

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

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 Directorate: Food Control |
| 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): Level of <i>Ergot sclerotia</i> in wheat, rye, barley and oats |
| 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 Tolerances for Fungus-Produced Toxins in Foodstuffs: Amendment. No. R. 512 of 9 May 2008 (1 page) |
| 6. | Description of content: Provides for a level not exceeding 0.05% (m/m) of <i>Ergot sclerotia</i> in wheat, rye, barley and oats. |
| 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"/> 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 Standard for Wheat and Durum Wheat: CODEX STAN 199-1995 |
| 9. | Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Government Gazette No. 31022 of 9 May 2008 (available in English) |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption: After final publication of the proposed amendment to the regulations in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before November 2008. |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: From the date of final publication of the amendment to the regulations in the Government Gazette |

12. Final date for comments: 9 October 2008

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

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Ms Shirley du Plessis, Directorate: Food Control. Details as above, as well as at the following web site: http://www.doh.gov.za/department/dir_foodcontr-f.html