

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

PROBLEMS WITH NOTIFICATIONS

Note by the Secretariat

At the first meeting of the Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Committee) on 29-30 March 1995, it was suggested that the Secretariat prepare a paper identifying problems with notifications required under Article 7 (Annex B) of the SPS Agreement. Several types of problems have been noted by the Secretariat. These include: (1) notifications of what appear to be SPS regulations submitted as TBT notifications; (2) notifications which could possibly be (at least in part) relevant SPS notifications notified under TBT, but without sufficient information to accurately determine their nature; (3) incomplete SPS notifications; and (4) SPS notifications not in compliance with the obligations under the Agreement.

The objective of this paper is not to criticize notifications received to date, but to draw attention to apparent problems in order to facilitate the full and correct implementation of the notification procedures for sanitary and phytosanitary measures.

Apparent SPS regulations notified under the TBT Agreement

1. A number of what appear to be SPS notifications may have incorrectly been submitted under the TBT Agreement instead of the SPS Agreement. In some cases, the SPS nature of the notified measure is apparent, but for many notifications the information submitted is not detailed enough to allow a distinction between an SPS or TBT measure to be made. The following notifications are examples of likely SPS regulations notified under the TBT Agreement. Regulations which contain elements of both SPS and TBT can be notified in whole under both agreements, with an indication of which elements are SPS or TBT (see G/SPS/N/HKG/1 and G/TBT/Notif.95.152/Rev.1). Alternatively, only the SPS relevant portions of the regulation can be notified under the SPS Agreement and other elements under the TBT Agreement, with a cross reference if desired. The relevant excerpts from the TBT notification format are given, with emphasis added. Copies of the notifications are attached.

G/TBT/Notif.95.54

4. Products covered: "... Water"
5. Title ... : "STN 75 7214 Water Quality. Natural Water Subject to Treatment for Providing Drinking Water"
6. Description and content: "This national standard applies for the assessment of natural water quality from water resources, if they are treatable for providing drinking water, in relation to the technology being used. The afore-mentioned standard determines four categories of the natural water treatability given by required treatment technology."
7. Objective and rationale: "Human health protection"

Comment: If the objective of this measure is that of protecting human/animal life from possible contaminants, toxins or disease-causing organisms in water (beverage), this kind of measure should appropriately be notified under the SPS Agreement.

G/TBT/Notif.95.128

4. Products covered: "Quick frozen peas..."
6. Description of content: "The draft standard defines the subject of standardization, its processing and tolerable defects, and gives requirements laid on it as to its dimensions, the additives, requirements on hygiene, labelling and packaging, sampling and testing methods..."
7. Objective and rationale: "Consumer's health protection"

Comment: This notification may contain elements of both SPS and TBT. While the requirements on dimensions, packaging etc. are typically TBT measures, measures which concern additives as well as requirements on hygiene would normally be subject to the SPS Agreement.

G/TBT/Notif.95.129

4. Products covered: "Animal feeds"
6. Description of content: "...guarantees shall be given to the client that the meat does not contain residues of animal medicines and additives originating from animal feeds..."
7. Objective and rationale: "The promotion of export"

Comment: This notification appears to concern a proposed regulation intended for the protection of human health from possible residues or additives in feed for meat animals. In accordance with the definitions in Annex A of the SPS Agreement, this would qualify as an SPS measure. What may be misleading in this case may be the answer to Point 7 - "promotion of export".

G/TBT/Notif.95.161

4. Products covered: "Products made of glass, glass ceramics, ceramics, and porcelain which:
 - are glazed or decorated in places which may come into contact with food;
 - are of decorative character and, when used, the contact with food or mouth may be anticipated.Also, the application of testing method is described, on rims of cups, mugs etc., which come into contact with lips."
6. Description and content: "In Part 1, the test method is described by which the extent of release of metals from ware with silicate surface is determined.
Chemicals used for the determination, preparation of samples, devices and utensils, calibration of measuring apparatuses, computation formula.
In Part 2, the limits for respective metal leach are given. All provisions of the standard are mandatory."
7. Objective and rationale: "Consumer's health protection"

Comment: Although the product covered by the proposed regulation is not food intended for animals or humans, since the stated objective of the regulation is to protect human health from risks arising from additives, contaminants, toxins etc. in their food, this measure would more appropriately fall under the SPS Agreement.

G/TBT/Notif. 95.167

4. Products covered: "Poultry meat, eggs"
5. Title ... : "Draft Regulation on Integral Chain Control and Salmonella Control - Poultry Sector..."
6. Description of content: "The present regulations contain an integral chain control system which encompasses the entire hatching-egg and egg-producing column, including layer farms and packing stations and the meat-production column, right from the breeding farm through to the hatchery. In this way, we aim to achieve a higher level of quality, on a voluntary basis, than is legally required."
7. Objective and rationale: "Increase in quality"

Comment: What is confusing in this case is the stated objective and rationale of the measure - "increase in quality". Measures aimed at increasing quality in food/feed that do not have anything to do with risks to human/animal health are not SPS measures. But in this case, the title of the document implies that the proposed measure concerns, inter alia, the control of salmonella in poultry meat. Thus, if the intention is to protect human health in poultry meat from salmonella bacteria, the measure would fall, in part, under the SPS Agreement.

G/TBT/Notif. 95.170

4. Products covered: "... Bottled water (natural mineral water)"
6. Description and content: "A provision on bottles in the Draft Bottled Water Regulations was modified as follows:
 - Bottles shall be made of materials which can be easily recycled and are not harmful to human health;
 - Bottles shall meet the requirements of the material tests specified in the ... Code of Food Standards under the Food Hygiene Act;
 - Ozonic water, steam and other disinfectants can be used for cleaning bottles, but those disinfectants shall be completely removed prior to bottling;
 - Cleansers shall meet the requirements specified in the Public Hygiene Act."
7. Objective and rationale: "To ensure the quality of bottled water"

Comment: This measure apparently relates, at least in part, to the risk of toxins or contaminants in water for human consumption and would appear to partially fall under the SPS Agreement.

Insufficiently detailed notifications

2. The following are examples of TBT notifications where, due to lack of information, it is difficult to ascertain the nature of the measure and consequently whether it falls under the TBT or SPS Agreement.

G/TBT/Notif. 95.69

4. Products covered: "Pasta and noodles..."
6. Description of content: "Common Regulations - definition of sorts of products, general requirements on raw material, organoleptical, physical, chemical and microbiological requirements, sampling, labelling and packaging, transport and storage."
7. Objective and rationale: "Consumer's health"

Comment: Due to the diversity of the requirements described for this proposed regulation, there are most probably elements of both TBT and SPS included.

G/TBT/Notif.95.100

4. Products covered: "Agricultural crop seeds..."
5. Title... : "Simplifying Import Procedures for Agricultural Seeds"
6. Description of content: "Imports of agricultural seeds have, so far, only been allowed to those with the permission of the Minister of the MAFF. Under the proposed system, those seeds listed in No. 4 can be imported on the following conditions: The importers present a seed certificate issued by the seed inspection agencies in exporting countries recognized by international seed testing institutes. If importers can not present the certificate, they should have the seed inspected by the ... seed authority."
7. Objective and rationale: "Protection of farmers"

Comment: The crucial question in this notification is what the seed certificate (mentioned under point 6) certifies. If it has to do with the prevention of spread of pests or diseases it could very well be an SPS regulation. If it is solely concerned with the performance of the seeds, however, it is a TBT regulation.

G/TBT/Notif.95.113

4. Products covered: "New foodstuffs"
6. Description of content: "The aim of the Order is to replace the Food and Drugs Act Regulation on New Foodstuffs. This Regulation was only valid for a short period of time (two years) and functioned as an interim measure in the absence of EC legislation. Since EC regulations have still not been drafted hitherto, the emergency regulation is to be replaced by an order in Council. The latter shall be adjusted as soon as EC legislation enters into force."
7. Objective and rationale: "... protect human health"

Comment: This is an example of a notification where information about the regulation itself is insufficient for establishing the nature of the regulation.

G/TBT/Notif.95.117

4. Products covered: "Artificial sweetening substances"
6. Description of content: "An application to amend the ... Food Standards Code to remove a labelling requirement warning."
7. Objective and rationale: "Consumer protection"

Comment: If the "labelling requirement warning" of the additive referred to possible implications for risks to human health, this would most likely come under the SPS Agreement and not the TBT.

G/TBT/Notif.95.131

4. Products covered: "Animal Feeds"
6. Description of content: "The present draft simplifies some labelling requirements with regard to compound feeds."
7. Objective and rationale: "Simplification"

Comment: In this case insufficient information makes it impossible to know what the labelling requirement that has been simplified concerned. The notified measure could potentially fall under either agreement.

G/TBT/Notif.95.139

4. Products covered: "Natural wine and grapevine."
6. Description of content: "The proposal of the law regulates protection of grapevine plant and its growing, protection of wine, its classification, production and distribution of wine and gives specifications of its quality, provisions to packaging, labelling and storage of wine."
7. Objective and rationale: "Health, prevention of deceptive practice"

Comment: If the term "protection of wine" refers to protection from possible risks to human health (from pesticide residues, additives etc.) arising from the consumption of the product, this would be an SPS measure. The same is valid if the measure is intended to prevent the spread of diseases to the grapevine - "protection of grapevine". However, specifications with regards to quality, provisions to packaging and labelling (not directly related to human health risks), as well as storage, would appropriately fall under the TBT Agreement.

G/TBT/Notif.95.153

4. Products covered: "The vending machine for cooked food..."
6. Description of content: "To deregulate standards of the vending machine for foods in order to address the issue of diversification of cooking/preparing methods and selling systems for foods."
7. Objective and rationale: "Public Health"

Comment: Since the stated objective and rationale of the measure is "Public Health" and the content of the proposed measure addresses "cooking and preparing methods", this could potentially be an SPS measure.

SPS Notifications

3. Regarding SPS notifications, there is often a lack of clarity with regard to point 7 - *Existence of international standard*. In several cases there is no "X" in the box of the first sentence. An *empty* box signifies that there exists a relevant standard, guideline or recommendation, and, in such a case, the notifying Member should indicate in what way the proposed measure deviates from this existing standard. However, several notifications - of which those directly below are examples - have not included this latter information:

G/SPS/N/BEL/1-3
G/SPS/N/KOR/6
G/SPS/N/NLD/1
G/SPS/N/USA/7-9

4. Several notifications have been submitted as *emergency* notifications without any indication of the nature of the urgent problem, as required by paragraph 6(a) of Annex B. It is thus impossible to know why the recommended period for comments before the entry into force of the regulation was not provided. This problem may be resolved, in part, if the proposed notification format for emergency measures is adopted. The notifications falling in this category are:

G/SPS/N/MEX/1-5
G/SPS/N/MEX/8-16
G/SPS/N/MEX/21
G/SPS/N/MEX/26- 32

5. In addition, some notifications have been submitted which have not been identified as "emergency" notifications yet have provided extremely short, or no, comment period. These include:

G/SPS/N/KOR/5

G/SPS/N/MEX/6

G/SPS/N/MEX/17-20

G/SPS/N/MEX/22-25

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27 February 1995

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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>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Slovak Ministry of Health Slovak Commission for Environment
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): Water
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: STN 75 7214 Water Quality. Natural Water Subject to Treatment for Providing Drinking Water
6.	Description of content: This national standard applies for the assessment of natural water quality from water resources, if they are treatable for providing drinking water, in relation to the technology being used. The afore-mentioned standard determines four categories of the natural water treatability given by required treatment technology.
7.	Objective and rationale: Human health protection
8.	Relevant documents: - The standard will be obligatory in accordance with the Act 142/1991 zb., par. 3 in tenor to the Act 632/1992 zb. - UNMS Bulletin (Vestník ÚNMS SR)
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Will be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 30 April 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:

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: Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing
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): Quick frozen peas (HS 0710.21)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft CSN 569143 Quick Frozen Peas (23 pages)
6.	Description of content: The draft standard defines the subject of standardization, its processing and tolerable defects, and gives requirements laid on it as to its dimensions, the additives, requirements on hygiene, labelling and packaging, sampling and testing methods. Standard Articles Nos. 2.4.2, 3.2.1.1, 3.2.2, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 5 and 7 are mandatory.
7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer's health protection
8.	Relevant documents: (1) Announcement will appear in the Official Journal of the COSMT (OJ), (2) CSN 569143, (3) OJ, (4) CODEX STAN 41-1981.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1995. Will be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 23 June 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:

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>NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries
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): Animal feeds
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Regulation Governing Animal Feeds for the Production of Pork in Accordance with the Japanese Standard 1995 (3 pages)
6.	Description of content: The present regulation stipulates rules regarding animal feeds intended for the production of pork for Japan. In the event that the supplier meets these rules, guarantees shall be given to the client that the meat does not contain residues of animal medicines and additives originating from animal feeds. With the above, the Japanese requirements in question are met.
7.	Objective and rationale: The promotion of export
8.	Relevant documents: Establishment Regulation on Arables Boards: Business Organization Act 1992
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 27 June 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 26 June 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:

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G/TBT/Notif.95.161

15 May 1995

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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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: Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing
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): Products made of glass, glass ceramics, ceramics, and porcelain which: - are glazed or decorated in places which may come into contact with food; - are of decorative character and, when used, the contact with food or mouth may be anticipated. Also, the application of testing method is described, on rims of cups, mugs etc., which come into contact with lips.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Czech Standard (CSN) 70 0540 Determination of Metal Release of Lead and Cadmium from Consumer Ware, Part 1 - Method of Test, and Part 2 - Limits.
6.	Description of content: In Part 1, the test method is described by which the extent of release of metals from ware with silicate surface is determined. Chemicals used for the determination, preparation of samples, devices and utensils, calibration of measuring apparatuses, computation formula. In Part 2, the limits for respective metal leach are given. All provisions of the standard are mandatory.
7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer's health protection
8.	Relevant documents: (1) Announcement will appear in the Official Journal of the COSMT (OJ) (2) CSN 70 0540 - 1,2 (3) OJ (4) ISO 7086-1,2: 1982
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 7 July 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:

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>NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries
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): Poultry meat, eggs.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Regulation on Integral Chain Control and Salmonella Control - Poultry Sector peob/loc 1995 (38 pages)
6.	Description of content: The present regulations contain an integral chain control system which encompasses the entire hatching-egg and egg-producing column, including layer farms and packing stations and the meat-production column, right from the breeding farm through to the hatchery. In this way, we aim to achieve a higher level of quality, on a voluntary basis, than is legally required.
7.	Objective and rationale: Increase in quality
8.	Relevant documents: Business Organization Act 1950, Establishment Act - Poultry and Eggs Commodity Board
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 August 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 20 July 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:

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>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Environment (MOE)
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 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): Bottled water (natural mineral water)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Modification of Draft Bottled Water Regulation
6.	Description of content: A provision on bottles in the Draft Bottled Water Regulations was modified as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bottles shall be made of materials which can be easily recycled and are not harmful to human health;- Bottles shall meet the requirements of the material tests specified in the Korean Code of Food Standards under the Food Hygiene Act;- Ozonic water, steam and other disinfectants can be used for cleaning bottles, but those disinfectants shall be completely removed prior to bottling;- Cleansers shall meet the requirements specified in the Public Hygiene Act.
7.	Objective and rationale: To ensure the quality of bottled water
8.	Relevant documents: Government Notice No. 1995-3 dated 2 February 1995 G/TBT/Notif.95.44 dated 20 February 1995
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: In force since 1 May 1995
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address and telefax number of other body: Drinking Water Quality Division Ministry of Environment 1 Choongang-dong Kwachon-city, Kyunggi-do 427-760 Republic of Korea Tel: 82-2-503-7524 Fax: 82-2-503-7568

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8 March 1995

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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: Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing (COSMT)
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): Pasta and noodles - Common Regulations
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Pasta and Noodles - Common Regulations (12 pages, available in Czech)
6.	Description of content: Common Regulations - definition of sorts of products, general requirements on raw material, organoleptical, physical, chemical and microbiological requirements, sampling, labelling and packaging, transport and storage.
7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer's health protection
8.	Relevant documents: (1) Announcement will appear in the Official Journal of the COSMT when adopted, (2) CSN 56 0920, (3) OJ of the COSMT.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 2 May 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:

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>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 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): Agricultural crop seeds as follows: HS 1006-10-0000, 1003-00-9010, 1003-00-9020, 1001-90-9010, 1201-00-0000, 0701-10-0000, 0714-20-1000, 1005-10-0000, 0713-32-1000, 1008-20-1000, 1007-10-0000, 1008-10-0000, 1202-10-0000, 0713-31-1000, 1207-40-0000, 1207-99-1000, 1205-00-0000, 1002-00-1000
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Simplifying Import Procedures for Agricultural Seeds
6.	Description of content: Imports of agricultural seeds have, so far, only been allowed to those with the permission of the Minister of the MAFF. Under the proposed system, those seeds listed in No. 4 can be imported on the following conditions: The importers present a seed certificate issued by the seed inspection agencies in exporting countries recognized by international seed testing institutes. If importers can not present the certificate, they should have the seed inspected by the Korean seed authority.
7.	Objective and rationale: Protection of farmers
8.	Relevant documents: Official Gazette No. 12923 dated 23 January 1995
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 9 May 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address and telefax number of other body: Agricultural Machinery and Materials Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, 1 Jungang-dong, Kwachon, Kyunggi-do, 427-760 Republic of Korea Tel: 02-503-7228 Fax: 02-507-3963

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3 May 1995

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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>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: National Food Authority
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): Artificial sweetening substances
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Explanatory Notes - Application A219 (2 pages)
6.	Description of content: An application to amend the Australian Food Standards Code to remove a labelling requirement warning.
7.	Objective and rationale: Consumer protection
8.	Relevant documents: Australian Food Standards Code Standard A8 - Artificial Sweetening Substances
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Recommended to Government by 14 June 1995. Entry into force to be decided.
10.	Final date for comments: The domestic closing date for comments is 24 May 1994, however, comments from Members will be accepted until 8 June 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:

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G/TBT/Notif.95.113

27 April 1995

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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>NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Public Health, Welfare and Sports
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): New foodstuffs
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Food and Drugs Act Order on New Foodstuffs (6 pages)
6.	Description of content: The aim of the Order is to replace the Food and Drugs Act Regulation on New Foodstuffs. This Regulation was only valid for a short period of time (two years) and functionated as an interim measure in the absence of EC legislation. Since EC regulations have still not been drafted hitherto, the emergency regulation is to be replaced by an order in Council. The latter shall be adjusted as soon as EC legislation enters into force.
7.	Objective and rationale: Like the above-mentioned emergency measure, the aim of the Order is to protect public health.
8.	Relevant documents: Food and Drugs Act Regulation on New Foodstuffs
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 28 July 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 11 June 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:

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5 May 1995

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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>NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries
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): Animal feeds
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment 11 to Regulation VVR - Trade in Compound Feeds (19 pages)
6.	Description of content: The present draft simplifies some labelling requirements with regard to compound feeds.
7.	Objective and rationale: Simplification
8.	Relevant documents: Establishment regulation on arable product boards. Regulation VVR Trade in Compound Feeds
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 27 June 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 26 June 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:

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12 May 1995

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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>JAPAN</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Welfare
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): The vending machine for cooked food (HS: 8476.11)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment to Specifications and Standards for Food and Food Additives (available in English, 2 pages)
6.	Description of content: To deregulate standards of the vending machine for foods in order to address the issue of diversification of cooking/preparing methods and selling systems of foods.
7.	Objective and rationale: Public health
8.	Relevant documents: The basic document is the Food Sanitation Law. The said amendment will appear in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) when adopted.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: As soon as possible after commenting period
10.	Final date for comments: 17 July 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:

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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 of the Czech Republic
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 wine and grapevine
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: The Government Proposal of Viticulture and Winegrowing Act (16 pages)
6.	Description of content: The proposal of the law regulates protection of grapevine plant and its growing, protection of wine, its classification, production and distribution of wine and gives specifications of its quality, provisions to packaging, labelling and storage of wine.
7.	Objective and rationale: Health, prevention of deceptive practice
8.	Relevant documents: (1) Announcement will appear in the Official Journal of the COSMT, (2) will be part of Food Act, (3) Collection of Laws
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 12 June 1995
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: