### GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

**Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade**

**NOTIFICATION**

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

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

2. **Agency responsible:** Department of National 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):**

   Malt liquors

5. **Title:** Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations

6. **Description of content:** These regulations provide new identity standards for malt liquors establishing that beer, ale, stout and porter shall contain less than 1.1 per cent (previous standard: 2.6 per cent) and not more than 5.5 per cent alcohol by volume; that malt liquor shall contain not less than 5.6 per cent and not more than 7 per cent (previous standard: 8.5 per cent) alcohol by volume; that light beer shall contain not less than 2.6 per cent and not more than 4 per cent alcohol by volume (previous standard: 1.2 per cent and 2.5 per cent respectively); that "light" may now designate ales, porters and stouts having alcohol contents within the range set for light beer; and that a new category, "extra light", may designate beers, ales, porters and stouts when these products contain not less than 1.1 per cent and not more than 2.5 per cent alcohol by volume.

7. **Objective and rationale:** To promote an orderly national marketing of malt liquor products

8. **Relevant documents:** Canada Gazette, Part 1, 24 October 1987, pages 4150-4155

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

10. **Final date for comments:** 23 November 1987

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

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