Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

**NOTIFICATION**

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

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

2. **Agency responsible:** National Board of Agriculture

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):**
   - Feedingstuffs and additives (ex CCCN 23)

5. **Title:** Draft Regulation on Feedingstuffs

6. **Description of content:** The draft regulation is a revision of the existing regulation on feedingstuffs (LSFS 1985:35) issued by the National Board of Agriculture. The draft covers feedingstuffs for animals such as horses, reindeer, cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, furred animals, dogs, cats and bred fish.

   Feedingstuffs (raw materials) and approved additives are specified in Annexes to the draft regulation. Rules are also given for the proceeding concerning feedingstuffs (raw materials) and additives not covered by Annexes. In accordance with the Government Ordinance on feedingstuffs (SFS 1985:879) additives may be approved only if they are of "value for the animal" or for "special reasons". Whether colouring agents should be permitted for "special reasons" is at present under consideration.

   As to feedingstuffs for dogs and cats it is, except the requirement "value for the animal", enough if the additives are approved within EEC or, regarding new additives, if these are approved by the National Board of Agriculture in accordance with the Council Directive (87/153/EEC), "Guidelines for the assessment of additives in animal nutrition". Furthermore, for animals in the animal production, additives in feedingstuffs have also to be approved in accordance with the regulations on food additives.

   Permitted levels of foreign substances are also specified in Annex. As to such substances, certain imported products will be specially controlled. The energy value of feedingstuffs (raw materials) and additives must be established by the National Board of Agriculture before the products are offered for sale. The notification to the Board about handling of feedingstuffs shall include information about labelling and recipe. The Board shall also be informed about changes in recipes.

   Regarding labelling, both day of manufacture and week of minimum durability (best-before-week) will be required. Feedingstuffs should be labelled with information about analysed or estimated total content of trace elements and vitamins when these substances have been added.
6. Description of content: (cont'd)

Meatmeal produced from animals which have died from other causes than slaughter may not be used in feedingstuffs.

The draft further contains detailed rules about labelling, hygienic control, official supervision and charges.

Provisional regulations are given in the draft. For instance, the NRC energy valuation system will be applicable to cats' and dogs' feed up to 1990 and until this date information about energy value for feedingstuffs (raw materials) and additives is not required as to these animals.

7. Objective and rationale: Protection for animal life and health

8. Relevant documents: Law and Ordinance on Feedingstuffs (SFS 1985:295 and 1985:879 respectively). The law was notified as a draft in TBT/Notif.84.221. The new regulation will be published in the statute-book of the National Board of Agriculture.

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1988

10. Final date for comments: 21 August 1987

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