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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>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, 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: European Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: 0032 2 299 80 43, E-mail: ec-tbt@cec.eu.int
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): Foods and foodstuffs with added phytosterols, phytosterol esters, phytostanols and/or phytostanol esters
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposal for a Commission Regulation concerning the labelling of foods and food ingredients with added phytosterols, phytosterol esters, phytostanols and/or phytostanol esters (3 pages, available in all EU official languages)
6.	Description of content: This proposal lays down labelling requirements for foods and food ingredients with added phytosterols, phytosterol esters, phytostanols or phytostanol esters.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information. Foods and food ingredients with added phytosterols, phytosterol esters, phytostanols or phytostanol esters should be labelled in order to inform consumers, to ensure that the products reach their target group and to prevent over-consumption (more than 3g/day) of plant sterols and plant/stanols.
8.	Relevant documents: Proposal for a Commission Regulation concerning the labelling of foods and food ingredients with added phytosterols, phytosterol esters, phytostanols and/or phytostanol esters
9.	Proposed date of adoption: End March 2004 Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the European Union

10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: European Commission, EC-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: 0032 299 80 43, E-mail: ec-tbt@cec.eu.int