

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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## Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

### NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>AUSTRALIA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> National Food Authority
3.	<b>Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Chewing gum
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Statement of Reasons - Application A248 (1 page)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> An application to amend the Australian Food Standards Code to allow for the addition of aspartame and/or acesulphame-K to chewing gum.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> Consumer Health and Safety; Consistency with International Food Standards.
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [ ].</b> <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:</b>
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Australian Food Standards Code Standard A8- Artificial Sweetening Substances and Standard K3- Confectionery.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:</b> Recommendation has now been made to Government without further public comment due to the minor nature of the application.
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> Not applicable - see Section 9.
11.	<b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [ X ] quoting Application Number A248.