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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CHILE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Transgenic foods
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Amendment to the Decree of the Ministry of Health No. 977 of 1996 (3 pages, in Spanish)
6.	Description of content: Establishment of a labelling system for transgenic foodstuffs. Its main provisions specify that any transgenic ingredients or additives used in or as foodstuffs for human consumption should be indicated as such with an asterisk on the list of ingredients, with the wording "*Genetically Modified Organism" clearly displayed at the foot of the list. Transgenically derived foodstuffs that do not contain genetically modified material and are substantially equivalent to their common counterparts will not need to be labelled. If they are not substantially equivalent, the words "Transgenically derived product" must be included on the list of ingredients with an indication of how they have been modified. A 2 per cent threshold has been set.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information
8.	Relevant documents: Draft Decree of the Ministry of Health
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: }
	The Decree is in the process of being signed by the competent authorities and will come into effect 365 days after its publication in the Official Journal.

10. Final date for comments:

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body:

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