

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

G/TBT/N/ISR/54

7 July 2004

(04-2926)

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>ISRAEL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: 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: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point – Ministry of Industry and Trade – Tel: +972-3-7101562 – Fax: +972-3-5603140 – e-mail: bernadette@moit.gov.il
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 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): Tea – ICS: 67.140.10 HS: 0902
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: SI 1246 – Tea (Hebrew)
6.	Description of content: The revision of the official standard for tea narrows the scope and definition so that only products produced from tea (<i>Camellia sinensis</i>) or its varieties be labelled as tea. The microbiological requirements concerning moulds have been detailed for each type of tea (green, oolong and black).
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Public health and protection
8.	Relevant documents: Notice will be published in the Official Gazette, Section of Government Notices, when approved.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of notification
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: