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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: Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), Health Canada
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Bentazon (ICS: 65.100.20)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Not stated.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations (1362 — Bentazon) (Available in English and French; pages 3673-3675)
6.	<p>Description of content: Bentazon is registered under the <i>Pest Control Products Act</i> as a herbicide for the control of broadleaf weeds in beans, blueberries, corn, peanuts, peas, soybeans, and wheat as a post-emergent treatment.</p> <p>The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has recently approved an application to amend the registration of bentazon in order to allow its use for the control of broadleaf weeds in flax as a post-emergent treatment. This proposed regulatory amendment would establish a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for residues of bentazon and its metabolites resulting from this use in flax, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.</p> <p>After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for bentazon, including its metabolites, of 0.05 p.p.m. in flax would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.</p>
7.	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
8.	<p>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 22 November 2003 (Available in English and French)

10. Proposed date of adoption:	Normally within 5 to 8 months of publication in the Canada Gazette, Part I.
11. Proposed date of entry into force:	On the date the measure is adopted.
12. Final date for comments:	5 February 2004 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:
13. 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: The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2003/20031122/pdf/g1-13747.pdf