

**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>CANADA</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Department of National Health and Welfare
	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): Human and veterinary drug products
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations
6.	Description of content: The association between NMIs in drug products and adverse effects which they produce in individuals with particular sensitivities or allergies has been acknowledged for some time. The declaration for such ingredients on product labels is needed to enable the sensitive individual to avoid those agents known to cause adverse reactions, and to assist in the identification of the causative agent when reactions do occur. Label declaration of NMIs will also satisfy the needs of those individuals with special dietary requirements or preferences. These regulatory amendments also recognize the general shift to increased consumer information and participation in health care decisions. Ingredient disclosure has been required on the labels of food products since 1976. The importance of such information to consumers is further demonstrated by the proactive disclosure of food ingredient information by many restaurants. For veterinary drug products, the danger of reactions caused by NMIs is considered to be significant only for those products administered by injection.
7.	Objective and rationale: Protection of health
8.	Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 5 February 1994, pages 859-872

9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not stated
10.	Final date for comments: 21 April 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address and telefax number of other body: