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 [x], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   - Foods

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

6. Description of content:
   
   The new regulations will:
   
   (1) define "ionizing radiation" and impose constraints upon sources used in the process;
   (2) strengthen the Health Protection Branch's ability to undertake an inspection and compliance programme by setting out requirements for record-keeping; and
   (3) prescribe in detail the pre-clearance requirements to be met prior to regulatory consideration being given to any additional or extended uses of food irradiation or changes in radiation sources and dosages.

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection and harmonization with international standards


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

10. Final date for comments: 3 August 1988

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