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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>BRAZIL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: National Health Surveillance Agency SEPN 515 - Bloco "B", Edifício Ômega CEP 70770-502 Brasília - DF /Brasil Phone: + (5561) 448 1078 Fax: + (5561) 448 1089 E-mail: rel@anvisa.gov.br 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:
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): Prepacked food products and beverages.
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Resolutions RDC n° 39 (10 pages) and RDC n° 40 (12 pages), of 21 March 2001, both published in the Federal Official Journal (Diário Oficial da União) on 22 March 2002; Specific Resolution RE n° 198, of 11 September 2001, published in the Federal Official Journal (Diário Oficial da União) on 13 September 2001.
6. Description of content: Defines obligatory nutritional labeling requirements for prepacked food products and beverages for human consumption. Alcoholic drinks, mineral waters, and other bottled waters are excluded from this regulation.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Food safety
8. Relevant documents: Resolutions RDC n° 39, of 21 March 2001, and RDC n° 40, of 21 March 2001, both published in the Federal Official Journal (Diário Oficial da União), Section I, on 22 March, and Specific Resolution RE n° 198, 11 September 2001, published in the Federal Official Journal (Diário Oficial da União), Section I, on 13 September 2001 (available in Portuguese). English and Spanish versions of Resolutions RDC n° 39 and RDC n° 40 are available at http://www.anvisa.gov.br/alimentos/legis/especifica/rotuali.htm

9. Proposed date of adoption: 22 March 2001

Proposed date of entry into force: 21 September 2001. According to Specific Resolution RE nº 198, an “educative period” was established. **From 21 September 2001 to 2 January 2002** companies selling products without the obligatory nutritional label will only be notified by sanitary authorities. After the end of that period, companies responsible for the production and commercialization of prepacked food products and beverages without the nutritional label will be subject to legal sanctions.

10. Final date for comments: 15 December 2001

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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