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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>NORWAY</u>
2. Agency responsible: Norwegian Food Control Authority
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): Foodstuffs
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Regulations on Maximum Levels of Pesticide Residues in Foodstuffs (available in Norwegian, 2 pages)
6. Description of content: The proposed regulations specify maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pesticides in fruits, vegetables, cereals and products of animal origin. A safeguard clause states that food shall not contain pesticide residues which might represent a health hazard to the consumer. The MRLs are mandatory and apply to domestic and imported foodstuffs. The MRLs' values are harmonized with existing EEC directives. Where no EEC MRLs are given, Nordic harmonized MRLs or Codex MRLs are used. Sampling to check compliance with the regulations shall be in accordance with the Commission Directive 79/700/EEC. Annex I of the regulations lists the products subject to the provisions. Annex II specifies the above-mentioned maximum levels.
7. Objective and rationale: Protection of public health and international harmonization
8. Relevant documents: Council Directives 76/895/EEC with amendments, and Commission Directive 79/700/EEC
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Date of entry into force of the EEA Agreement
10. Final date for comments: 1 April 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: