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| Thailand<br>G/SPS/N/THA/120<br>2 December 2004            | All countries  | Fermented milk  | Food safety      | 60 days after circulation of the notification |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/232<br>15 December 2004             | Not stated   | Clopyralid – MRLs in animal products and by-products  | Food safety      | 3 February 2005                               |
| South Africa<br>G/SPS/N/ZAF/18/Add.1<br>15 December 2004  | Any country exporting these products to South Africa | Wood packaging material – Guidelines for regulation   | Plant protection | n.a.  |
| Korea<br>G/SPS/N/KOR/172<br>15 December 2004              | n.a.   | Livestock products for human consumption – Sanitary requirements  | Food safety      | 60 days after circulation of the notification |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/233 - EMRG<br>15 December 2004      | United States  | Chrysanthemum, Dendranthema and Leucanthemella serotina plant material – Chrysanthemum Whit Rust, Puccinia horiana, P. Henn | Plant protection |   |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/234<br>15 December 2004             | n.a.   | Imazethapyr – MRLs in soybean   | Food safety      | 10 February 2005                              |
| Korea<br>G/SPS/N/KOR/173<br>15 December 2004              | Any trading partners                                 | Genetically Modified (GM) crops and related processed foods   | Food safety      | 22 December 2004                              |
| Chile<br>G/SPS/N/CHL/173<br>16 December 2004              | Province of Xinjiang (China)                         | Fragrant pears – Phytosanitary requirements   | Plant protection | n.a.  |
| Chile<br>G/SPS/N/CHL/174<br>16 December 2004              | All countries exporting these products to Chile      | Beeswax – Sanitary requirements   | Animal health    | 15 January 2005                               |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/181/Rev.1/Add.1<br>15 December 2004 | Not stated   | Cyhalothrin-lambda – MRLs in leeks – Final rule   | Food safety      |   |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/191/Add.1<br>15 December 2004       | n.a.   | Fludioxonil – MRLs in green onions, strawberries and grapes – Final rule  | Food safety      |   |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/192/Add.1<br>15 December 2004       | n.a.   | Trimethylsulfonium cation – MRLs in meat and meat by-products, eggs, soybeans and lentils                                   | Food safety      | n.a.  |

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| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/200/Add.1<br>15 December 2004       | Not stated   | Fluazifop-butyl – MRLs in blueberries – Final rule                               | Food safety   |                                     |
| Chinese Taipei<br>G/SPS/N/TPKM/44<br>9 December 2004      | Countries exporting these products to Chinese Taipei | Nitrous oxide to be used in food – Sanitation standard                           | Food safety   | 20 January 2005                     |
| Australia<br>G/SPS/N/AUS/171<br>9 December 2004           | All countries  | Foods in general – MRLs for non-antibiotic agricultural and veterinary chemicals | Food safety   | 9 February 2005                     |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/908/Add.1<br>9 December 2004 | Michoacan (Mexico)                                   | Avocados – Fresh Hass avocado – Final rule                                       | Plant protection  |                                     |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1005<br>9 December 2004      | Any US trading partners                              | Cycloate – Comment period  | Food safety<br>Protect humans from<br>animal/plant pest or<br>disease | 24 January 2005                     |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1006<br>9 December 2004      | Any US trading partners                              | Thiophanate-methyl – Comment period  | Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease          | 24 January 2005                     |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1007<br>9 December 2004      | Any US trading partners                              | Mint oil containing Trifluralin – Establishment of a tolerance                   | Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease          | 24 January 2005                     |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1008<br>9 December 2004      | Trading partners                                     | Bottled water – Level of arsenic   | Food safety   | 31 January 2005                     |
| Hong Kong, China<br>G/SPS/N/HKG/21<br>9 December 2004     | Countries exporting these products to China          | Cream and prepared cream – Use of additives                                      | Food safety   | Not applicable                      |
| Mexico<br>G/SPS/N/MEX/199/Add.1<br>14 December 2004       | Trading partners exporting these products to Mexico. | Fish products – Sanitary requirements – Notice of cancellation                   | Food safety<br>Protect humans from<br>animal/plant pest or<br>disease |                                     |

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| Mexico<br>G/SPS/N/MEX/203/Add.1<br>14 December 2004        | Trading partners   | Fresh, chilled and frozen fishery products – Health specifications – Notice of cancellation  | Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease               |                                     |
| Korea<br>G/SPS/N/KOR/174<br>15 December 2004               | Any trading partner  | Agricultural products – Good Agricultural Practice (GAP)   | Food safety  | 17 February 2005                    |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1009<br>15 December 2004      | Any US trading partners  | Red cabbage colour – Establishment of a tolerance  | Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease               | 17 December 2004                    |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1010<br>15 December 2004      | Any US trading partners  | Fenbuconazole in pecans, bananas, or stone fruit (except prunes or plums) – Extension of time-limited tolerances for residues                                    | Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease               | 17 December 2004                    |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1011<br>15 December 2004      | Any US trading partners  | Pinoxaden in wheat, straw, hay, or barley – Establishment of a tolerance   | Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease               | 20 December 2004                    |
| Korea<br>G/SPS/N/KOR/175<br>15 December 2004               | All countries  | Withdrawal of additives for animal feed  | Food safety  | 28 February 2005                    |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/703/Add.1<br>15 December 2004 | Trading partners who manufacture, process etc. food in the United States | Food for human consumption and certain food<br>for animal consumption, except for meat,<br>poultry and egg products – Bioterrorism – Final<br>rule               | Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease |                                     |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/703/Add.2<br>December 2004    | Trading partners who manufacture, process etc. in the United States      | Food for human consumption and certain food<br>for animal consumption, except for meat,<br>poultry and egg products – Bioterrorism –<br>Notice of public meeting | Food safety Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease |                                     |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1012<br>20 December 2004      | Any US trading partners  | Pentachlorophenol (PCP) in wood – Comment period   | Food safety. Protect<br>humans from<br>animal/plant pest or<br>disease     | 31 January 2005                     |

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| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1013<br>20 December 2004      | Any US trading partners  | Clothianidin in grapes, raisins, or potatoes – Establishment of a tolerance   | Food safety. Protect<br>humans from<br>animal/plant pest or<br>disease | 7 January 2005                      |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1014<br>20 December 2004      | Any US trading partners  | Ethoxyquin – Reregistration Eligibility Decision  | Food safety. Protect<br>humans from<br>animal/plant pest or<br>disease | 7 February 2005                     |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1015<br>20 December 2004      | Any US trading partners  | Flumioxazin in pome fruit or stone fruit – Establishment of a tolerance   | Food safety. Protect<br>humans from<br>animal/plant pest or<br>disease | 7 January 2005                      |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/882/Add.1<br>20 December 2004 | Chile  | Clementines, mandarins and tangerines – Plant pests – Final rule  | Plant protection   |                                     |
| New Zealand<br>G/SPS/N/NZL/312<br>20 December 2004         | Imported (as well as<br>domestically produced)<br>foods sold in New<br>Zealand | Sugar derived from sugar beet - GMOs  | Food safety  | 18 February 2005                    |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/933/Add.1<br>20 December 2004 | US trading partners importing these products to the United States              | Food for human consumption and cosmetics (except meat, poultry and egg products) – BSE                              | Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease           | n.a.                                |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/934/Add.1<br>20 December 2004 | US trading partners importing these products to the United States              | Food for human consumption and cosmetics (except meat, poultry and egg products) – Recordkeeping requirements - BSE | Food safety Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease           | n.a.                                |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/157/Rev.6 - EMRG<br>10 December 2004 | United States and the European Communities                                     | Propagative material – Sudden Oak Death   | Plant protection   |                                     |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/186/Add.2<br>22 December 2004        | All countries exporting or intending to export these products to Canada        | Meat and poultry products – Amendment to the Meat Inspection Regulations – Final rule                               | Food safety  |                                     |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/198/Add.1<br>22 December 2004        | Not stated   | Erythritol – Final rule   | Food safety  |                                     |

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| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/199/Add.1<br>22 December 2004         | Not stated  | Foramsulfuron – MRLs in corn – Final rule  | Food safety  |  |
| Chinese Taipei<br>G/SPS/N/TPKM/45<br>22 December 2004       | Imported foods  | Cloramphenical – MRLs in food from animal origin   | Food safety  | 31 January 2005  |
| Japan<br>G/SPS/N/JPN/131<br>22 December 2004                | All countries   | Isopropanol – Establishment of standards and specifications  | Food safety  | 4 March 2005   |
| Korea<br>G/SPS/N/KOR/176<br>23 December 2004                | n.a.  | Livestock products for human consumption – Test fees   | Food safety  | 60 days after circulation of the notification                  |
| Colombia<br>G/SPS/N/COL/93<br>22 December 2004              | Countries trading with Colombia   | Tinned sardines – Sanitary requirements  | Food safety Animal health Protect territory from other damage from pests | 17 March 2005  |
| United States<br>G/SPS/N/USA/1016<br>23 December 2004       | Trading partners  | Fully cooked shelf stable foods – Clostridium botulinum  | Food safety  | Comments will be accepted at anytime but before the final rule |
| European Communities<br>G/SPS/N/EEC/251<br>23 December 2004 | EC member States and third countries exporting these products to the European Communities | Ethofumesate, lambda-cyhalothrin, methomyl, pymethozine and thiabendazole - MRLs in cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruits and vegetables | Food safety<br>Plant protection  | 60 days after circulation of the notification                  |
| European Communities<br>G/SPS/N/EEC/252<br>22 December 2004 | EC member States and third countries exporting these products to the European Communities | Amitraz - MRLs in cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruits and vegetables   | Food safety<br>Plant protection  | 60 days after circulation of the notification                  |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/235<br>23 December 2004               | Not stated  | Glufosinate-ammonium – MRLs in cotton;<br>soybeans; rice; eggs and fat, meat and meat by-<br>products of cattle, goats, hogs, poultry and<br>sheep; and in milk                                | Food safety  | 3 March 2005   |

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| European Communities<br>G/SPS/N/EEC/253<br>23 December 2004 | EC member States and<br>third countries exporting<br>these products to the<br>European Communities | Deoxynivalenol and zearalenone – Fusarium-toxins - Maximum Community levels in cereals                 | Food safety  | 20 February 2005                    |
| Norway<br>G/SPS/N/NOR/11<br>23 December 2004                | Countries where genetically modified organisms are produced for export                             | Genetically modified organisms (GMOs)  | Animal health Pant protection Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease | 6 February 2005                     |
| Canada<br>G/SPS/N/CAN/236<br>23 December 2004               | Trading partners   | Animal by-product materials (protein meals and fats, livestock feeds, pet foods and fertilizers) - BSE | Animal health Protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease                 | 24 February 2005                    |

n.a. = not available, not identified