

**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>AUSTRALIA</u>
2.	Agency responsible: National Food 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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Fish
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Explanatory Notes - Application No. 203 - Mercury in Fish (4 pages)
6.	Description of content: An application to amend the Australian Food Standards Code to increase the Maximum Permitted Concentration (MPC) of mercury in fish
7.	Objective and rationale: Protection of public health and safety and to align with international standards
8.	Relevant documents: Australian Food Standards Code Standard - Standard A12 - Metals and Contaminants in Food
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Recommendation to Government by 30 September 1994 and entry into force to be decided.
10.	Final date for comments: The domestic closing date for comments is 6 April 1994 however comments from Parties will be accepted until 30 April 1994 if notice of intention to comment is received by the domestic closing date.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: