

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>CZECH REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of the Environment 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): Various machines and apparatus producing noise emissions such as: construction machines and equipment, compressors, tower cranes, welding generators, power generators, powered hand-held concrete breakers and picks, lawn mowers, hydraulic excavators, hand-operated rope excavators, dozers, loaders and excavator-loaders, household appliances.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Government Order No.194 of 7 June 2000 to Act No. 22/1997 Coll., which Determines Technical Requirements on Products from the View Point of Noise Emissions (195 pages, in Czech)
6.	Description of content: Government Order No.194 of 7 June 2000 to Act No. 22/1997 Coll. deals with requirements on protection against noise and permissible sound levels of various apparatus, equipment and machines such as household appliances, construction machines and equipment, compressors, tower cranes, welding generators, power generators, powered hand-held concrete breakers and picks, lawn mowers, hydraulic excavators, hand-operated rope excavators, dozers, loaders and excavator-loaders. Emission limits for noise of subsonic aircraft and civil subsonic jet aeroplanes are also given. For all above described products the maximum permissible noise emission values and permissible acoustic output level are given in dB (A)/1 pW. The description of various methods of noise measurements and measuring instruments are given for most of above products. Noise of background shall be 10 dB lower than noise of machine. Standard forms for labels of individual products are recommended. Necessary information on requests for checking (verifying) of sample of determined product is given in Annex 3 to Government order. Requisites for certificate on checking (verifying) of sample of determined product are given in Annex 4. Requisites for the statement on compliance for determined products are given in Annex 5.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: New Government order No.194 of 7 June 2000 was proposed with the aim to harmonise Czech legislation with the EC legislation in the field of noise in context with acceleration of preparation of the Czech Republic for entry into the European Union. The preparation of

<p>the Government order was initiated by the direct request of experts from the European Union during “screening” session at the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic in January 1999 to harmonise legislation in the field of noise.</p> <p>The objective of the Government order is to decrease exposure of the population, especially operating workers, to noise. The purpose of the Government order is to give producers guidelines on maximum permissible levels of acoustic output for the above machines, installations, appliances and apparatuses and at the same time to ensure a high level of health and environment protection.</p>	
8.	Relevant documents: Government order transposes the following 10 EC Directives into Czech law: 79/113/EEC, 84/532/EEC, 84/533/EEC, 84/534/EEC, 84/535/EEC, 84/536/EEC, 84/537/EEC, 84/538/EEC, 86/662/EEC, and 86/594/EEC.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 7 June 2000 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 2001
10.	Final date for comments: 15 September 2000
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