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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency – EPA
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: Seed treatment
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Pesticides; Harmonization of Treated Seed Policies and Requirements in Canada and the United States; Notice of Availability (3 pages)
5.	Description of content: This document announces the availability of a discussion paper that provides information on how pesticide seed treatment products are currently regulated in both Canada and the United States and reviews the degree of harmonization in pesticide regulation in the two countries. The discussion paper on treated seed contributes to the initiatives of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Technical Working Group (TWG) on Pesticides. The NAFTA TWG on Pesticides aims to develop a harmonized approach to the regulation of pesticides in Canada, Mexico, and the United States, while maintaining current high levels of protection of public health and the environment and supporting the principles of sustainable pest management. Canada has also made this harmonization document available for comment through its regulatory processes.
6.	Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . 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: 65 FR 52752, 30 August 2000 (Available in English).
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined.

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| <p>11. Final date for comments: 16 October 2000
Agency or authority designated to handle comments: Environmental Protection Agency
[] National notification authority, [] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Detailed instruction on where and how to send comments is in the body of the full text - which will be sent upon request to the address in paragraph 12.</p> |
| <p>12. Texts available from: <input checked="" 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:</p> <p>United States SPS Enquiry Point/Notification Authority
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