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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NORWAY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Norwegian Food Control Authority (SNT)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Helva and tahini products
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Regulation prohibiting, until further notice, the import and sale of certain helva- and tahini products (1 page)
5.	Description of content: The regulation prohibits import and sale of helva products of the brands Sera, Gulsan og Ceren as well as some tahini products. (Tahini of the brand Sera Tahin, sesame paste, in glass jars with metal lids, labelled best before January 2002, product/batchnumber 08, Tahini labelled AL Machreck Co. for food products S.A.R.L., Tahine
6.	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 Some of the products have been shown to contain a strain of salmonella, Salmonella typhimurium DT 104. The Institute for Public Health in Norway has since November 2000 registered several cases of illness. Helva is suspected as the source of infection and some tests have proven positive. Other countries have also registered positive findings of salmonella in helva.
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Royal Resolution No. 321 of the Norwegian Food Control Authority (Available in English)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 28 August 2001
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 28 August 2001

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| 11. | Final date for comments:
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The Norwegian Food Control Authority |
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