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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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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: Vägverket (Swedish National Road Administration) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Kommerskollegium (Swedish National Board of Trade)
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):
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Swedish National Road Administration's regulation on private cars, lorries, buses, coaches and their trailers (284 pages, in Swedish)
6.	Description of content: The draft regulation specifies requirements on the design and equipment of private cars, lorries, buses, coaches and their trailers. The new regulation replaces the existing regulation VVFS 1994:5. The basic rules regarding design and equipment of vehicles in the former Vehicle Decree (1972:595) and the sections regarding design and equipment of vehicles in the Military Road Traffic Decree (1974:97), the Road Traffic Ordinance for the Fire Brigade's emergency service during education and in the state of alert (1995:137) and the Ordinance concerning vehicles in international road traffic in Sweden (1987:27) have been incorporated in the regulation. Previous national requirements are replaced by the corresponding technical provisions in EC-directives. The requirements now also apply to equipment voluntarily mounted to a vehicle. The regulation contains provisions regarding new as well as old vehicles, which have been brought into use with regard to the transitional provisions given in the Vehicle Decree.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The aim is to better adapt the regulation to existing EC-directives and ECE-regulations concerning the construction of vehicles, and to give it a linguistic and legal update. The new regulation has been prepared as a result of a new Vehicle Act (2002:574) and a new Vehicle Ordinance (under notification according to Directive 98/34/EG), which are being introduced in Sweden.

8.	Relevant documents: Vehicle Act (2002:574) Vehicle Ordinance (under notification according to Directive 98/34/EC)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 20 March 2003 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 May 2003
10.	Final date for comments: 10 January 2003
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: