

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CZECH REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture 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): Natural sweeteners, honey, non-chocolate confectioneries, cocoa powder and cocoa-sugar mixtures, chocolate and chocolate confectioneries (HS Chapters 17, 18, 04)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture Amending the Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture No. 334/1997 Coll. Implementing Article 18 (a), (d), (h), (i), (j) and (k) of the Act No. 110/1997 Coll. on Foodstuffs and Tobacco Products and Amendments to Some Related Acts, for Natural Sweeteners, Honey, Non-Chocolate Confectioneries, Cocoa Powder and Cocoa-Sugar Mixtures, Chocolate and Chocolate Confectioneries (13 pages, in Czech)
6. Description of content: The Decree defines the terms natural sweeteners, honey, non-chocolate confectioneries, cocoa powder and cocoa-sugar mixtures, chocolate and chocolate confectioneries. It divides them into types, groups and subgroups, which are listed in Annexes. It specifies the requirements for labelling, quality technologies, marketing, storage, transport and sale.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: To approximate Czech legal system to the EC regulations.
8. Relevant documents: Act. 110/1997 Coll., Decree 334/1997 Coll.
9. Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: First half of 2000
10. Final date for comments: 31 January 2000
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: