

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>FINLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of the Interior 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): This Regulation shall apply to automatic fire alarm systems
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Regulation by Ministry of the Interior: The Design, Installation, Maintenance and Inspection of Fire Alarm Systems (17 pages in Finnish)
6.	Description of content: The Regulation concerns the design, installation, maintenance and inspection of automatic fire alarm systems that are connected to the emergency centres and that are required by the authorities for increasing safety of persons or facilitating rescue actions. Those engaged in design, installation, repair or maintenance related to fire alarm systems shall notify the Safety Technology Authority of their operations. A person responsible for work related to fire alarm systems shall hold a certificate of competence issued by the Safety Technology Authority. The fire alarm system shall be subject to a preliminary inspection and to verification and periodic inspections pursuant to the Regulation. License for an inspection body and the right of a fire alarm business to certify its own work shall be granted upon application by the Safety Technology Authority. Key words: automatic fire alarm system, fire alarm business, and inspection body.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Regulation shall replace the Decision of the Ministry of the Interior which entered into force on 1 May 1986. The objective is to secure the working order of fire alarms necessary to monitor fire safety by prescribing qualification requirements for persons performing design, installation, repair and maintenance work and by controlling compliance with these requirements and by the inspection of fire alarms that have been brought into use. The Regulation provides the necessary conditions for commercial competition in the inspection field and transfers official duties from the Ministry of the Interior to the Safety Technology Authority.
8.	Relevant documents: After adoption the Regulation will be published in the "A" series of Rescue Department's (Ministry of the Interior) Publications
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 30 April 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: