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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: Commission of the European Communities, Health & Consumer Protection Directorate-General. Directorate E - Food Safety: Plant Health, Animal Health and Welfare, International questions
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Maize grain (CN 1005) for human consumption. ICS 67.060
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Member States of the European Communities (EEC) and third countries exporting the products concerned to the EEC.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Directive amending Commission Directive 98/53/EC of 16 July 1998 laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels for certain contaminants (4 pages)
6.	Description of content: This draft Regulation establishes the sampling procedure for the official control of the levels of aflatoxins in maize, to be subjected to sorting, or other physical treatment before human consumption or use as an ingredient in foodstuffs.
7.	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
8.	International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: For coherence with the existing provisions, the procedure notified hereby is equivalent to that existing for peanuts as well as the sampling provisions adopted by Codex Alimentarius for unprocessed peanuts.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission Document SANCO/0073/2003 Rev.1 (available in all EC languages). When adopted it will be published at the Official Journal available at: http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html .
10.	Proposed date of adoption: October 2003
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2004

12.	Final date for comments: Sixty (60) days after the date of notification Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	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: