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NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION ON MEASURES FOR CONTROL OF SUBSTANCES AFFECTING MAN OR HIS ENVIRONMENT

Regulations Concerning Polychlorinated Biphenyls in Norway

In accordance with the Council Resolution [illegible] Final, the Norwegian delegation has submitted the attached notification concerning a regulation on polychlorinated biphenyls.

ACTION REQUIRED:

1. National Delegations are invited to transmit the attached notification to their national authorities concerned with the above matter.

2. If these authorities wish to comment on the Norwegian regulation, these comments should be addressed via National Delegations to the Environment Director, OECD, 2 rue André Pascal Paris 16ème, to arrive if possible before 28th August, 1972.

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The Norwegian authorities as of 1st October, 1971, have listed polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in the Official List of Substances classified as Toxic.

The reason for the measure enacted is the biological and medical effects uncontrolled use of polychlorinated biphenyls might have.

The measure is taken by the Ministry of Social Affairs according to paragraph 2 of the law of 20th June, 1964, and the royal decree of 19th February, 1965. The law and the royal decree give the Ministry the right to regulate the production, use and distribution of toxic substances, and as from 1st October, 1971, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) have been placed among those substances that are subject to certain regulations. The practical consequences of this decision will be that specific permission is required each time one intends to distribute products that contain PCB. Such permission can be given for a limited period of time (1 year).

The administrative body involved is the Ministry of Social Affairs.

The measure entered into force on 1st October, 1971, and is valid for all parts of Norway.

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