and redesigned rolling stock. It states which documents the applicant has to produce and present to the Inspectorate.</p> <p>Chapter 3 contains requirements for approval of imported rolling stock, already approved in its own country. Like chapter 2 it states which documents the applicant has to produce and what he has to present to the Inspectorate.</p> <p>Chapter 4 contains requirements for approval of foreign rolling stock for temporary use in Sweden (track working machines, transit vehicles, exhibition vehicles etc.). These requirements are a simplification of the approval process for rolling stock approved in its home country.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The purpose of these regulations is to establish a process for the Inspectorate's approval of rolling stock according to § 18 and § 19 of the Railway Safety Act (1990:1157). The Inspectorate claims that the regulations are needed in order to make sure that the general requirements of the Railway Safety Act can be applied uniformly. The suppliers and the railway operators also need to consider the practical effect of these regulations at an early stage.
8.	Relevant documents:
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 June 2002 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2002
10.	Final date for comments: 5 April 2002
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: