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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>FINLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: EC WTO-TBT Enquiry Point Ministry of Trade and Industry 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): Foodstuffs marketed as organically produced and containing mainly foodstuffs of animal origin
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposal for a Government Decree on the Use of Ingredients of Non-Agricultural Origin, Additives and Processing Aids in Foodstuffs Marketed as Organically Produced and Containing Mainly Foodstuffs of Animal Origin (3 page)
6.	Description of content: The Council Regulation (EC) No 1804/1999 supplements the Regulation on organic production of agricultural products to include foodstuffs of animal origin. The Regulation entered into force on 27 August 1999, and it shall apply from 24 August 2000. The Regulation does not contain provisions on ingredients of non-agricultural origin and processing aids authorised in organically produced products of animal origin. The Proposal for a Decree provides on the use of these ingredients in Finnish foodstuffs marketed as organically produced. Key words: organically produced foodstuff, additive, processing aid
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The aim is to limit as much as possible the use of authorised ingredients of non-agricultural origin and processing aids in organically produced foodstuffs. The proposed statute would remain in force until the completion of the corresponding Community Acts. The principle of reciprocity is included in the Proposal for a Decree.
8.	Relevant documents:
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } To be confirmed
10.	Final date for comments: 23 August 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: