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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. | Member to Agreement notifying: <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. | Agency responsible: Commission of the European Communities. Health & Consumer Protection Directorate-General Directorate D – Food Safety: production and distribution chain. |
| 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): Ceramic articles in contact with food TARIC positions 6911, 6912. ICS number: 81.060 |
| 4. | Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Member States of the European Communities (EEC) and third countries exporting the products concerned to the EEC. |
| 5. | Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Commission Directive amending Directive 84/500/EEC as regards a declaration of compliance and performance criteria of the analytical method for ceramic articles intended to come into contact with foodstuffs (<i>SANCO/2002/10107 9 pages</i>). |
| 6. | Description of content: This draft Directive lays down that ceramic articles for food contact need to be accompanied by a declaration of compliance and lays down the content of this declaration. It furthermore introduces performance criteria for the analytical method for lead and cadmium migrating from these articles. |
| 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. | International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: |
| 9. | Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: European Commission Document SANCO/2002/10107 (Available in all community languages). When adopted, it will be published in the Official Journal and available at: http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption: end October 2004 |

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| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: beginning November 2004 |
| 12. | Final date for comments: 60 days after date of notification Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input 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: |