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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency - EPA
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: StarLink Corn Cry9C Bt Corn Plant-Pesticide
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Assessment of Scientific Information Concerning StarLink Corn Cry9C Bt Corn Plant-Pesticide (7 pages)
5.	Description of content: On 25 October 2000, Aventis CropScience (Aventis) submitted new information in support of its petition (PP 9F5050) for an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for the genetically engineered "plant-pesticide" materials in StarLink corn. These materials are the <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i> subsp. <i>tolworthi</i> Cry9C protein and the genetic material (DNA) necessary for the production of this protein. While the original petition requested an exemption covering both the Cry9C DNA and Cry9C protein in all food commodities, this submission limits the request only to foods made from StarLink corn. The Aventis submission specifically addresses the potential allergenicity of the Cry9C protein that may be present in human food made from StarLink corn, a line of genetically modified corn developed by Aventis. This notice provides information on Aventis' submission and outlines the US Environmental Protection Agency's process for seeking public comment on and external scientific review of the new information.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: 65 FR 65246, 31 October 2000 (Available in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.

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| <p>11. Final date for comments: 27 November 2000
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Environmental Protection Agency
[] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.</p> |
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