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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u>
2. Agency responsible: Federal Accident Insurance Agency
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Slewing cranes 8426
5. Title: Draft Amendment to the Ordinance on the Prevention of Accidents Caused by the Running of Cranes and Lifting Appliances
6. Description of content: The proposed Draft Amendment envisages to improve the safety of operation of slewing cranes. The proposal introduces a new requirement for type examination of cranes by the Swiss Federal Accident Insurance Agency and an obligation for one safety inspection of every individual slewing crane by an independent expert every two years. As to the requirements regarding the calculation of ballast and the stability, the standards of the Swiss, German and French standardization organizations are explicitly mentioned as examples representing the state of art in this field.
7. Objective and rationale: Labour protection
8. Relevant documents: Draft Amendment July 1987
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Adoption: 1989 Entry into force: 1990
10. Final date for comments: 31 March 1988
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: