

NOTIFICATION

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

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CZECH REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall 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): Foodstuff being placed onto the market, bottled table water, natural water, or infants water.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: A proposal of the new Decree on Microbiologic Requirements for Foodstuffs, Method of Controlling and Microbiological Evaluation of the Foodstuffs replacing Decree No 294/1997 Coll. (22 pages, in Czech).
6.	Description of content: So far this field has been regulated by Decree No 294/19997 Coll., concerning the safety of the traded foodstuffs from the microbiologic point of view. It is important to say that so far not even the EU is having a common Directive summarizing the microbiological requirements for foodstuffs. The new Directive should standardize the list of bacterial illness originators from the foodstuffs, the requirements on absence of microbial toxic metabolites, the differentiation of tolerated and boundary values, and at the same time it should designate the approved types, groups and subgroups of foodstuffs, especially the food determined for direct consumption, and to define possible and eventual consequences of exceeding the boundary values.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health and safety.
8.	Relevant documents: Article 19 b) of Act No 110/1997 Coll., on Foodstuffs and Tobacco Products and on Amendments to Some Acts, as amended.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: Date of promulgation in Collection of Laws
10.	Final date for comments: 15 September 2003
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: http://www.unmz.cz/ , wto.tbt@unmz.cz