## WORLD TRADE

## **ORGANIZATION**

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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures** 

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## **NOTIFICATION**

1. **Member to Agreement notifying:** SOUTH AFRICA If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: Department of Health 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). All foodstuffs Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries that export food to South Africa 4. Title and number of pages of the notified document: (Draft) Regulations Governing the Labelling of Foodstuffs Obtained through Certain Techniques of Genetic Modification. Government Notice No. R. 366 of 4 May 2001 (9 pages) 5. Description of content: The only food safety aspect of these draft regulations relates to hypersensitivity. Other aspects are TBT related. 6. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests 7. An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: 8. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Government Gazette No. 22258 dated 4 May 2001 (Available in English) 9. Proposed date of adoption: When the final regulations are published in the Government Gazette. This will not be before 1 January 2002. 10. **Proposed date of entry into force:** On publication of the final regulations in the Government Gazette.

11. Final date for comments: 4 August 2001

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