NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: AUSTRALIA

2. Agency responsible: Department of Human Services and Health

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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Absorbable and non-absorbable sutures - sterile/non-sterile medical/dental and veterinary use.

5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Therapeutic Goods Order No. 49, Absorbable and Non-Absorbable Sutures

6. Description of content: Describes legal standard for the supply of sutures in Australia. The standard specifies physical and chemical requirements for absorbable, non-absorbable (including steel) sutures, sterile/non-sterile sutures and veterinary sutures. It excludes surgical staples.

7. Objective and rationale: To ensure the quality of surgical sutures available in Australia


9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 30 December 1994

10. Final date for comments: 15 December 1994

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

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