

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:														
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, General Directorate for Health and Consumer Protection														
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). Meat of (animal species, TARIC Position) bovine (0201, 02.02), swine (0203), sheep (0204), poultry (0207), including edible offal (0206) farmed game (0208), Liver (0206 to 0210) and meat products containing liver (within Chapter 1601); fish (0302 to 0307) and fishery products (0511); milk and milk products (0401 to 0406) including butter fat (04.05); hen eggs (0407.00) and egg products (0408); meat products (Chapter 16), if containing meat of bovine, pigs, sheep, poultry, farmed game; animal fats, fish oil and vegetable oil (Chapter 15) if intended for human consumption) Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: EC member States and third countries exporting to the European Communities														
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 466/2001 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs (7 pages)														
5.	<p>Description of content: This draft Regulation forms a part of an overall comprehensive strategy to reduce the presence of dioxins in environment food and feed. (Notifications G/SPS/N/EEC/134, G/SPS/N/EEC/135, G/SPS/N/EEC/136 and G/SPS/N/EEC/137).</p> <p>The tools to achieve this reduction, necessary to guarantee a high level of public health protection, consist of source directed measures and the establishment of maximum levels action levels and target levels. This draft Regulation establishes the following maximum levels (expressed in WHO-PCDD/F-TEQ = sum of polychlorinated dibenzo-<i>para</i>-dioxins (PCDDs) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs) expressed in World Health Organisation (WHO) toxic equivalents, using the WHO –TEFs (toxic equivalency factors):</p> <table><tr><td colspan="2">Meat and meat products originating from:</td></tr><tr><td>– Ruminants (bovine animals, sheep)</td><td>3.00 pg/g fat</td></tr><tr><td>– Poultry and farmed game</td><td>2.00 pg/g fat</td></tr><tr><td>– Pigs</td><td>1.00 pg/g fat</td></tr><tr><td>– Liver and derived products</td><td>6.00 pg/g fat</td></tr><tr><td>Muscle meat of fish and fishery products and products thereof (estimated in fresh weight basis)</td><td>4.00 pg/g fat</td></tr><tr><td>Milk and milk products, including butter fat</td><td>3.00 pg/g fat</td></tr></table>	Meat and meat products originating from:		– Ruminants (bovine animals, sheep)	3.00 pg/g fat	– Poultry and farmed game	2.00 pg/g fat	– Pigs	1.00 pg/g fat	– Liver and derived products	6.00 pg/g fat	Muscle meat of fish and fishery products and products thereof (estimated in fresh weight basis)	4.00 pg/g fat	Milk and milk products, including butter fat	3.00 pg/g fat
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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: European Commission Document SANCO/0384/01 – Rev.4 (Available in all EC languages)	
9.	Proposed date of adoption: October 2001	
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2002	
11.	Final date for comments: 15 September 2001 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:	
12.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The Risk assessments made by the Scientific Committee for food are available at http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/scf/out78_en.pdf http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/scf/out90_en.pdf The Risk assessments made by the Scientific Committee for Animal Nutrition is available at http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/scan/out55_en.pdf The assessment of the health risk of dioxins made by a WHO consultation (1998) is available at http://www.who.int/pcs/docs/dioxin-exec-sum/exe-sum-final.html The report of the 57 th meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee of Food Additives (JECFA) International Program for Chemical Safety (IPCS, 2001) is available at: http://www.who.int/pcs/jecfa/Summary57-corr.pdf	