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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Health Canada
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: 2, 4-D
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations (1154 – 2,4-D) (pages 2933-2935)
5.	Description of content: The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has recently approved an application to amend the registration of 2,4-D in order to allow its use as a spot treatment for the (wipe on) control of broadleaf weeds that grow above the cranberry fields. This proposed regulatory amendment would establish an MRL for residues of 2,4-D resulting from this use in cranberries, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues. After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for 2,4-D of 0.5 p.p.m. in cranberries would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. This new MRL harmonizes with that established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
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: No Codex Maximum Residue Limit (MRL). United States tolerance on cranberries is 0.5 p.p.m.
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 2 October 1999; English and French
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Not stated.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: Not stated.
11.	Final date for comments: 1 November 1999 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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:
12.	Texts available from: <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: