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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>FRANCE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Rural Affairs Directorate-General of Food and Nutrition Department of Plant Protection and Quality 251, rue de Vaugirard, 75732 Paris cedex 15 Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and 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): Basic mineral amendments
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Order Amending the Order of 5 September 2003 Establishing the Mandatory Implementation of Standards (2 pages).
6.	Description of content: Mandatory implementation of French Standard (NF) U 44-001/A2 – Basic mineral amendments.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: This Order relates primarily to the mandatory implementation of a new French Standard: Standard NF U 44-001/A (July 2003) – Basic mineral amendments. Standard NF U 44-001/A2 establishes the names and specifications for two basic mineral amendments, one resulting from the decalcification of borehole water and the other obtained during the manufacture of kraft pulp. Implementation of this Standard has been made mandatory for public health reasons.

8.	Relevant documents: As already specified in Notification No. 2002/460-461/F: Customs Code, in particular Article 38; Consumer Code, in particular Article L214-1; Rural Code, in particular Article L 255-2; Law No. 41-1987 of 24 May 1941 on standardization; Decree No. 84-74 of 26 January 1984, as amended, establishing the Standardization Code, in particular Article 12; Order of 4 December 1974 approving and cancelling standards.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: April 2004 Proposed date of entry into force: August 2004
10.	Final date for comments: End of April 2004
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available, of other body: CINORTECH (National Information Centre on Standards and Technical Regulations) AFNOR (French Standards Association) 11, avenue Francis de Pressensé 93571 SAINT-DENIS-LA PLAINE Cedex