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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: European Commission, General Directorate for Health and Consumer Protection
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). Food additives (sweeteners): Acesulfame K (E 950) and Mannitol (E 421) Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: EC member States and third countries trading with the European Communities
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Directive amending Commission Directive 95/31/EC laying down specific purity criteria concerning sweeteners for use in foodstuffs (8 pages)
5.	Description of content: The European Communities has started a programme for the introduction of purity criteria to the field of food sweeteners additives. The draft notified hereby amends the existing specifications for mannitol and adapts to technical progress the existing specifications for acesulfame K.
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: The draft is in conformity with the purity criteria established by JECFA (Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives).
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission Document SANCO/2001/0855 (Available in all official EC languages)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: End of June 2001
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 20 th day after its publication in the Official Journal. Likely by the end of July.
11.	Final date for comments: 30 May 2001 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> EC 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"/> EC enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: