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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India
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): All food items including processed food and related items.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners exporting products mentioned under item 3 to India.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Food Safety and Standards Act, 2005 (available in English/Hindi, 55 pages).
6. Description of content: A Bill to bring about a single statute relating to food and to lay down science-based standards for articles of food and regulate their manufacture, import, export, storage, distribution and sale, to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption (including other matters relating thereto) and to establish in that behalf Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: The contents of this proposed Act is in line with the CODEX Standards/Guidelines/Recommendations to the extent possible.
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Food Safety and Standards Bill, 2005, is on the web-site of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and can be accessed at http://mofpi.nic.in/foodsfty.htm
10. Proposed date of adoption: The Food Safety and Standards Bill, 2005, has not yet been passed by the Parliament. It is expected that the Bill may get passed by the end of the year 2005 or early 2006. Once it is passed by the Indian Parliament it would soon be adopted.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: After getting the Bill adopted (tentatively by the end of 2005 or early 2006).
12. Final date for comments: 1 September 2005

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:

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Website of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India.

<http://mofpi.nic.in>) and <http://mofpi.nic.in/foodsfty.htm>] and also from

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