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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): Bottled Water including Natural Mineral Water
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any country exporting food products to South Africa.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Regulations Governing Bottled Water Including Natural Mineral Water (Government Notice R. 502 dated 30 April 2004) (available in English, 13 pages).
6. Description of content: Provides requirements related to maximum levels for metals and other elements in bottled water, including natural mineral 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 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: Codex standards: CS 108-1981 (rev. 1997, amended 2001); CS 227-2001. Differs in format from listed Codex standards.
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Government Gazette No. 26279 of 30 April 2004 (available in English).
10. Proposed date of adoption: After final publication of the regulations in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before November 2004.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: Within 6 months of final publication of the regulations in the Government Gazette.

12. Final date for comments: October 2004

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