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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> 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 should be provided in addition, where applicable): Honey bush and rooibos tea and bottled water |
| 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any country importing bottled water into South Africa |
| 5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Regulations Governing Microbiological Standards for Foodstuffs. Government Notice No. R. 492 dated 26 April 2002. (3 pages) |
| 6. Description of content: Microbiological specifications have been established for honey bush and rooibos teas as well as amendments made to the total viable colony count for bottled water |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <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: |
| 9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Government Gazette No. 23340 dated 26 April 2002. English |
| 10. Proposed date of adoption: When the final amendments to the regulations are published in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before December 2002. |
| 11. Proposed date of entry into force: On publication of the final amendments to the regulations as published in the Government Gazette. |

12. Final date for comments: 26 June 2002.

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