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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Food Authority
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Metals and Contaminants in Food - Kava (Piper methysticum)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Explanatory Notes - Application A243 (3 pages)
5.	Description of content: an application to amend the Australian Food Standards Code to remove Kava as a prohibited substance from being offered for sale.
6.	Objective and rationale: Consumer Health and Safety
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents: Australian Food Standards Code, Standard A12 - Metals and Contaminants in Food
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Recommendation to Government by 13 February 1996. Entry into force to be decided.
10.	Final date for comments: The domestic closing date for comments is 13 September 1995, however comments from Members will be accepted until 20 September 1995 if notice of intention to comment is received by the domestic closing date.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: quoting Application Number A242