NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 2.5.2

The following notification has been received from the delegation of Sweden. It is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4 of the Agreement.

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Sweden

Notification of Proposed Technical Regulation

80.2 The Swedish National Food Administration has elaborated a draft regulation concerning the release of lead and cadmium from articles used in commercial food handling. The reason for the introduction of the regulation is the protection of human health and safety. The draft regulation states that such articles may not release more than 2 milligrams (flatware) or 1 milligram (other articles) of lead or 0.1 milligram (flatware) or 0.05 milligram (other articles) of cadmium per litre of the extraction fluid when subjected to a prescribed test. The proposed test method is the method for extraction of heavy metals, especially from enamelled articles and glazed ceramic articles issued by the Nordic Committee on Food Analysis (No. 94/1979).

It is proposed that the new regulation should come into force on 1 January 1981. Comments on the draft regulation should be transmitted to the Swedish Delegation not later than 1 April 1980.