

NOTIFICATION

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

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CZECH REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of the Environment Vrsovicke 65, 100 10 Prague 10, Czech Republic becvar@env.cz Tel.: +420 2 6712 2238 Tel./Fax: +420 2 6731 0152 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): Chemical substances
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Decree of the Ministry of the Environment that lays down Conditions for Assessment of Risk of Chemical Substances to the Environment (6 pages, in Czech).
6. Description of content: The draft Decree implements Articles 24 and 25 of Act No 356/2003 Coll., on Chemical Substances and Chemical Preparations, concerning principles and procedures of the assessment of risk of chemical substances to the environment. In this Decree, the following terminology is being used: (a) hazard identification – identification of adverse effects which a substance can cause; (b) assessment of the relation between the dose and the effect – determination of the relation between the dose (concentration) of a compound and a significant answer (effect); (c) assessment of the exposure – determination of emissions, pathways and velocity of movement of a given compound, and its transformation or decomposition in order to estimate the concentrations or doses to whose the components of the environment may be exposed; (d) risk characterization – estimation of incidence and intensity of adverse effects that could occur in the environmental components, and can involve the risk estimation, i. e. the quantification of this probability;

	(e) recommendation for reduction in hazard – recommendation of measures that would reduce the environmental risks connected with marketing of a compound.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To achieve improvement in the protection of health and the environment.
8.	Relevant documents: Act No 356/2003 Coll., on Chemical Substances and Chemical Preparations, Commission Directive 93/67/EEC.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: April 2004 Proposed date of entry into force: May 2004
10.	Final date for comments: 30 April 2004
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: wto.tbt@unmz.cz