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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 29 October 2004, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

Notice of Cancellation of Draft Mexican Official Standard

The Government of Mexico hereby notifies that, on 22 October 2004, the Federal Commission for Health Risk Protection of the Ministry of Health published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (Official Journal) a "Notice of Cancellation of Draft Mexican Official Standard PROY-NOM-212-SSA1-2002, 'Goods and Services. Unripened/Fresh, Ripened and Processed Cheese and Products Made from Similar Ingredients or by Similar Procedures or Having a Similar Appearance. Sanitary Specifications. Test Methods', published for public consultation in the Official Journal on 19 August 2003". This Notice came into effect on the day following its publication in the Official Journal.

This was done in order to meet the objectives set out in the 2001-2006 National Development Plan and as a Federal Government commitment to improving regulatory practice in Mexico, given that the above-mentioned draft Mexican Official Standard would not have eliminated any health risks to consumers nor facilitated administrative streamlining.

The purpose of this communication is to provide greater information to Members on the preparation and amendment by Mexico of technical regulations and sanitary and phytosanitary measures, independently of the obligations under the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures. It should be noted that the draft Mexican Official Standard which has been cancelled was duly notified to the Members of both Committees in documents G/TBT/N/MEX/73 and G/SPS/N/MEX/198, dated 28 and 29 August 2003, respectively.

The texts of this Notice of Cancellation and of the cancelled draft Mexican Official Standard are available in Spanish in the Standards Catalogue, which can be found on the Website www.economia.gob.mx/?P=85, and from the National Enquiry Point, the contact details of which are as follows:

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