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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>COLOMBIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Social Welfare 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: Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [X], 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): <i>Panela</i> - unrefined brown cane sugar (1701.11.10.00)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Resolution No. 02546 Issuing the Emergency Technical Regulation Establishing the Sanitary Requirements for the Production and Marketing of <i>Panela</i> Cane Sugar for Human Consumption and Adopting Other Provisions (12 pages, in Spanish).
6.	Description of content: Purpose; Scope of application; Definitions; General conditions for <i>panela</i> cane sugar; Physico-chemical requirements; Prohibitions; Production of <i>panela</i> cane sugar from unrefined molasses; Sanitary conditions of sugar mills and storage facilities for unrefined molasses; Packing, packaging, labelling, repackaging, storage, distribution, transport and marketing; Exportation of <i>panela</i> cane sugar, sanitary registration and surveillance; Inspection, monitoring, control, safety measures and penalties; Conformity assessment and certification; Notification and Period of validity.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Colombian sanitary authorities established, by way of analytical laboratory tests conducted in 2003 on <i>panela</i> cane sugar as part of their inspection, monitoring and control duties, that 64 per cent of the samples collected contained bleaching agents and colouring matter, which are extremely detrimental to human health.
8.	Relevant documents: Decree No. 3075 of 1997.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 6 August 2004 Proposed date of entry into force: Upon publication in the Official Journal.
10.	Final date for comments: Not applicable

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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