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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED STATES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
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): Products that use the pesticide iodine-potassium iodide such as bananas, grapes and melons
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any US trade partners.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Notice: Iodine-potassium iodide; Notice of Filing a Pesticide Petition to Establish a Tolerance for a Certain Pesticide Chemical in or on Food (available in English, 6 pages).
6.	Description of content: This notice announces the initial filing of a pesticide petition proposing to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for iodine-potassium iodide in or on the raw agricultural commodities bananas, grapes, and melons.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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: NA
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: DOCID:fr, <u>Federal Register</u> : 27 August 2004 (Volume 69, Number 166) pages 52679-52684; http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-PEST/2004/August/Day-27/p19620.htm (available in English).
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Not available
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: Not available

12. Final date for comments: 27 September 2004

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☒ **National notification authority,** ☐ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. opp-docket@epa.gov Note: Identify docket name "OPP-2004-0271" in subject line of your response.

13. Texts available from: ☐ **National notification authority,** ☒ **National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:** Ms. Julie Morin, United States SPS Enquiry Point Officer, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, Food Safety & Technical Services Division, Stop 1027, Washington D.C. 20250. Tel: 202-720-4051; Fax: 202-690-0677; Email: fstd@usda.gov