

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Health
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): Edible collagen film (iron oxide only)
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations (1072) (pages 3706-3708)
5.	<p>Description of content: A submission has been received for the use of iron oxide as a colouring agent in edible collagen film used on Black Forest ham. The traditional black exterior on Black Forest ham will be easier and more economical to produce in this manner than by traditional methods.</p> <p>Provision currently exists in the Food and Drug Regulations for the use of iron oxide as a colouring agent in a number of foods but does not include collagen film. However, this use is permitted in the United States and in member countries of the European Union.</p> <p>This additional use of iron oxide was evaluated from the standpoint of safety and efficacy in accordance with section B.16.002 of the Food and Drug Regulations. It was concluded that this new use would not pose either health or fraud risk to consumers.</p> <p>This proposed amendment will provide for the use of iron oxide as a colouring agent in edible collagen film for the purposes outlined above at levels consistent with "good manufacturing practice".</p>
6.	Objective and rationale: Protection of human 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: Canada Gazette, Part I, 29 November 1997
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Not stated
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: Not stated
11.	Final date for comments: 10 February 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: