NOTIFICATION

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

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

2. Agency responsible: National Food Administration

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

4. Products covered (HS where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   
   **Meat and meat products**

5. Title: Draft Amendment to the Regulation on Food Additives (Concerns Lactose as a Food Additive to Meat Products)

6. Description of content: The National Food Administration has prepared a draft amendment to the regulation on food additives which concerns lactose as a food additive to meat products.

   According to the draft regulation lactose may not be added to whole meat products such as ham etc. Due to the low sweetness intensity the addition of lactose has little effect on the taste of the product. The use of lactose allows the addition of more water to a meat product without increasing its water content.

7. Objective and rationale: Consumer protection to ensure quality

8. Relevant documents: The regulation on food additives (SLV FS 1989:1)

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: To be determined later

10. Final date for comments: 28 August 1989

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

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