

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NETHERLANDS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Fungus protein products, soybean protein products and wheat protein products.
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Amendment Commodities Act Regulation on Standards for heavy metals.
5.	Description of content: Maximum permissible standards for cadmium, lead and mercury in fungus, soybean and wheat protein products.
6.	Objective and rationale: In Notification G/TBT/Notif.97.543, the Netherlands has notified its intention to withdraw the Protein Products Decree (Commodities Act). This Decree to be withdrawn contains, inter alia, maximum permissible standards for heavy metals in fungus, soybean and wheat protein products. These standards cannot be missed and are added to the Commodities Act Regulation for heavy metals with a view to protecting public health.
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist []. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Commodities Act Regulation on Standards for heavy metals.
9.	Proposed date of adoption:
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: April 1998
11.	Final date for comments: 27 April 1998 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Enquiry Point
12.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: