

**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.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>BELGIUM</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Public Health and the Environment, Inspectorate of Pharmaceutical Products, Cité Administrative de l'Etat, Quartier Vésale, 1010 Brussels
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): The starting materials i.e. all substances or compounds which, without being in themselves medicinal products within the meaning of Article 1 of the Law of 25 March 1964 on medicinal products, are procured by a dispensing chemist with a view to supplying them as they are or after dividing them or incorporating them in an officinal or magistral preparation
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Royal Decree on the Control and Analysis of Starting Materials Used by Dispensing Chemists
6.	Description of content: The aim is to define the obligations of dispensing chemists with regard to the control of the above-mentioned starting materials and to ease the stipulated controls where these have been previously carried out by an authorized supplier.
7.	Objective and rationale: To encourage the use of high-quality starting materials for the preparation of officinal or magistral preparations
8.	Relevant documents: Replacement of an earlier Royal Decree annulled by the Council of State.
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 60 days
10.	Final date for comments:
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: