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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NORWAY</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b> The Norwegian Ministry of Health
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Norwegian Food Control Authority
3.	<b>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):</b> Food supplements
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b>
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Draft Regulation on Food Supplements.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> National minimum and maximum limits for vitamins and minerals in food supplements per daily dose of product as recommended according to labelling, cf. attachment. The notified vitamins and minerals are Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Tiamin, Riboflavin, Niacin, Folic acid, Vitamin B <sub>6</sub> , Pantothenic acid, Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> , Biotin, Vitamin C, Calcium, Phosphorus, Magnesium, Iron, Copper, Iodine, Zinc, Manganese, Selenium, Chromium, Molybdenum, Sodium, Potassium, Fluoride and Chloride.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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. This draft regulation implements directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to food supplements and is based on this directive. In directive 2002/46/EC there are no maximum or minimum limits set for the products, cf. Annex I of the directive. Limits will be given later according to procedures set in Article 13 of directive 2002/46/EC. In unwanted quantities, vitamins and minerals represent a health risk. Until harmonized limits are established in the European Union (estimated to be established in 2004), Norwegian authorities will continue existing national minimum- and maximum limits.
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <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 <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>

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<b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>	Directive 2002/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to food supplements. Previous Norwegian Regulation is Regulation of 25 September 1986 No 1918 relating to production and placing on the market of vitamins and minerals. (The Regulation is only available in Norwegian.)
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b>	1 July 2003
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b>	1 August 2003
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b>	1 June 2003
<b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
	The Norwegian Food Control Authority PO Box 8187 Dep. N-0034 Oslo Norway
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