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

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

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):

   Nuts, nut products, dried figs and dried fig products

5. Title: Aflatoxins in Nuts, Nut Products, Dried Figs and Dried Fig Products

   Regulations 199[2]

6. Description of content: All nuts and products containing nuts and dried figs and products containing dried figs. These are identified by reference to the combined nomenclature sub-headings of Council Regulation No. 2658/87 (as amended by Council Regulation No. 2472/90).

7. Objective and rationale: To prohibit: (1) Import of said products except through designated place of entry and in accordance with sampling/analysis procedure and (2) Sale and import of said products which have a level of aflatoxins over 4 micrograms per kg. unless products are to be further processed then level of 10 mg./kg. applies. Public health - aflatoxins are potent liver carcinogens in animals and suspected as such in humans.

8. Relevant documents: See 5

9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Early 1992

10. Final date for comments: 31 December 1991

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

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