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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: European Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: 003222998043, e-mail: ec-tbt@cec.eu.int
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Atrazine (pesticide active substance)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Commission Decision Concerning the Non-Inclusion of atrazine as Active Substance in Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC (Active substances authorized for incorporation in plant protection products) and the Withdrawal of Authorisations for Plant Protection Products Containing this Active Substance
6.	Description of content: Provides that atrazine is not included in the positive Community list (Annex I to Directive 91/414/EEC) and the Member States have to withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing atrazine
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Directive 91/414/EEC concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market sets up a harmonised framework for the authorisation and placing on the market of plant protection products in order to protect human health and the environment. Article 8(2) of this Directive provides for a programme to be carried out over a period of 12 years for the gradual examination of the active substances contained in the pesticides which are on the market, for inclusion in or exclusion from Annex I of the Directive. Atrazine is one of the 90 active substances covered by the first stage of this work programme. Assessments made on the basis of the information submitted have not demonstrated that it may be expected that, under the proposed conditions of use, plant

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<p>protection products containing atrazine satisfy in general the requirements laid down in Article 5(1)(a) and (b) of Directive 91/414/EEC, in particular concerning the contamination of groundwater.</p> <p>Member States have to withdraw all existing authorizations for plant protection products containing atrazine 6 months after date of adoption. Any period of grace for disposal, storage, placing on the market and use of existing stocks of plant protection products containing atrazine allowed by Member State, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4(6) of Directive 91/414/EEC should be limited to a period no longer than 12 months, i.e. 18 months from the date of adoption.</p>	
8.	Relevant documents: Doc. SANCO/10324/2003 rev 3
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: 1 February 2004</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: Authorisations for plant protection products containing atrazine will be withdrawn at the latest six months after the date of adoption of this Decision with a period of grace for existing stocks of 12 additional months.</p>
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:</p> <p>European Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point,</p> <p>Fax: 0032 2 299 80 43, E-mail: ec-tbt@cec.eu.int</p>