

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | <b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> CANADA<br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health   |
| 3. | <b>Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b><br>Brilliant Blue FCF   |
| 4. | <b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations (1095) (pages 2510-2512)   |
| 5. | <b>Description of content:</b><br>Health Canada has received a submission for the use of Brilliant Blue FCF in Feta type cheeses as a whitener to standardize the colour of this type of cheese to compensate for seasonal variations in milk colour used in the production of the cheese. Seasonal variations are dependent on the feedstuff consumed by the animals.<br><br>Provision currently exists in the Food and Drug Regulations for the use of this colouring agent in a variety of foods but not in Feta cheese.<br><br>This additional use of Brilliant Blue FCF has been evaluated from the standpoint of safety and efficacy, in accordance with section B.16.002 of the Food and Drug Regulations. It was concluded that the new use would not pose a health nor a fraud risk to consumers.<br><br>Therefore, the proposed amendment will provide for the use of Brilliant Blue FCF in Feta cheese at a level of 0.1 part per million (ppm). |
| 6. | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> Protection of human safety  |
| 7. | <b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [ X ].</b><br><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</b>   |
| 8. | <b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Canada Gazette, Part I, 26 September 1998; English and French   |
| 9. | <b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Not stated  |

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| <b>10.</b> | <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Not stated  |
| <b>11.</b> | <b>Final date for comments:</b> 10 December 1998<br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> National Enquiry Point  |
| <b>12.</b> | <b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [ X ] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: |