NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: PHILIPPINES (PHI)

2. Agency responsible: Bureau of Food and Drug, Ministry of Health

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

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): infant food

5. Title: Guidelines for the Open-Date Marking of Infant Food

6. Description of content: The open-date marking guidelines apply to infant food in powdered form (also referred to as infant formula) intended for use, where necessary, as a substitute for human milk in meeting the normal nutritional requirements of infants. All products covered by the guidelines shall prominently indicate in their label package a "best before" date, at which time the specified limit is expected to be reached.

7. Objective and rationale: Public safety and consumer protection

8. Relevant documents:

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:

10. Final date for comments: 28 February 1983

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: In English language only

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