NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **CANADA**

2. Agency responsible: Department of Health and Welfare

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Canned foods

5. Title: Proposed amendments to the Food and Drug Regulations

6. Description of content: Certain regulatory requirements relating to low-acid canned foods currently exist in several Divisions of the Food and Drug Regulations. These requirements are very general and have been applied to specific commodities only. The proposed regulations simply bring together all existing requirements as well as introducing certain additional control procedures into a new Division of the Food and Drug Regulations. The proposed new Division is intended to act as the reference point for all health and safety requirements related to low-acid foods in hermetically sealed containers (e.g., rigid metal, glass, semi-rigid and flexible containers).

7. Objective and rationale: Health protection

8. Relevant documents: (1) Health Protection Branch - Information Letter No. 644, 24 March 1983
   (2) Food and Drug Regulations
   (3) Canada Gazette, Part II, when adopted

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not stated

10. Final date for comments: 22 July 1983

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point or address of other body:

   83-1059