

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):  Containers
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Processed Products Regulations (pages 503-506)
6. Description of content: The Processed Products Regulations under the Canada Agricultural Products Act prescribe standard container sizes for processed fruits and vegetables. The proposed amendment will establish new standard container sizes for frozen French fried potatoes in the range between 2 kilograms and 20 kilograms and deregulate standard container requirements for frozen potatoes other than frozen French fried potatoes. (The largest container size currently prescribed in the Regulations for frozen French fried potatoes is 2 kilograms.) This change will allow manufacturers and importers to market this product more efficiently and economically and harmonizes the Regulations with industry standards in both Canada and the United States. The larger containers are generally intended for food service customers and may qualify for certain labelling exemptions.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Lower packaging and labelling costs
8. Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 7 March 1998
9. Proposed date of adoption: not stated Proposed date of entry into force: not stated
10. Final date for comments: 6 April 1998
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: