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Subject

Directive 98/34/EC Notification
(EEA Information Procedure on Draft Technical Regulations
Annex II, Chapter XIX, EEA Agreement)

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4. 2010/9008/IS
5. Bill for amendments to the Radiation Protection Act No 44/2002, with subsequent amendments.
6. Sunlamps.
7. No.
8. By the Bill it is proposed that individuals under the age of 18 years be prohibited from using sun-lamps or sun-beds as they are generally known. This prohibition is based upon principles of health in the light of the fact that ultraviolet radiation from sun-lamps is now classified as carcinogenic by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) which is part of the World Health Organization (WHO). The Finnish, Swedish, Icelandic and Norwegian Radiation Safety Authorities recommended on 11 November 2009 prohibition of sunbed/solarium services to people under the age of 18 years as they can cause severe negative health effects.

The prohibition is supposed to apply at premises which hold a licence to operate as such for example solaria, fitness centres and sports facilities.

By the Bill it is also proposed to extend the authority granted to the Minister of Health to issue regulations on restrictions regarding use of radiation equipment which emits ionizing rays.

The Icelandic Government will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published.

9. Public health is the main reason for these rules. Ultraviolet radiation significantly increases the likelihood of developing skin cancer. Children and young people are more susceptible than others. Those who suffer sunburn at a young age are at increased risk of developing malignant melanoma later in life. Malignant melanoma is regarded as the gravest form of skin cancer. According to international principles of radiation protection, any use of radiation must be justifiable on the grounds that the benefits outweigh the harm.
10. e) No basic texts
f) IARC Working Group classification on UV-emitting tanning devices as “carcinogenic to humans”. (http://www.iarc.fr/en/media-centre/iarcnews/2009/sunbeds_uvradiation.php)
Recommendation of the Finnish, Swedish, Icelandic and Norwegian Radiation Safety Authorities regarding prohibition of sunbed/solarium services to people under the age of 18 years. (<http://www.gr.is/media/fraedsluefni/recommendation-sunbed-2009.pdf>).
11. No.
12. -
13. No.
14. No.
15. No RIA is available.
16. TBT and SPS Aspects

TBT Aspect

- a) No.
- b) iii) The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

- a) No.
- b) iii) The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.