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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Health
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): Edible rice
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Imported (as well as domestically produced) foods sold in the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: "Draft of Standard for the Tolerance of Heavy Metals in Rice" (Available in English, 1 page)
6.	Description of content: The draft establishes the tolerance of lead in rice.
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 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: The Codex standard "Maximum Levels for Lead" is one of the important references for amending this standard.
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: "Draft of Standard for the Tolerance of Heavy Metals in Rice" (18 November 2003, Food No. 0920402764) (Available in English from the National Notification Authority and Department of Health). The amendment will be published in the Official Government Gazette when adopted.
10.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.

12. Final date for comments: 20 January 2004

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