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NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>NETHERLANDS</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Ministerie van Landbouw, Natuurbeheer en Visserij
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>], 2.6.1 [<input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 [<input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 [<input type="checkbox"/> , other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Grated cheese
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Exemption Regulation Governing Starch in Grated Cheese (2 pages)
6.	Description of content: This Regulation grants exemption from the provisions in Article 22, paragraph 1, of the Agricultural Quality Regulation Governing Cheese Products in that, apart from the additives, herbs and spices specified in this Article, starch may also be used in grated cheese.
7.	Objective and rationale: The use of starch in grated cheese is to avoid curdling. Starch is deemed to be a harmless additive. Pursuant to the current Agricultural Quality Regulation Governing Cheese Products, the use of starch is not allowed if the product is sold as "grated cheese". The present exemption regulation aims to change this. Once the directive governing the reciprocal approximation of legislations of the various member States re foodstuff additives used in commodities which are intended for human consumption has been accepted and implemented in Dutch legislation, this exemption regulation will be withdrawn.
8.	Relevant documents: Agricultural Quality Order Governing Cheese Products Agricultural Quality Decree Governing Cheese Products
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 November 1994
10.	Final date for comments: 31 October 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] or address and telefax number of other body: