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Notification/ Date of Circulation	Region/Country affected (as identified)	"Product" or issue	Objective	Deadline for submission of comments
United States G/SPS/N/USA/833 1 December 2003	Any US trading partners	Iron-containing dietary supplements and drug products in solid oral dosage form – Labelling	Food safety	Comments will be accepted indefinitely
Nicaragua G/SPS/N/NIC/16 8 December 2003	n.a.	Pesticides and toxic, hazardous and other similar substances – Basic rules on the regulations and control	Plant protection Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.
China G/SPS/N/CHN/41 1 December 2003	United States, Canada, Australia, Southeast Asia and EC member States	Live cultured aquatic animal – Inspection and quarantine requirements	Animal health	60 days after circulation of the notification
Chinese Taipei G/SPS/N/TPKM/24 1 December 2003	Imported, or domestically produced, foods	Rice – Tolerance level of lead	Food safety	20 January 2004
United States G/SPS/N/USA/834 2 December 2003	Any US trading partners	Fenridazone potassium – Cancellation order	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.
United States G/SPS/N/USA/835 2 December 2003	Any US trading partners	Plant-incorporated protectant Bacillus thuringiensis Cry1 Ab protein and the genetic material necessary for its production – Experimental use permit - GMOs	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	5 December 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/836 2 December 2003	Any US trading partners	Aminoethoxyvinylglycine hydrochloride (aviglycine HC1) in apples and pears – Establishment of regulations	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	15 December 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/837 2 December 2003	Any US trading partners	Aminoethoxyvinylglycine hydrochloride (aviglycine HC1) in stone fruit, not including cherries – Establishment of regulations	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	19 December 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/838 2 December 2003	Any US trading partners	Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki strain BK and Paecilomyces lilacinus strain 251 – Registration applications	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	15 December 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/839 2 December 2003	Any US trading partners	Cyprodinil – Establishment of a tolerance	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	12 December 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/840 2 December 2003	Any US trading partners	N, N-dimethyloctanamide, N,N-dimethyldecanamide – Establishment of a tolerance	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	19 December 2003
United States G/SPS/N/USA/841 2 December 2003	Any US trading partners	Boscalid – Establishment of regulations	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	8 December 2003

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United States G/SPS/N/USA/842 2 December 2003	Any US trading partners	Certis Technical Olive Fly Pheromone – Registration approval	Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/190 2 December 2003	n.a.	Bentazon – MRLs in flax	Food safety	5 February 2004
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/191 2 December 2003	n.a.	Fludioxonil – MRLs in green onions, strawberries and grapes	Food safety	5 February 2004
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/192 2 December 2003	n.a.	Trimethylsulfonim Cation – MRLs in various commodities	Food safety	5 February 2004
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/193 2 December 2003	n.a.	Pyrimethanil – MRLs in bananas	Food safety	5 February 2004
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/181/Rev.1 2 December 2003	n.a.	Cyhalothrin-lambda – MRLs in leeks	Food safety	5 February 2004
Brazil G/SPS/N/BRA/83 2 December 2003	All countries	Animal by-products used in the production of veterinary products and animal feeding – BSE	Food safety Animal health	15 December 2003
Brazil G/SPS/N/BRA/84 2 December 2003	Countries with indigenous cases of BSE	Live ruminants, their products and by-products and veterinary products – BSE	Food safety Animal health	15 December 2003
Brazil G/SPS/N/BRA/85 2 December 2003	All countries	Olive-pomace oils – Tolerance level for Benzo(a)pyrene and presence of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	Food safety	Not established.
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/223 2 December 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Processed cereal-based foods and baby foods for infants and young children – Levels of aflatoxin and ochratoxin A	Food safety	45 days after circulation of the notification
Philippines G/SPS/N/PHL/45/Add.1 3 December 2003	State of California (United States)	Domestic and wild birds and their products, including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen – Newcastle disease – Ban withdrawal	Animal health	

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Philippines G/SPS/N/PHL/46/Add.1 3 December 2003	State of Nevada (United States)	Domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen – Newcastle disease – Ban withdrawal	Animal health Protect territory from other damage from pests	
Philippines G/SPS/N/PHL/47/Add.1 3 December 2003	The Netherlands	Domestic and wild birds, poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen – Avian influenza – Ban withdrawal	Animal health	
Philippines G/SPS/N/PHL/48/Add.1 3 December 2003	State of Texas (United States)	Domestic and wild birds and their products including poultry meat, day-old chicks, egg and semen – Newcastle Disease – Ban withdrawal	Animal health	
Mauritius G/SPS/N/MUS/11 – EMRG 3 December 2003	Kenya	Fruits and vegetables – Fruit fly	Plant protection	
Malaysia G/SPS/N/MYS/14/Add.1 - EMRG 3 December 2003	Belgium and the State of Connecticut (United States)	Domestic and wild birds, hatching eggs, meat and meat products including products for animal feed – Avian influenza	Animal health	
United States G/SPS/N/USA/843 4 December 2003	US trading partners	Poultry, fruits and vegetables – Chlorine dioxide	Food safety	Comments will be accepted at any time before a final rule is promulgated.
Mexico G/SPS/N/MEX/204 – EMRG 10 December 2003	Any trading partner marketing these products	Wood packaging material in international trade – Phytosanitary measures	Plant protection Protect territory from other damage from pests	
China G/SPS/N/CHN/42 8 December 2003	Countries exporting these products to China	Wood packaging material – Heat treatment or fumigation by methyl bromide	Plant protection	10 February 2004
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/224 8 December 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Plastic materials and articles in contact with food – Use of azodicarbonamide as blowing agent	Food safety	60 days after circulation of the notification
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/225 8 December 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Liquorice in herbal tea or other beverages – Labelling requirements	Food safety	60 days after circulation of the notification

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Brazil G/SPS/N/BRA/86 8 December 2003	All countries	Semiochemical products – Registration, toxicological and environmental evaluation	Food safety Animal health Plant protection	10 December 2003
Brazil G/SPS/N/BRA/87 8 December 2003	All countries	Biochemical products - Registration, toxicological and environmental evaluation	Food safety Animal health Plant protection	10 December 2003
Brazil G/SPS/N/BRA/88 8 December 2003	All countries	Microbiological products - Registration, toxicological and environmental evaluation	Food safety Animal health Plant protection	10 December 2003
Brazil G/SPS/N/BRA/89 8 December 2003	All countries	Control products used on organic agriculture - Registration, toxicological and environmental evaluation	Food safety Animal health Plant protection	10 December 2003
Brazil G/SPS/N/BRA/90 8 December 2003	All countries	Natural enemies used in biological control - Registration, toxicological and environmental evaluation	Food safety Animal health Plant protection	10 December 2003
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/153/Rev.1/Add.1 9 December 2003	Not stated	Fosetyl-aluminum – MRLs in Chinese broccoli and bok choy cabbage – Final rule	Food safety	n.a.
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/165/Add.1 9 December 2003	Not stated	S-metolachlor – MRLs in various commodities – Final rule	Food safety	n.a.
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/170/Add.1 9 December 2003	Not stated	Metalaxyl – MRLs in barley – Final rule	Food safety	n.a.
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/266 9 December 2003	Vanuatu	Tahitian limes (<i>Citrus aurantifolia</i>) – Import health standard	Plant protection	15 February 2004
Nicaragua G/SPS/N/NIC/17 11 December 2003	n.a.	Nursery seeds and plants – Regulation on seed production and marketing	Plant protection Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease Protect territory from other damage from pests	n.a.
Nicaragua G/SPS/N/NIC/18 11 December 2003	n.a.	Animals, plants, their products and by-products	Food safety Animal health Plant protection Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.

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European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/149/Add.4 G/SPS/N/EEC/150/Add.4 9 December 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Genetically modified food and feed and products that contain or comprise GMOs and food and feed products produced from GMOs – Final rule	Food safety Animal health	Comments will be accepted if submitted within 30 days from the date of circulation of the notification
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/188/Add.1 11 December 2003	All countries	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> plants in tissue culture – Import requirements	Plant protection	n.a.
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/162 11 December 2003	Ecuador	Papayas – Phytosanitary requirements	Plant protection	20 January 2004
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/165/Add.1/Corr.1 17 December 2003	n.a.	S-metolachlor – MRLs in various commodities – Final rule	Food safety	n.a.
El Salvador G/SPS/N/SLV/53 11 December 2003	All countries	Edible fats and oils	Food safety	60 days after circulation of the notification
El Salvador G/SPS/N/SLV/54 11 December 2003	All countries	Bread products	Food safety	60 days after circulation of the notification
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/163 19 December 2003	All countries exporting these products to Chile	Bovine semen – Sanitary requirements	Animal health	10 January 2004
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/164 19 December 2003	Argentina	Potatoes for consumption – Phytosanitary requirements	Plant protection	10 January 2004
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/226 16 December 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Mefluidide (pesticide active substance) in plant products	Food safety Plant protection	60 days after circulation of the notification
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/227 - EMRG 16 December 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Chili and chili products for human consumption – Sudan dyes	Food safety	

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New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/267 16 December 2003	All countries	<i>Allium</i> dormant bulbs and plants – Import requirements	Plant protection	5 March 2004
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/268 16 December 2003	All countries	<i>Hippeastrum</i> dormant bulbs and plants – Import requirements	Plant protection	5 March 2004
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/269 16 December 2003	All countries	<i>Iris</i> dormant bulbs and plants – Import requirements	Plant protection	5 March 2004
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/270 16 December 2003	All countries	<i>Lilium</i> dormant bulbs and plants – Import requirements	Plant protection	5 March 2004
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/271 16 December 2003	All countries	<i>Sandersonia</i> dormant bulbs and plants – Import requirements	Plant protection	5 March 2004
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/272 16 December 2003	All countries	<i>Tulipa</i> dormant bulbs and plants – Import requirements	Plant protection	5 March 2004
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/273 16 December 2003	All countries	<i>Zantedeschia</i> dormant bulbs and plants – Import requirements	Plant protection	5 March 2004
Japan G/SPS/N/JPN/110 24 December 2003	All countries	Feed and feed additives	Animal health	16 January 2004
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/228 18 December 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Various active substances – MRLs in cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin, and certain products of plant origin including fruit and vegetables	Food safety Plant protection	60 days after circulation of the notification
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/165 22 December 2003	All countries exporting this product to Chile	Bovine embryos - BSE	Animal health	1 February 2004
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/166 22 December 2003	All countries exporting this product to Chile	Queen bees and accompanying workers – Health requirements	Animal health	1 February 2004
Chile G/SPS/N/CHL/167 22 December 2003	All countries exporting this product to Chile	Royal jelly and propolis – Sanitary requirements	Animal health	1 February 2004

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New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/244/Add.1 22 December 2003	Australia	Bovine embryos - Leptospirosis	Animal health	n.a.
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/247/Add.1 22 December 2003	Australia	Bovine semen – Bluetongue and leptospirosis	Animal health	n.a.
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/248/Add.1 22 December 2003	Canada	Bovine semen	Animal health	n.a.
New Zealand G/SPS/N/NZL/249/Add.1 22 December 2003	United States	Bovine semen – Leptospirosis, bluetongue, epizootic haemorrhagic disease, BVD type 2 and IBR	Animal health	n.a.
Malaysia G/SPS/N/MYS/13/Add.2 – EMRG 22 December 2003	States of California, Arizona and Nevada (United States)	Live poultry, game birds and eggs, meat and by-products – Newcastle Disease – Review of suspension	Animal health	n.a.
Thailand G/SPS/N/THA/108 – EMRG 19 December 2003	Japan	Common carp fish and koi fish (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>) – Herpes virus infection	Animal health	n.a.
United States G/SPS/N/USA/690/Add.3 22 December 2003	Trading partners	Food for human and animal consumption, except meat, poultry and egg products - Bioterrorism	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.
Canada G/SPS/N/CAN/194 22 December 2003	Trading partners	Feeder cattle – Bluetongue and anaplasmosis	Animal health	15 February 2004
Korea G/SPS/N/KOR/149 22 December 2003	Any trading partners	Food contact material and migration compounds – Standards and specifications	Food safety	7 February 2004
Chinese Taipei G/SPS/N/TPKM/25 19 December 2003	All countries	Live crustaceans for aquaculture – Quarantine requirements	Animal health	12 February 2004
China G/SPS/N/CHN/43 23 December 2003	All countries and regions	Rapeseed oil	Food safety	60 days after circulation of the notification
Australia G/SPS/N/AUS/156 23 December 2003	All countries	Foods in general – Maximum residue limits of agricultural and veterinary chemicals Consistency	Food safety	17 February 2004

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Australia G/SPS/N/AUS/157 23 December 2003	All countries	Foods in general – Maximum residue limits of agricultural and veterinary chemicals – Correction of minor anomalies	Food safety	17 February 2004
United States G/SPS/N/USA/690/Add.4 23 December 2003	Trading partners	Food for human and animal consumption, except meat, poultry and egg products - Bioterrorism	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.
United States G/SPS/N/USA/690/Add.5 23 December 2003	Trading partners	Food for human and animal consumption, except meat, poultry and egg products - Bioterrorism	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.
United States G/SPS/N/USA/691/Add.4 23 December 2003	Partners exporting these products to the United States	Food for human and animal consumption, except meat, poultry and egg products - Bioterrorism	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.
United States G/SPS/N/USA/691/Add.5 23 December 2003	Partners exporting these products to the United States	Food for human and animal consumption, except meat, poultry and egg products - Bioterrorism	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/149/Add.5 23 December 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Genetically modified food and feed and products that contain or comprise GMOs and food and feed products produced from GMOs – Final rule	Food safety Animal health	Comments will be accepted if submitted within 30 days from the date of circulation of the notification
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/184/Add.1 23 December 2003	EC member States and third countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Live sheep and goats – TSEs	Food safety Animal health	60 days after circulation of the notification
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/103/Add.7 23 December 2003	EC member States and countries exporting these products to the European Communities	Animal products and by-products not for human consumption – Hygiene standard	Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease	n.a.

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European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/229 23 December 2003	EC member States and third countries exporting these products to the EC	Food for particular nutritional uses – Additional substances	Food safety	45 days after circulation of the notification
European Communities G/SPS/N/EEC/230 23 December 2003	EC member States and third countries exporting these products to the EC	Food for particular nutritional uses – List of substances for which a derogation may be granted	Food safety	n.a.

n.a. = not available, not identified