The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party and Agency: Commission of the European Communities

2. Provision of the Agreement: Article 2.6.1

3. Product(s) covered, CCCN Heading (National Tariff Heading where applicable): Chickens, hens and cocks


5. Description: The proposal calls for individual labelling and setting a maximum water content for poultry treated with polyphosphates.

6. Objective and rationale: The use of polyphosphates during preparation has the effect of increasing the absorption and retention of water in poultry. For reasons of consumer protection and fair competition, it is necessary to limit the absorption of water to the minimum technically possible.

7. Relevant document(s): COM(81)87 Final, of 10 March 1981

8. Where published, when adopted: Official Journal of the European Communities

9. Final date for submission of comments: -

10. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 April 1981