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Ministry of the Environment, Finland

**No. 1071
GOVERNMENT DECISION
ON RESTRICTING THE USE OF
PCBs AND PCTs**

November 30, 1989

Section 1

Definitions

For the purposes of this Decision:

- 1) PCBs refers to polychlorinated biphenyls and preparations with more than 50 mg/kg of polychlorinated biphenyls; and
- 2) PCTs refers to polychlorinated terphenyls and preparations with more than 50 mg/kg of polychlorinated terphenyls.

Section 2

Scope of application

This Decision does not apply to the use of PCBs and PCTs for research purposes or the transport of PCBs, PCTs or products containing them through Finnish territory. PCB and PCT waste is also outside the scope of this Decision.

Section 3

Restrictions

PCBs, PCTs or products containing them may not be produced, imported, sold or transferred.

Transformers containing PCBs or PCTs in use when the Decision comes into force and capacitors of 1 kVAr or more containing these substances shall be withdrawn from use by December 31, 1994.

Section 4

Markings

The transformers and capacitors referred to in section 3, paragraph 2, above shall be marked 'Sisältää PCB:tä (PCT:tä) - Innehåller PCB (PCT)'.*

In the case of equipment with any other markings conveying the information laid down in this Decision, no new markings are necessary.

*Contains PCBs (PCTs)

Section 5

Entry into force

This Decision comes into force on January 1, 1990. The markings referred to in section 4 of the Decision shall be made by June 30, 1990.