NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **UNITED KINGDOM**

2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in England and Wales, Department of Health and Social Security in Northern Ireland, Department of Agriculture in Scotland

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):
   - Guar and locust bean gums

5. Title: Proposal to Amend the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food Regulations 1980, as amended (SI 1980 No. 1833)

6. Description of content: Limit to a total of 150,000 mg./kg. the amount of guar and locust bean gum which may be present in food, including slimming preparations

7. Objective and rationale: Public health. This measure is a national measure proposed in the light of advice that the consumption of concentrated amounts of these gums may result in oesophageal obstruction.

8. Relevant documents: Proposal to Amend the Emulsifiers and Stabilisers in Food Regulations 1980, as amended (SI 1980 No. 1833) - Guar and Locust Bean Gum


10. Final date for comments: 31 October 1988

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

   Food Standards Division, RM 556, Great Westminster

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