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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: Commission of the European Communities. Health & Consumer Protection Directorate-General, Directorate E – Food Safety: Plant Health, Animal Health and Welfare, International questions
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Jelly confectionery including jelly-mini-cups containing the food additive E 425 konjac [ICS 67.220.20]
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Member States of the European Communities (EC) and third countries exporting the products concerned to the European Communities
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 95/2/EC as regards the conditions of use for a food additive E 425 konjac. (Doc SANCO/2002/2051) (2 pages)
6. Description of content: Based on the information exchanged through the Rapid Alert System, several member States informed the Commission on the temporarily banning from their markets of jelly mini cups containing E 425 konjac due to choking hazard. Therefore, the placing on the market and the import of jelly confectionery containing this additive had been suspended Community-wide through Commission Decision 2002/247/EC (cf. Notification G/SPS/N/EEC/164). The present amendment aims at aligning the specific Directive on food additives other than colours and sweeteners with the Decision. Consequently it is necessary to amend Directive 95/2/EC on food additives other than colours and sweeteners in order to restrict the conditions of use for the above food additive.
7. 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
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission Document SANCO/2002/2051 "Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 95/2/EC as regards the conditions of use for a food additive E 425 konjac" (Available in all EC languages).</p> <p>When adopted it will be published at the Official Journal available at: http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: June 2003</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: 20 days after publication in the Official Journal</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: 60 days after circulation of the notification</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
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