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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): Cereals (1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008), foodstuffs of animal origin (0201, 0202, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0205, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210) and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables. The Integrated Tariff of the Community (TARIC) is available at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/taxation_customs/databases/taric_en.htm
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Member States of the European Communities (EC) and third countries exporting the products concerned to the EC.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Commission Directive amending the Annexes to Council Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC as regards maximum residue levels for certain pesticides prohibited for use in the European Community (SANCO/10694/2002 Rev. 5, thirteen pages)
6.	Description of content: In this draft Directive, MRLs for all uses are proposed to the limit of determination. The reason is because the existing active substances: mercuric oxide, mercurous chloride (calomel), other inorganic mercury compounds, alkyl mercury compounds, alkoxyalkyl and aryl mercury compounds, aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, HCH, hexachlorobenzene, camphechlor (toxaphene), ethylene oxide, nitrofen, 1,2-dibromoethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, dinoseb and binapacrylare pesticides are prohibited for using and placing on the market in the EC due to human health and environment safety reasons.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: CODEX maximum residue limits for some commodities exist for these substances. Those relevant were taken into account.

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission Document: (SANCO/10694/2002 Rev. 5) at the moment, available only in EN. 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: 19 April 2004
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 19 January 2005
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"/> EC 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: