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COMMUNICATION FROM MEXICO

The following communication, received on 29 October 2004, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

Notice of cancellation of various Mexican Official Standards

The Government of Mexico hereby notifies that, on 22 October 2004, the Federal Commission for Sanitary Risk Protection of the Ministry of Health published in the Official Journal of the Federation a "Notice of cancellation of Mexican Official Standards NOM-038-SSA1-1993, 'Goods and services. Synthetic organic colouring matter. General health specifications'; NOM-118-SSA1-1994 'Goods and services. Raw materials for food, perfumes and beauty products. Inorganic colouring matter and pigments. Health specifications'; and NOM-119-SSA1-1994 'Goods and services. Raw materials for food, perfumes and beauty products. Natural organic colouring matter. Health specifications', published in the Official Journals of 7 February, 20 September and 20 October 1995 respectively". The Notice entered into force on the day following publication in the Official Journal.

This was done to meet the objectives set out in the 2001-2006 National Development Plan and as a federal government commitment to better regulatory practice in Mexico, given that the above-mentioned Mexican Official Standards are obsolete and have been overtaken by the corresponding international standards, that they would not have eliminated any health risks to consumers, that they conflict with other legal provisions, and that they stand in the way of technological development.

The purpose of this communication is to provide greater information to Members on the preparation and amendment by Mexico of sanitary and phytosanitary regulations, independently of the obligations under the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures.

The text of the above-mentioned Notice of Cancellation and of the repealed regulations are available in Spanish in the Standards Catalogue at www.economia.gob.mx/?P=85, or from National Enquiry Point, namely:

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