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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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): All food products
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any country importing food products into South Africa
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Regulations Relating to labelling and advertising of foodstuffs. Government Notice No. R.1055 dated 8 August 2002 (86 pages).
6. Description of content: Certain parts of the regulations stipulate labelling requirements for foodstuffs that may contain allergens, additives or preservatives.
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"/> Office International des Epizooties, <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: Codex Alimentarius, Food Labelling Complete Texts, Revised 1999. Carbohydrates in Human Nutrition, Report of a Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation (FAO Food and Nutrition Paper, 66); and Protein Quality Evaluation, Report of Joint FAO/WHO Expert Consultation, FAO Food and Nutrition Paper, 51).
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Government Gazette No. 23714 dated 8 August 2002. Available in english.
10. Proposed date of adoption: When the final amendments to the regulations are published in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before March 2003.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: On publication of the final regulations as published in the Government Gazette.

12. Final date for comments: 8 February 2003.

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