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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> European Commission, Directorate-General for Health and Consumer Protection
3.	<b>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):</b> Cereals, certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables and animal feedingstuffs
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Member states of the European Communities and third countries exporting the products concerned to the European Communities
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> SANCO/844/2002 rev2, "Draft Commission Directive amending the Annexes to Council Directives 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC and 90/642/EEC on the fixing of maximum levels for pesticide residues (2,4 D, triasulfuron and thifensulfuron- methyl) in and on cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables" (13 pages)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This draft Directive sets EC harmonized maximum residue limits (MRLs) for 2,4 D, triasulfuron and thifensulfuron- methyl at the lower limit of analytical determination. Any additional residue and toxicology data from WTO Members concerning the MRLs to be changed, will be judged by experts in the European Communities.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Codex maximum residue limits for some commodities exist for 2,4 D. Those relevant were taken into account. No Codex values exist for triasulfuron or thifensulfuron methyl.
9.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Doc (SANCO/844/2002 rev2, in all official languages of the European Communities).
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 15 July 2002

<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 December 2002
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 3 July 2002 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
<b>13.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</b> [ ] National notification authority, [ X ] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: