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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>CZECH REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture 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:
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): Natural sweeteners, honey, sweets, cocoa powder and mixtures of cocoa and sugar, chocolate and chocolate sweets.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Amendment to Decree No 76/2003 Coll., which sets out the Requirements for Natural Sweeteners, Honey, Sweets, Cocoa Powder and Mixtures of Cocoa and Sugar, Chocolate and Chocolate Sweets (2 pages, in Czech).
6.	Description of content: The draft Amendment to the Decree transposes Directive 98/28/EC, which grants a derogation from the provisions of the second subparagraph of Paragraph 2 of Chapter IV of the Annex to Directive 93/43 EEC and sets out uniform conditions for the protection of public health and the safety and hygiene of the aforementioned foodstuffs as regards the large-scale transport by sea of bulk raw sugar. The draft Amendment also removes the term "substitute sweetener". This term is not used in EC regulations.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Decree sets out the requirements for natural sweeteners, honey, sweets, cocoa powder and mixtures of cocoa and sugar, chocolate and chocolate sweets.
8.	Relevant documents: Act No 110/1997 Coll., on Foodstuffs and Tobacco Products as amended, Directive 98/28/EC and Directive 93/43/EC.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } January 2005
10.	Final date for comments: 20 December 2004
11.	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: http://www.unmz.cz/ , wto.tbt@unmz.cz