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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.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health <b>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:</b> Canadian Enquiry Point, 200-270 Albert Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1P 6N7 Tel.: +1 613 238 3222, ext. 479, Fax.: +1 613 569 7808, E-mail: info@scc.ca
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Chemical and drug precursors (ICS:11.120)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Notice to Interested Parties - Proposal for the Control of Gamma Butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-butanediol (BDO) under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) and the Precursor Control Regulations (PCR) (pages 1918-1919; English and French)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This notice provides interested stakeholders with the opportunity to identify themselves for future consultation and to provide preliminary comments on Health Canada's proposal to amend the CDSA and the PCR to add GBL and BDO to Part I (Class A) of Schedule VI to the CDSA. GBL and BDO are chemical precursors used in the clandestine production of gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB). This proposed amendment would implement controls over the importation, exportation, production, packaging, possession, selling and provision of GBL and BDO under the PCR.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Protection of human health and safety
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Canada Gazette, Part I, 21 June 2003
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> } Not stated

**10. Final date for comments:** 20 August 2003

The publication of this notice begins a 60-day comment period. Interested stakeholders will be given another opportunity to provide comments following publication of the proposed regulatory amendment in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I. This is expected to take place in late fall 2003.

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

The electronic version of the Canada Gazette, Part I can be downloaded at:

<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2003/20030621/pdf/g1-13725.pdf>