

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

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| 1. | Party to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Agriculture Canada |
| 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): Feeds, fertilizers, health of animals, pest control and seeds |
| 5. | Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Feeds Regulations, 1983, Fertilizers Regulations, Health of Animals Regulations, Pest Control Products Regulations and Seeds Regulations |
| 6. | <p>Description of content: The new techniques of biotechnology, in particular genetic engineering, are being applied to develop agricultural and food products.</p> <p>Several sets of regulations are being amended to include the Canadian Environmental Protection Act definition of "biotechnology."</p> <p>The proposed amendments will clarify for the public, and the agricultural and food production industry, that biotechnology products are regulated under these sets of regulations in a similar manner to products derived through traditional technologies.</p> <p>Through this clarification, the proposed amendments will facilitate competitiveness of the Canadian agricultural biotechnology industry in the global marketplace.</p> <p>The amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations will clarify the intent to control animals or other organisms, into which a part of an animal pathogen has been introduced by biotechnological means. This will ensure that disease is not introduced into animals or the environment.</p> |
| 7. | Objective and rationale: Protection of health |

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| 8. | Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 24 September 1994, pages 4095-4103 |
| 9. | Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not stated |
| 10. | Final date for comments: 24 October 1994 |
| 11. | Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address and telefax number of other body: |