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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>ARGENTINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Health Policy, Regulation and Relations (SPRRS) and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food (SAGPA) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: <i>idem</i> National enquiry point
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food products
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Argentine Food Code - Nutrients (2 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: Incorporates into the Argentine Food Code Article 869 <i>bis</i> , which reads as follows: "Article 869 <i>bis</i> : 'Amaranthus leaves' shall be understood to mean leaves of the genus <i>Amaranthus</i> (<i>Amaranthaceae</i> family, species <i>A. caudatus</i> , <i>A. cruentus</i> , <i>A. mantegazzianus</i> and <i>A. hypochondriacus</i>). Amaranth may only be used for industrial purposes, including heat treatment and/or extrusion, and juices from the process must be discarded. The packaging of amaranth which is marketed fresh must carry the warning "Not to be consumed raw, boil before use". All products, without exception, must state "Not suitable for consumption by children under one year of age" in well-highlighted and clearly visible lettering of not less than 2 mm. in size."
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Improve the food and nutrition situation of the population.
8.	Relevant documents: Joint Resolution of the Department of Health Policy, Regulation and Relations (SPRRS No. 42/2003) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food (SAGPA No. 360/2003).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 13 May 2003 (Official Journal) Proposed date of entry into force: 14 May 2003
10.	Final date for comments: -

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X], or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of other body:

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