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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 9 April 2003, has been received from the European Communities.

Products that contain or comprise genetically modified organisms and food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms

This notice provides information on the present status of the Commission "*Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the labelling and traceability of genetically modified organisms and traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms and amending Directive 2001/18/EC*" COM(2001)182, notified in G/SPS/N/EEC/150 (14 February 2002).¹

In accordance with the co-decision procedure foreseen in Article 251 of the Treaty the proposal was submitted to the European Parliament (EP) that - on a first reading - has introduced changes. Now the Council, after examining the amendments contained in the EP opinion, has adopted a "*Common position with a view to the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the labelling and traceability of genetically modified organisms and traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms and amending Directive 2001/18/EC*". This Common position, in Council Document - Inter-institutional file 2001/0180 (COD) - will be forwarded to the EP for a second reading. The Commission is not in a position to inform about a possible calendar for further steps. Information on the progress of this proposal is available at:

http://europa.eu.int/prelex/detail_dossier_real.cfm?CL=en&DosId=167160

The notified document (Council Document 15798/1/02 Rev.1 - Inter-institutional file 2001/0180 (COD)) can be obtained from the EEC Enquiry Point.

¹ Also notified under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) in notice G/TBT/N/EEC/7 (30 August 2001) and G/TBT/N/EEC/7/Corr.1 (31 October 2001).