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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, Directorate-General 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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Food additives (sweeteners): D-mannitol (E 421) and maltitol syrup (E 965 (ii))
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Directive amending Commission Directive 95/31/EC laying down specific purity criteria concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (9 pages)
5.	Description of content: This draft sets additional technical specification for D-manitol and maltitol syrup as a result of new technological development in the manufacturing process. It is therefore necessary to amend the specifications already set out in the existing legislation (Commission Directive 95/3/EC).
6.	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
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: The draft is in conformity with the purity criteria established by JECFA (Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives).
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission document SANCO/1487/2000 (Available in all Community languages)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 31 July 2000
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 31 December 2001
11.	Final date for comments: 14 July 2000 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
12.	Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: