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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>BRAZIL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Health Surveillance Agency SEPN 515 – Bloco "B", Edifício Ômega CEP 70770-502 Brasília – DF/Brazil Tel: +(5561) 448 1078 Fax: +(5561) 448 1089 E-mail: rel@anvisa.gov.br
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: Prepacked food products and beverages
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Resolutions RDC n° 39 (10 pages) and RDC n° 40 (12 pages), of 21 March 2001, both published in the Federal Official Journal (Diário Oficial da União) on 22 March 2002; Specific Resolution RE n° 198, of 11 September 2001, published in the Federal Official Journal (Diário Oficial da União) on 13 September 2001.
5.	Description of content: Defines obligatory nutritional labelling requirements for prepacked food products and beverages for human consumption. Alcoholic drinks, mineral waters, and other bottled waters are excluded from this regulation.
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 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: Resolutions RDC n° 39, of 21 March 2001, and RDC n° 40 (12 pages), of 21 March 2001, both published in the Federal Official Journal (Diário Oficial da União), Section I, on 22 March 2002; and Specific Resolution RE n° 198, of 11 September 2001, published in the Federal Official Journal (Diário Oficial da União), Section I, on 13 September 2001 (Available in Portuguese). English and Spanish versions of Resolutions RDC n° 39 and RDC n° 40 are available at http://www.anvisa.gov.br/alimentos/legis/especifica/rotuali.htm

9.	Proposed date of adoption: 22 March 2001
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 21 September 2001. According to Specific Resolution RE nº 198, an "educative period" was established. From 21 September 2001 to 2 January 2002 companies selling products without the obligatory nutritional label will only be notified by sanitary authorities. After the end of that period, companies responsible for the production and commercialization of prepacked food products and beverages without the nutritional label will be subject to legal sanctions.
11.	<p>Final date for comments: 15 December 2001</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>Divisão de Agricultura e Produtos de Base Ministério das Relações Exteriores Palácio Itamaraty, Anexo I, sala 531 70170-900 Brasília-DF Tel: +(5561) 411-6369/72 Fax: +(5561) 226-3255 E-mail: dpb@mre.gov.br</p> <p>Gerência-Geral de Relações Internacionais Agência Nacional de Vigilância Sanitária (ANVISA) SEPN 515, Bloco B, Edifício Ômega 70770-502 Brasília-DF Tel: +(5561) 448-1078 Fax: +(5561) 448-1089 E-mail: rel@anvisa.gov.br</p>
12.	<p>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:</p> <p>Gerência-Geral de Relações Internacionais Agência Nacional de Vigilância Sanitária (ANVISA) SEPN 515, Bloco B, Edifício Ômega 70770-502 Brasília-DF Tel: +(5561) 448-1078 Fax: +(5561) 448-1089 E-mail: rel@anvisa.gov.br</p>