

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>SWEDEN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: National Maritime Administration Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can 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): Bow doors and inner doors on ro-ro passenger ships
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Decree by the National Maritime Administration with Regulations Concerning Bow Doors and Inner Doors with the Equipment Belonging to it on Ro-Ro Passenger Ships
6.	Description of content: The rule gives requirements for the arrangement, strength and securing of bow doors and inner doors leading to a complete or long forward enclosed superstructure on Swedish ro-ro passenger ships. The requirements are found in the Annex to the Decree. The rule sums-up demands claimed by the International Association of Classification Societies (AICS) and by the International Maritime Organization (IMO): 1. Depending on the construction year of the above-mentioned ships, they shall either comply with AICS' Rules S 16 1995, or AICS' Rules S 8 Rev. 2, 1995 V2. 2. The ships shall also comply with certain requirements concerning the impenetrability and the placing of the extended collision bulkhead, systems for indication and monitoring, operating and maintenance manual etc. (correspond to the amendment to the Annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, Regulation 10 and 23-2, 6 December 1995). The introduction of the requirements under 2. implies that the introduction of new IMO requirements are brought forward in Sweden.
7.	Objective and rationale: To increase the safety on ro-ro passenger ships with the establishment of a safety standard concerning the arrangement, strength and securing of bow doors and inner doors.
8.	Relevant documents: AICS' Rules S 8 Rev.2 1995, V2; AICS' Rules S 16 1995; Amendment to the Annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, Regulation 10 and 23-2, 6 December 1995.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: As soon as possible Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 17 June 1996
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: