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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, General Directorate for Health and Consumer Protection
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). Food contact plastic-materials and food packaged in them Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: EC member States and third countries exporting to the European Communities
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Directive amending Commission Directive 90/128/EEC relating to plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (29 pages)
5.	Description of content: This draft Directive updates the list of monomers and additives used for the manufacture of plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs by including "new substances" evaluated by the Scientific Committee on Food. It also establishes the possibility to verify compliance with the specific migration limits by the application of generally recognized mathematical models.
6.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. 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: European Commission Document SANCO/2001/0334-rev.4 (Available in all EC languages)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Beginning July 2001
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: End July 2001

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| <p>11. Final date for comments: 12 June 2001. Comments are welcome at any time. They will be considered at the occasion of a new modification of Directive 90/128/EEC relating to plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> |
| <p>12. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] EC enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Further to Document SANCO/2001/0334-rev.4, information relevant to this proposal can be found in the opinions and minutes of the Scientific Committee for Food (SCF) at http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/fs/sc/scf/index_en.html. and on the Website of the EEC Joint Research Center at http://cpf.jrc.it/webpack/</p> |