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ABSTRACT

This report describes the GATT Standards Code activities conducted by the Office of Standards Code and Information, National Bureau of Standards (NBS), for calendar year 1987. NBS responsibilities include operating the U.S. GATT inquiry point for information on standards and certification activities; notifying the GATT Secretariat of proposed U.S. Federal government standards-based rules that might significantly affect trade; assisting U.S. industry with standards-related trade problems; and responding to inquiries about proposed foreign and U.S. regulations.

Key Words: certification information; GATT Standards Code; notifications; proposed foreign regulations; standards information; technical assistance

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INTRODUCTION

The international Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (Standards Code) has been in effect since January 1, 1980. There are currently 39 signatories to the Code, 27 of which have actively implemented the Code in their countries. The other 12 signatories have either not ratified the Agreement, established an inquiry point for standards information or reported any proposed government mandatory regulations (see 'Standards Code Signatories') or a combination thereof. The Code is administered by the Secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The NBS Office of the Associate Director for Industry and Standards (ADIS) has several responsibilities for implementing provisions of Title IV of the U.S. Trade Agreements Act of 1979 related to establishment of a U.S. inquiry point,¹ a standards information center, and a technical office for non-agricultural products. This report summarizes Standards Code activities conducted by the Office of Standards Code and Information (SCI) in ADIS for calendar year 1987. These functions are performed within the traditional framework of NBS standards-related programs. A more complete, general discussion of U.S. responsibilities and activities associated with the Standards Code may be found in the Report to the United States Congress on the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade - "Standards Code" (for the period 1983-1985, published in February 1986).

Highlights of 1987 included participation in the GATT Standards Code meeting on information exchange and the ISONET workshop on information and international trade; publication of an introduction to standardization, certification and laboratory accreditation; and background research for the Canadian Free Trade Area Agreement.

INQUIRY POINT

Notifications

Signatories of the Standards Code must notify the GATT Secretariat of all proposed mandatory government regulations and certification procedures that might significantly affect international trade. The Secretariat, in turn, disseminates the notifications to all other signatories. As the official U.S. GATT inquiry point for information on standards and certification activities, SCI notifies the Secretariat of proposed U.S. Federal Government rules that might significantly affect trade.

¹ The Standards Code requires that each signatory provide an inquiry point to answer all requests for information about technical regulations, standards, and rules of certification.

SCI also receives foreign notifications through the GATT Secretariat and disseminates them, along with supplementary information, to appropriate U.S. companies and industry groups. SCI responds to inquiries about foreign and U.S. notifications, provides copies of the proposed regulations, and arranges for at-cost translations of foreign standards documents. SCI also assists in developing comments on the impact on U.S. industry of proposed foreign regulations and transmits them to the foreign government concerned.

In 1987 the GATT Secretariat issued 199 notifications. Twenty-one signatories reported at least one proposed regulation each (see Table I). Sweden had the most notifications with 32. Five other signatories - Canada, Finland, Japan, Norway, and Philippines - each reported 10 or more proposed regulations.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) in Geneva receives notifications from the Secretariat and cables them to the United States. The notifications, all of which are available in English, include the name of the country proposing the regulation; assigned TBT/Notification number; a brief description of the regulation; and the final date for comments. In order to provide wide access to this information in the United States, all foreign notifications are published in the Commerce Business Daily and several other U.S. publications. SCI maintains a computerized database on all GATT notifications and a telephone GATT hotline where up-to-date notification information can be obtained. The hotline number is (301) 975-4041 (not toll free).

Proposed U.S. Regulations

All proposed U.S. Government rules (mandatory standards or certification systems), including proposed revisions, are published in the Federal Register by the responsible Federal agency. SCI staff regularly review the Register to identify those proposed regulations that might significantly affect trade and which, therefore, should be notified to the GATT Secretariat. Notices are sent directly to the GATT Secretariat via telex.

In 1987, six proposed U.S. regulations were reported, originating in the agencies shown on page 3. The regulations covered such products as motor vehicles, heaters, meat products and distilled spirits. (See Table II for agency and products.)

<u>Agency</u>	<u>No. of 1987 Notifs.</u>
Agriculture, Department of (USDA)	1
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)	1
Energy, Department of (DOE)	1
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	1
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	1
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)	<u>1</u>
Total	6

Proposed Foreign Regulations

The GATT Secretariat in 1987 issued 193 notifications from countries other than the United States. (See Table III.) The foreign regulations covered a wide variety of products, including telecommunications equipment, food additives, motor vehicles, appliances, medical devices, and water meters. SCI maintains a Key-Word-Out-of-Context (KWOC) index for all products that are the subject of foreign notifications. (See Appendix A for the 1987 index.) (A KWOC is an indexing method in which keywords, in this instance product names, appear as headings on a separate line.) The KWOC index is used to identify regulations that may be of interest to individuals who have expressed interest in specific products.

Foreign notifications are sent regularly by SCI to Industry Functional Advisory Committee (IFAC) members² and several other groups and specific individuals to serve their information needs and to allow them to disseminate this information to others. SCI sends copies of all foreign notifications to the American National Standards Institute for subsequent publication in their biweekly ANSI Reporter.

Inquiries

SCI responded to 291 domestic and foreign letter and telephone requests for GATT notification information (246 U.S., 45 foreign) in 1987. Many requestors asked for copies of more than one regulation. In addition to requests for specific regulations, many individuals asked for general information on the Standards Code. SCI responds to such requests by sending an information package consisting of the latest issue of its newsletter, tb news, a list of recent foreign notifications, brochures

² The IFAC is comprised of government-appointed representatives from private industry engaged in standards-related activities. It advises the Department of Commerce and USTR on trade matters, the operation of any adopted trade agreements and other subjects related to U.S. trade policy.

describing the Standards Code, and ordering information for the Commerce Business Daily.

In 1987, the regulations most often requested concerned telecommunications equipment, electrical equipment, food products and radiation emitting products. In addition, 443 individuals called the GATT hotline for up-to-date information on foreign notifications.

Translations

SCI requests the text of all proposed foreign regulations which are subject of notification. Signatory countries are required to supply copies of the regulations through their inquiry points. One hundred and five of the 186 regulations received in 1987 were in languages other than English. SCI coordinates a service to obtain an English translation of any requested proposed foreign language regulation. The cost of translation is paid by the requestor; if more than one request is received for the same translation, the cost is divided equally among requestors. In 1987, SCI received requests for translations of nine regulations. SCI also coordinated the translation of 11 other standards-related documents.

STANDARDS INFORMATION

The National Center for Standards and Certification Information (NCSCI) is the national repository for standards documentation. NCSCI supports GATT inquiry point activities by supplying information concerning both domestic and foreign standards information. The information center, which was established in 1965, provides government, industry and the public with information on standards, regulations, certification programs and related activities that affect trade and commerce.

NCSCI maintains a microform and/or hard copy collection of engineering standards and specifications, test methods, regulations, certification rules, directories, reference books and special publications. NCSCI staff responded to more than 4,000 requests in 1987 from all over the world on the existence, source and availability of standards and related documents. NCSCI also responds to trade-related queries regarding regulations or other requirements imposed by foreign countries that affect the export of U.S. manufactured products.

In 1987, NCSCI published, The ABC's of Standards-Related Activities in the United States (NBSIR 87-3576). This document is designed as an introduction to standardization, certification, and laboratory accreditation for those not fully familiar with these fields and their interrelationships.

In October, NCSCI staff participated in the fourth meeting on information exchange held in conjunction with the GATT Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade. Experts on information exchange, representing 25 signatories to the Standards Code, discussed general issues and specific problems concerning the operation of GATT inquiry points and procedures for information exchange. Center staff also participated in two International Organization for Standardization (ISO) meetings: the ISO Information Network (ISONET) workshop on information and international trade; and the 19th meeting of the ISO Information Committee (INFCO).

TECHNICAL OFFICE

The SCI program provides technical support to individuals concerned with non-agricultural products. This support includes a) assistance to U.S. exporters on specific technically based standards-related trade issues; b) assistance to the International Trade Administration and USTR in developing technical background for bilateral and multilateral discussions with representatives from other Code signatories; c) monitoring the level of U.S. participation in international standardization activities; and d) coordinating comments on proposed foreign regulations.

Assistance to Industry

Technical office staff work closely with U.S. industry representatives to address standards-related trade problems and to develop a technical basis for negotiated resolutions. Technical staff obtain and, when appropriate, analyze standards information to provide rationale for foreign regulatory actions. In some cases, analyses are aimed at answering specific questions.

The technical office provided technical support to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative for the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Area (FTA) Agreement. An FTA on "Technical Standards" significantly adds obligations already in place under the Standards Code and would increase trade opportunities for U.S. manufacturers testing facilities, and certification bodies.

The results of a study examining the level of U.S. participation in selected international standardization activities were published as NBSIR 88-3698, A Review of U.S. Participation in International Standards Activities. The report describes the role of international standards, their increasing importance in world trade, and the extent of past and current U.S. participation in two major international standardization bodies - the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission.

Technical office staff participated in two workshops on the technical and operational details of new cooperative agreements for product safety certification to facilitate U.S. exporters in Europe and Japan. ETL Testing Laboratories (New York) and TUV Rheinland (West Germany) developed a cooperative agreement for the mutual recognition of product approvals and follow-up inspection functions faced by U.S. producers exporting to European markets. The initial agreement applies to electrical appliances and equipment. Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) entered into an agreement whereby UL has been designated as an official foreign agent to conduct examinations and certify U.S. manufactured electrical appliances for sale in Japan. These measures significantly reduce many of the geographical, linguistic, cost and time delay factors that previously faced U.S. exporters in Japan.

Technical office staff contacted U.S. companies exporting telecommunications products and systems, and agencies involved in telecommunication activities to assess alleged unreasonable technical trade barriers instituted by major European trading partners. A report, Barriers Encountered by U.S. Exporters of Telecommunications Equipment (NBSIR 87-3641), describes experiences of U.S. exporters and examples of European requirements and practices which affect U.S. telecommunication equipment exports. The report also discusses the benefit of harmonization by the European Community (EC) of their national telecommunication standards with international standards into a regional system which could mean the mandatory adoption of regional standards by all EC member countries, which could prompt the acceptance of test results for conformity among EC members.

Comment Handling

A major objective of the Standards Code is to allow exporters and government agencies to comment on proposed foreign regulations which they feel would unjustifiably impede exports. SCI provides the text of proposed foreign regulations to all interested parties in the United States and encourages the submission of comments if the regulation appears to create unnecessary trade barriers. SCI transmits comments to the appropriate foreign government and coordinates any follow-up activity. In 1987, SCI received and processed formal comments on four foreign regulations: Germany - telecommunication equipment (87.75 and 87.153); Italy - cosmetics (87.59); and Japan - medical devices (87.18). Additional informal comments are frequently made by industry representatives who become aware of proposed regulations, often even before they are officially notified through the GATT. Some representatives use the notification system mainly as a back-up to ensure awareness of foreign developments.

Comment Periods

To provide signatories with adequate time to receive the text of a regulation (and to have it translated if necessary), review it and prepare comments, the Standards Code recommends a comment period of at least 60 days. If the comment period is insufficient (e.g., due to late receipt of an English version or complicated technical issues), the technical office will request that the issuing country extend the comment period. In 1987, four such requests were made to and granted by the notifying Party. Many extensions are requested so that individuals can translate and study the regulation without necessarily indicating an intention to comment.

The average length of the comment period³ in 1987 was 48 days for U.S. regulations and 45 days for foreign regulations. The average length of the comment period by U.S. agency is shown below.

BATF	32	days
DOE	49	days
EPA	47	days
FDA	47	days
NHTSA	54	days
USDA	49	days

Comment period for foreign regulations ranged from none at all to 122 days. The average length of comment period by country was:

Austria	12 days	India	26 days
Belgium	43 days	Italy	48 days
Canada	27 days	Japan	66 days
Czechoslovakia	0 days	Netherlands	60 days
Denmark	41 days	New Zealand	30 days
EEC	63 days	Norway	36 days
Finland	43 days	Philippines	46 days
France	36 days	Sweden	59 days
Germany	74 days	Switzerland	59 days
Hong Kong	67 days	United Kingdom	42 days

CONCLUSION

SCI continues to work with U.S. industry to assist in solving standards-related trade problems and to assure wide distribution of relevant notifications of proposed foreign regulations which might affect trade. Requests for further information, suggestions

³ Number of calendar days between the date the notification was issued by the GATT Secretariat and the closing date for comments.

on how the service might be made more useful, or comments on subjects covered in this report should be directed to:

Office of Standards Code and Information
National Bureau of Standards
Administration Building, Room A629
Gaithersburg, MD 20899
(301) 975-4037

For specific standards-related information from NCSCI, call (301) 975-4040.

For up-to-date information on foreign proposed regulations, call the GATT Hotline (301) 975-4041.

STANDARDS CODE SIGNATORIES

Argentina (a)	Japan
Austria	Korea
Belgium	Luxembourg (b)
Brazil (b)	Mexico (c)
Canada	Netherlands
Chile (b)	New Zealand
Czechoslovakia	Norway
Denmark	Pakistan (b)
Egypt (b)	Philippines
European Economic Community (EEC)	Portugal (b)
Finland	Romania
France	Rwanda (c)
Federal Republic of Germany	Singapore
Greece (c)	Spain
Hong Kong	Sweden
Hungary	Switzerland
India	Tunisia
Ireland	United Kingdom
Italy	United States
	Yugoslavia (b)

(a) - the country has not yet ratified the Standards Code and has not reported any proposed regulations to the GATT Secretariat.

(b) - the country has not reported any proposed regulations to the GATT Secretariat.

(c) - the country has not established an inquiry point for standards information and has not reported any proposed regulations to the GATT Secretariat.

TABLE I

Notifying Countries and
Number of GATT Notifications Issued in 1987

<u>Signatory</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Notifications</u>
Austria	7
Belgium	5
Canada	24
Czechoslovakia	3
Denmark	6
EEC	4
Finland	19
France	2
Germany	4
Hong Kong	1
India	5
Italy	1
Japan	30
Netherlands	1
New Zealand	9
Norway	19
Philippines	10
Sweden	32
Switzerland	7
United Kingdom	4
United States	<u>6</u>

Total 199

TABLE II

List of U.S. Notifications

TBT/NOTIF. #	AGENCY	PRODUCT
87.26	EPA (246)*	WOOD HEATERS
87.31	NHTSA (247)	MOTOR VEHICLES
87.49	OOE (248)	DISHWASHERS
87.61	FOA (249)	CARBONATED BEVERAGES
87.124	USDA (250)	MEAT OR POULTRY PRODUCTS
87.138	BATF (251)	WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS

*CONTROL NUMBER

TABLE III

LIST OF FOREIGN NOTIFICATIONS

TBT/NOTIF. #	COUNTRY	PRODUCT
87.1	EEC	SIMPLE PRESSURE VESSELS
87.2	EEC	YARNS
87.3	EEC	VERMOUTHS & WINES
87.4	SWEDEN	HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONIC APPARATUS
87.5	BELGIUM	MOTOR VEHICLE HEADLIGHTS
87.6	SWITZERLAND	ASBESTOS
87.7	UNITED KINGDOM	CITIZENS BAND RADIOS
87.8	SWEDEN	CADMIUM PRODUCTS
87.9	AUSTRIA	FILLING MACHINES
87.10	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	FOOD PRODUCTS
87.11	JAPAN	FLANGES
87.12	JAPAN	NITRIDING OF STEEL
87.13	JAPAN	FERROUS CASTINGS
87.14	SWEDEN	50 HZ CALL METERS
87.15	FINLAND	LATHES
87.16	AUSTRIA	DETERGENTS
87.17	JAPAN	PAPAYAS AND KIDNEY BEANS
87.18	JAPAN	LABELLING FOR MEDICAL DEVICES
87.19	AUSTRIA	MEASURING INSTRUMENTS
87.20	SWEDEN	SULPHUROUS FUEL
87.21	NORWAY	INFRA-RED RADIATION APPLIANCES
87.22	NORWAY	ELECTRICAL HEATED PADS & EQUIPMENT
87.23	NORWAY	MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
87.24	FINLAND	FOOD PRODUCTS
87.25	SWEDEN	CITIZENS BAND RADIO
87.27	PHILIPPINES	FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL INPUTS
87.28	JAPAN	SEEDS AND SEEDLINGS
87.29	SWEDEN	BATTERIES
87.30	BELGIUM	MINE EQUIPMENT
87.32	PHILIPPINES	MAGNET WIRE
87.33	PHILIPPINES	MAGNET WIRE
87.34	PHILIPPINES	MAGNET WIRE
87.35	PHILIPPINES	MAGNET WIRE
87.36	PHILIPPINES	MAGNET WIRE
87.37	PHILIPPINES	BALLASTS
87.38	PHILIPPINES	OXYGEN
87.39	PHILIPPINES	SHEETS AND COILS
87.40	SWEDEN	MOTOR VEHICLES
87.41	SWEDEN	PESTICIDES
87.42	CANADA	TERMINAL EQUIPMENT
87.43	CANADA	SNOWMOBILES
87.44	CANADA	BOOSTER CUSHIONS
87.45	CANADA	MOTORCYCLES
87.46	CANADA	CORDLESS TELEPHONES
87.47	JAPAN	ELECTRICAL APPARATUS

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TBT/NOTIF. #	COUNTRY	PRODUCT
87.48	PHILIPPINES	CARBON STEEL WIRE ROOS
87.50	FINLAND	MOTOR VEHICLES
87.51	NETHERLANDS	PRODUCTS CONTAINING CAOMIUM
87.52	SWEDEN	AIRLINE WARNING & LIGHTING SYSTEMS
87.53	NORWAY	PESTICIDES
87.54	FINLAND	CONVEYORS
87.55	JAPAN	ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES
87.56	AUSTRIA	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPONENTS
87.57	AUSTRIA	AUTOMOBILE EQUIPMENT
87.58	BELGIUM	MICROWAVE OVENS
87.59	ITALY	COSMETICS
87.60	FRANCE	PUBLIC BUILDINGS
87.62	INDIA	FELT
87.63	INDIA	FELT
87.64	NORWAY	ELECTRIC FAN HEATERS
87.65	NORWAY	SLING SHOTS
87.66	CANADA	CHILDRENS SLEEPWEAR
87.67	JAPAN	JAMS, JELLIES AND MARMALADES
87.68	JAPAN	EOIBLE VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS
87.69	JAPAN	CHINESE RAVIOLI OR OUMPLING
87.70	NORWAY	HIGH VOLTAGE APPLIANCES
87.71	NORWAY	TELECOMM USER EQUIPMENT
87.72	NORWAY	BRANCH EXCHANGES AND PHONE SYSTEMS
87.73	NORWAY	TELECOMM USER EQUIPMENT
87.74	NORWAY	TELECOMM USER EQUIPMENT
87.75	GERMANY	DATA TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT
87.76	GERMANY	ANTENNA SYSTEMS
87.77	SWEDEN	FEEOINGSTUFF AND AOOITIVES
87.78	SWITZERLAND	CHEMICALS DANGEROUS TO ENVIRONMENT
87.79	JAPAN	BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS
87.80	FRANCE	PARAQUAT
87.81	FINLAND	FERTILIZERS
87.82	AUSTRIA	QUICKSILVER IN FISH
87.83	NORWAY	TELECOM USER EQUIPMENT
87.84	SWEDEN	COMBINE HARVESTERS
87.85	AUSTRIA	MOISTURE METERS
87.86	NORWAY	MOTOR VEHICLES
87.87	SWEDEN	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
87.88	SWEDEN	PREPACKAGEO BREA0
87.89	CANADA	ORUGS
87.90	SWEDEN	HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES AND TRUCKS
87.91	SWEDEN	COOKING APPLIANCES
87.92	FINLAND	COAL
87.93	SWEDEN	RADIOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT
87.94	SWEDEN	INFO TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

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TBT/NOTIF. #	COUNTRY	PRODUCT
87.95	JAPAN	TERMINAL FACILITIES
87.96	SWITZERLAND	FOODSTUFFS
87.97	NORWAY	UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE
87.98	NORWAY	CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES
87.99	JAPAN	CRIBS
87.100	NORWAY	PRESSES
87.101	SWEDEN	CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS
87.102	SWITZERLAND	BOLT FIXING TOOLS
87.103	SWITZERLAND	CLINICAL THERMOMETERS
87.104	SWITZERLAND	MOTORCYCLES
87.105	CANADA	AIRCRAFT SEATS AND SAFETY BELTS
87.106	EEC	RADIATION IN FOODSTUFFS
87.107	FINLAND	LORRIES AND TRAILERS
87.108	FINLAND	CHEMICALS
87.109	FINLAND	LORRIES AND TRAILERS
87.110	FINLAND	FRUIT & VEGETABLE BEVERAGES
87.111	CANADA	TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS
87.112	CANADA	RADIO EQUIPMENT
87.113	DENMARK	RADIO RECEIVERS
87.114	SWEDEN	CEMENT
87.115	SWEDEN	CROP SPRAYERS
87.116	NEW ZEALAND	CHILDREN'S NIGHT CLOTHES
87.117	SWEDEN	CALL METERS
87.118	CANADA	TENTS
87.119	CANADA	CHEDDAR CHEESE
87.120	CANADA	DANGEROUS GOODS
87.121	INDIA	FOOD GRADE
87.122	DENMARK	BOXES & AMPLIFIER CABINETS
87.123	DENMARK	RADIO RECEIVERS
87.125	SWEDEN	REGULAR AUTO GASOLINE
87.126	FINLAND	LIGHTING EQUIPMENT
87.127	FINLAND	1,3-BUTADIENE
87.128	INDIA	PORCELAIN INSULATORS
87.129	NEW ZEALAND	THERMOSTATS FOR WATER HEATERS
87.130	NEW ZEALAND	ELECTRIC BLANKETS
87.131	JAPAN	MOTOR VEHICLES
87.132	CANADA	ORANGE JUICE
87.133	SWEDEN	DRUGS
87.134	SWITZERLAND	HEAVY MOTOR VEHICLES
87.135	JAPAN	FEED ADDITIVES
87.136	NEW ZEALAND	WOOL PRODUCTS
87.137	FINLAND	CHILD RESTRAINTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES
87.139	DENMARK	TV MODULATORS
87.140	CANADA	MEDICAL DEVICES
87.141	CANADA	FOODSTUFFS

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TBT/NOTIF. #	COUNTRY	PRODUCT
87.142	JAPAN	FERTILIZERS
87.143	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	ROTATING ELECTRICAL MACHINES FOR VEHICLES
87.144	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	DRUGS
87.145	NORWAY	CABLES
87.146	SWEDEN	MEDICAL TECHNICAL PRODUCTS
87.147	DENMARK	TELEPHONE SETS
87.148	GERMANY	CHEMICALS
87.149	UNITED KINGDOM	MEASURING EQUIPMENT
87.150	UNITED KINGDOM	BUNK BEDS
87.151	SWEDEN	ELECTRIC HEATERS FOR VEHICLES
87.152	NEW ZEALAND	ELECTRIC HEATING APPLIANCES
87.153	GERMANY	EQUIPMENT FOR DATA TRANSMISSION
87.154	SWEDEN	RADIATION EMITTING PRODUCTS
87.155	INDIA	BASIC DYES
87.156	NEW ZEALAND	MOTOR VEHICLES
87.157	JAPAN	ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES
87.158	HONG KONG	PLATINUM ALLOY ARTICLES
87.159	JAPAN	DUST RESPIRATORS
87.160	FINLAND	FOODSTUFFS
87.161	JAPAN	DRUGS FOR ANIMALS
87.162	CANADA	LOW POWER TRANSMITTERS
87.163	CANADA	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
87.164	CANADA	DRUGS AND COSMETICS
87.165	CANADA	RADIO SYSTEMS
87.166	CANADA	RADIO SYSTEMS
87.167	CANADA	EGGS
87.168	FINLAND	PRESSURE VESSELS
87.169	CANADA	MALT LIQUOR
87.170	NEW ZEALAND	ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES
87.171	NEW ZEALAND	FOODSTUFFS
87.172	FINLAND	EARTH-MOVING MACHINERY
87.173	JAPAN	MOTOR VEHICLES
87.174	FINLAND	HERRING PRODUCTS
87.175	JAPAN	CONDUITS
87.176	JAPAN	FOOD ADDITIVES
87.177	JAPAN	CONDUITS
87.178	JAPAN	ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYERS
87.179	JAPAN	MANGOES
87.180	SWEDEN	FOODSTUFFS
87.181	NEW ZEALAND	ELECTRICAL PLUGS
87.182	CANADA	FOODS
87.183	SWEDEN	TRANSFORMERS
87.184	SWEDEN	CAPACITORS
87.185	SWEDEN	PHOTO AND FILM LUMINAIRES
87.186	SWEDEN	ELECTRICAL SUPPLY TRACK SYSTEMS

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TBT/NOTIF. #	COUNTRY	PRODUCT
87.187	SWEDEN	ELECTRIC HEATERS
87.188	NORWAY	CABLES WITH INSULATION
87.189	FINLAND	PLANTS
87.190	UNITED KINGDOM	WATER METERS
87.191	BELGIUM	WINDING ROPES
87.192	BELGIUM	PRODUCTS CONTAINING HYDROCARBONS
87.193	DENMARK	VIDEOTEX TERMINALS
87.194	JAPAN	MOBILE PHONE FACILITIES
87.195	JAPAN	MOBILE PHONE FACILITIES
87.196	NORWAY	CHEMICAL PRODUCTS
87.197	JAPAN	MOTOR VEHICLES
87.198	JAPAN	SLAG GYPSUM CEMENT BOARDS
87.199	FINLAND	CHEESE

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KEYWORD -----	PRODUCT -----	COUNTRY -----	TBT ND. -----	CCCN ND. -----
ADDITIVES				
FEED ADDITIVES		JAPAN	87.135	23
FOOD ADDITIVES		JAPAN	87.176	
FEEDINGSTUFF AND ADDITIVES		SWEDEN	87.77	23
AIRCRAFT				
AIRCRAFT SEATS AND SAFETY BELTS		CANADA	87.105	
AIRLINE				
AIRLINE WARNING & LIGHTING SYSTEMS		SWEDEN	87.52	88
ALLDY				
PLATINUM ALLOY ARTICLES		HONG KONG	87.158	71
AMPLIFIER				
BOXES & AMPLIFIER CABINETS		DENMARK	87.122	
ANIMALS				
DRUGS FOR ANIMALS		JAPAN	87.161	
ANTENNA				
ANTENNA SYSTEMS		GERMANY	87.76	
APPLIANCES				
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES		JAPAN	87.55	84,85,90
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES		JAPAN	87.157	84,85,90
ELECTRIC HEATING APPLIANCES		NEW ZEALAND	87.152	
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES		NEW ZEALAND	87.170	
INFRA-RED RADIATION APPLIANCES		NORWAY	87.21	
HIGH VOLTAGE APPLIANCES		NORWAY	87.70	
COOKING APPLIANCES		SWEDEN	87.91	84,85
ASBESTOS				
ASBESTOS		SWITZERLAND	87.6	
AUTO				
REGULAR AUTO GASOLINE		SWEDEN	87.125	27
AUTOMOBILE				
AUTOMOBILE EQUIPMENT		AUSTRIA	87.57	
BALLASTS				
BALLASTS		PHILIPPINES	87.37	
BATTERIES				
BATTERIES		SWEDEN	87.29	85
BEANS				
PAPAYAS AND KIDNEY BEANS		JAPAN	87.17	
BEDS				
BUNK BEDS		UNITED KINGDOM	87.150	94
BELTS				
AIRCRAFT SEATS AND SAFETY BELTS		CANADA	87.105	

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BEVERAGES				
FRUIT & VEGETABLE BEVERAGES		FINLAND	87.110	20.22
BLANKETS				
ELECTRIC BLANKETS		NEW ZEALAND	87.130	
BOARDS				
SLAG GYPSUM CEMENT BOARDS		JAPAN	87.198	68
BOILERS				
BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS		JAPAN	87.79	73.84
BOXES				
BOXES & AMPLIFIER CABINETS		DENMARK	87.122	
BREAD				
PREPACKAGED BREAD		SWEDEN	87.88	19
BUILDINGS				
PUBLIC BUILDINGS		FRANCE	87.60	
BUTADIENE				
1,3-BUTADIENE		FINLAND	87.127	29
CABINETS				
BOXES & AMPLIFIER CABINETS		DENMARK	87.122	
CABLES				
CABLES		NORWAY	87.145	85
CABLES WITH INSULATION		NORWAY	87.188	
CADMIUM				
PRODUCTS CONTAINING CADMIUM		NETHERLANDS	87.51	
CADMIUM PRODUCTS		SWEDEN	87.8	30
CAPACITORS				
CAPACITORS		SWEDEN	87.184	
CASTINGS				
FERROUS CASTINGS		JAPAN	87.13	73
CEMENT				
CEMENT		SWEDEN	87.114	25
SLAG GYPSUM CEMENT BOARDS		JAPAN	87.198	68
CHEESE				
CHEDDAR CHEESE		CANADA	87.119	
CHEESE		FINLAND	87.199	4
CHEMICAL				
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS		NORWAY	87.196	
CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES		NORWAY	87.98	
CHEMICALS				
CHEMICALS		FINLAND	87.108	

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CHEMICALS (CDNT.)				
CHEMICALS DANGEROUS TO ENVIRONMENT		GERMANY	87.148	
		SWITZERLAND	87.78	32
CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS				
CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS		SWEDEN	87.101	
CLOTHES				
CHILDREN'S NIGHT CLOTHES		NEW ZEALAND	87.116	
ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYERS		JAPAN	87.178	85
CDAL		FINLAND	87.92	27
CDILS				
SHEETS AND COILS		PHILIPPINES	87.39	
CONDUITS				
CONDUITS		JAPAN	87.175	39
CONDUITS		JAPAN	87.177	39
CONVEYORS		FINLAND	87.54	84
COSMETICS				
DRUGS AND COSMETICS		CANADA	87.164	
COSMETICS		ITALY	87.59	
CRIBS		JAPAN	87.99	94
CUSHIONS				
BOOSTER CUSHIONS		CANADA	87.44	
DETERGENTS		AUSTRIA	87.16	
DETERGENTS				
DRUGS				
DRUGS		CANADA	87.89	
DRUGS		CZECHOSLOVAKIA	87.144	
DRUGS		SWEDEN	87.133	30
DRUGS AND COSMETICS		CANADA	87.164	
DRUGS FOR ANIMALS		JAPAN	87.161	
DRYERS		JAPAN	87.178	85
DRYERS				
ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYERS				
DUMPLING		JAPAN	87.69	
CHINESE RAVIOLI OR DUMPLING				
DYES		INDIA	87.155	32
BASIC DYES				
EGGS		CANADA	87.167	
EGGS				

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ELECTRIC	ELECTRIC BLANKETS	NEW ZEALAND	87.130	
	ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYERS	JAPAN	87.178	85
	ELECTRIC FAN HEATERS	NORWAY	87.64	
	ELECTRIC HEATERS	SWEDEN	87.187	
	ELECTRIC HEATERS FOR VEHICLES	SWEDEN	87.151	85
	ELECTRIC HEATING APPLIANCES	NEW ZEALAND	87.152	
ELECTRICAL	ELECTRICAL APPARATUS	JAPAN	87.47	85
	ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	JAPAN	87.55	84,85,90
	ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	JAPAN	87.157	84,85,90
	ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	NEW ZEALAND	87.170	
	MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	NORWAY	87.23	
	ELECTRICAL HEATED PADS & EQUIPMENT	NORWAY	87.22	
	ROTATING ELECTRICAL MACHINES FOR VEHICLES	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	87.143	
	ELECTRICAL PLUGS	NEW ZEALAND	87.181	
	ELECTRICAL SUPPLY TRACK SYSTEMS	SWEDEN	87.186	
ELECTRONIC	HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONIC APPARATUS	SWEDEN	87.4	84,85
EXCHANGES	BRANCH EXCHANGES AND PHONE SYSTEMS	NORWAY	87.72	
EXTINGUISHERS	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	SWEDEN	87.87	84
FACILITIES	TERMINAL FACILITIES	JAPAN	87.95	
	MOBILE PHONE FACILITIES	JAPAN	87.194	85
	MOBILE PHONE FACILITIES	JAPAN	87.195	85
FAN	ELECTRIC FAN HEATERS	NORWAY	87.64	
FATS	EDIBLE VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS	JAPAN	87.68	15
FEEDINGSTUFF	FEEDINGSTUFF AND ADDITIVES	SWEDEN	87.77	23
FELT	FELT	INDIA	87.62	59
	FELT	INDIA	87.63	59
FERTILIZERS	FERTILIZERS	FINLAND	87.81	31
	FERTILIZERS	JAPAN	87.142	31
FILLING	FILLING MACHINES	AUSTRIA	87.9	
FILM	PHOTO AND FILM LUMINAIRES	SWEDEN	87.185	

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FISH	QUICKSILVER IN FISH	AUSTRIA	87.82	
FLANGES	FLANGES	JAPAN	87.11	73
FOOD	FOOD ADDITIVES	JAPAN	87.176	
	FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL INPUTS	PHILIPPINES	87.27	
	FOOD GRADE	INDIA	87.121	
	FOOD PRODUCTS	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	87.10	1-24
	FOOD PRODUCTS	FINLAND	87.24	
FOODS	FOODS	CANADA	87.182	
FOODSTUFFS	FOODSTUFFS	CANADA	87.141	
	RADIATION IN FOODSTUFFS	EEC	87.106	2,3
	FOODSTUFFS	FINLAND	87.160	
	FOODSTUFFS	NEW ZEALAND	87.171	
	FOODSTUFFS	SWEDEN	87.180	7,8
	FOODSTUFFS	SWITZERLAND	87.96	
FRUIT	FRUIT & VEGETABLE BEVERAGES	FINLAND	87.110	20,22
FUEL	SULPHUROUS FUEL	SWEDEN	87.20	27
FURNITURE	UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE	NORWAY	87.97	94
GASOLINE	REGULAR AUTO GASOLINE	SWEDEN	87.125	27
GYPSUM	SLAG GYPSUM CEMENT BOARDS	JAPAN	87.198	68
HARVESTERS	COMBINE HARVESTERS	SWEDEN	87.84	84
HAZARDOUS	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	CANADA	87.163	
HEADLIGHTS	MOTOR VEHICLE HEADLIGHTS	BELGIUM	87.5	
HEATERS	THERMOSTATS FOR WATER HEATERS	NEW ZEALAND	87.129	
	ELECTRIC FAN HEATERS	NORWAY	87.64	
	ELECTRIC HEATERS	SWEDEN	87.187	
	ELECTRIC HEATERS FOR VEHICLES	SWEDEN	87.151	85

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HEAVY-DUTY HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES AND TRUCKS		SWEDEN	87.90	87
HERRING HERRING PRODUCTS		FINLAND	87.174	16
HYDROCARBONS PRODUCTS CONTAINING HYDROCARBONS		BELGIUM	87.192	
INFRA-RED INFRA-RED RADIATION APPLIANCES		NORWAY	87.21	
INSTRUMENTS MEASURING INSTRUMENTS		AUSTRIA	87.19	
INSULATION CABLES WITH INSULATION		NORWAY	87.188	
INSULATORS PORCELAIN INSULATORS		INDIA	87.128	85
JAMS JAMS, JELLIES AND MARMALADES		JAPAN	87.67	20
JELLIES JAMS, JELLIES AND MARMALADES		JAPAN	87.67	20
JUICE ORANGE JUICE		CANADA	87.132	
LATHES LATHES		FINLAND	87.15	84
LIGHTING LIGHTING EQUIPMENT AIRLINE WARNING & LIGHTING SYSTEMS		FINLAND SWEDEN	87.126 87.52	87 88
LIQUOR MALT LIQUOR		CANADA	87.169	
LORRIES LORRIES AND TRAILERS LORRIES AND TRAILERS		FINLAND FINLAND	87.107 87.109	87 87
LUMINAIRES PHOTO AND FILM LUMINAIRES		SWEDEN	87.185	
MACHINERY EARTH-MOVING MACHINERY		FINLAND	87.172	84
MACHINES FILLING MACHINES ROTATING ELECTRICAL MACHINES FOR VEHICLES		AUSTRIA CZECHOSLOVAKIA	87.9 87.143	

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MANGOES	MANGOES	JAPAN	87.179	8
MARMALADES	JAMS, JELLIES AND MARMALADES	JAPAN	87.67	20
MEASURING	MEASURING EQUIPMENT	UNITED KINGDOM	87.149	
	MEASURING INSTRUMENTS	AUSTRIA	87.19	
MEDICAL	MEDICAL DEVICES	CANADA	87.140	
	LABELLING FOR MEDICAL DEVICES	JAPAN	87.18	
	MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	NORWAY	87.23	
	MEDICAL TECHNICAL PRODUCTS	SWEDEN	87.146	90,30
METERS	MOISTURE METERS	AUSTRIA	87.85	
	50 HZ CALL METERS	SWEDEN	87.14	90
	CALL METERS	SWEDEN	87.117	
	WATER METERS	UNITED KINGDOM	87.190	
MICROWAVE	MICROWAVE OVENS	BELGIUM	87.58	
MINE	MINE EQUIPMENT	BELGIUM	87.30	
MODULATORS	TV MODULATORS	DENMARK	87.139	
MOTORCYCLES	MOTORCYCLES	CANADA	87.45	
	MOTORCYCLES	SWITZERLAND	87.104	87
NITRIDING	NITRIDING OF STEEL	JAPAN	87.12	
OILS	EDIBLE VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS	JAPAN	87.68	15
ORANGE	ORANGE JUICE	CANADA	87.132	
OVENS	MICROWAVE OVENS	BELGIUM	87.58	
OXYGEN	OXYGEN	PHILIPPINES	87.38	
PADS	ELECTRICAL HEATED PADS & EQUIPMENT	NORWAY	87.22	
PAPAYAS	PAPAYAS AND KIDNEY BEANS	JAPAN	87.17	

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PARAQUAT	PARAQUAT	FRANCE	87.80	
PESTICIDES	PESTICIDES	NORWAY	87.53	38
PESTICIDES	PESTICIDES	SWEDEN	87.41	38
PHONE	MOBILE PHONE FACILITIES	JAPAN	87.194	85
	MOBILE PHONE FACILITIES	JAPAN	87.195	85
	BRANCH EXCHANGES AND PHONE SYSTEMS	NORWAY	87.72	
PHOTD	PHOTD AND FILM LUMINAIRES	SWEDEN	87.185	
PLANTS	PLANTS	FINLAND	87.189	6
PLATINUM	PLATINUM ALLOY ARTICLES	HDNG KONG	87.158	71
PLUGS	ELECTRICAL PLUGS	NEW ZEALAND	87.181	
PRESSES	PRESSES	NORWAY	87.100	
QUICKSILVER	QUICKSILVER IN FISH	AUSTRIA	87.82	
RADIATION	INFRA-RED RADIATION APPLIANCES	NORWAY	87.21	
	RADIATION EMITTING PRODUCTS	SWEDEN	87.154	
	RADIATION IN FOODSTUFFS	EEC	87.106	2.3
RADID	CITIZENS BAND RADID	SWEDEN	87.25	85
	RADID EQUIPMENT	CANADA	87.112	
	RADID RECEIVERS	DENMARK	87.113	
	RADID RECEIVERS	DENMARK	87.123	
	RADID SYSTEMS	CANADA	87.165	
	RADID SYSTEMS	CANADA	87.166	
RADIDGRAPHY	RADIOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT	SWEDEN	87.93	90
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RAVIDLI	CHINESE RAVIOLI DR DUMPLING	JAPAN	87.69	
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RADIO RECEIVERS		DENMARK	87.123	
RESPIRATORS				
DUST RESPIRATORS		JAPAN	87.159	90.59
RESTRAINTS				
CHILD RESTRAINTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES		FINLAND	87.137	87.94
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CARBON STEEL WIRE ROOS		PHILIPPINES	87.48	
ROPES				
WINDING ROPES		BELGIUM	87.191	
SEATS				
AIRCRAFT SEATS AND SAFETY BELTS		CANADA	87.105	
SEELINGS				
SEES AND SEELINGS		JAPAN	87.28	10.12
SEES AND SEELINGS		JAPAN	87.28	10.12
SHOTS				
SLING SHOTS		NORWAY	87.65	
SLAG				
SLAG GYPSUM CEMENT BOARDS		JAPAN	87.198	68
SLEEPWEAR				
CHILDRENS SLEEPWEAR		CANADA	87.66	
SLING				
SLING SHOTS		NORWAY	87.65	
SNOWMOBILES				
SNOWMOBILES		CANADA	87.43	
SPRAYERS				
CROP SPRAYERS		SWEDEEN	87.115	
STEEL				
NITRIOING OF STEEL		JAPAN	87.12	
CARBON STEEL WIRE ROOS		PHILIPPINES	87.48	
SULPHUROUS				
SULPHUROUS FUEL		SWEDEEN	87.20	27
TELECOM				
TELECOM USER EQUIPMENT		NORWAY	87.83	
TELECOMM				
TELECOMM USER EQUIPMENT		NORWAY	87.71	

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		NORWAY	87.74	
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TENTS				
TENTS		CANADA	87.118	
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TERMINAL EQUIPMENT		CANADA	87.42	
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TERMINALS				
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LORRIES AND TRAILERS		FINLAND	87.109	87
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TRANSFORMERS		SWEDEN	87.183	
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DATA TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT		GERMANY	87.75	
TRANSMITTERS				
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VEGETABLE				
FRUIT & VEGETABLE BEVERAGES		FINLAND	87.110	20.22
EDIBLE VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS		JAPAN	87.68	15
VEHICLE				
MDTR VEHICLE COMPONENTS		AUSTRIA	87.56	

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VEHICLE (CONT.)				
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VEHICLES				
ROTATING ELECTRICAL MACHINES FOR VEHICLES		CZECHOSLOVAKIA	87.143	
MOTOR VEHICLES		FINLAND	87.50	87
CHILD RESTRAINTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES		FINLAND	87.137	87,94
MOTOR VEHICLES		JAPAN	87.131	87
MOTOR VEHICLES		JAPAN	87.173	87
MOTOR VEHICLES		JAPAN	87.197	87
MOTOR VEHICLES		NEW ZEALAND	87.156	
MOTOR VEHICLES		NORWAY	87.86	87
MOTOR VEHICLES		SWEDEN	87.40	87
MOTOR VEHICLES		SWEDEN	87.151	85
ELECTRIC HEATERS FOR VEHICLES		SWITZERLAND	87.134	87
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HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES AND TRUCKS		SWEDEN	87.90	87
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PRESSURE VESSELS		FINLAND	87.168	
BOILERS AND PRESSURE VESSELS		JAPAN	87.79	73,84
VIDEOTEX				
VIDEOTEX TERMINALS		DENMARK	87.193	85
WINES				
VERMOUTHS & WINES		EEC	87.3	
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MAGNET WIRE		PHILIPPINES	87.32	
MAGNET WIRE		PHILIPPINES	87.33	
MAGNET WIRE		PHILIPPINES	87.34	
MAGNET WIRE		PHILIPPINES	87.35	
MAGNET WIRE		PHILIPPINES	87.36	
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