

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health
3.	<b>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). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Barley, buckwheat, grain sorghum, groundnuts, maize, oats, oilseed rape (canola), rice, rye, soya beans, sunflower seed or wheat. All countries that export these products to South Africa.
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> (Draft) Regulations Governing the Tolerances for Certain Seeds in Certain Agricultural Products. Government Notice No. R.1202 dated 15 October 1999 (3 pages)
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> Limits the number of seeds of <i>Argemone mexicana</i> , <i>Convolvulus</i> spp, <i>Crotalaria</i> spp, <i>Datura</i> spp, <i>Ipomoea purpurea</i> , <i>Lolium temulentum</i> , <i>Ricinus communis</i> or <i>Xanthium</i> spp. to 1 seed per 10 kg of each of the mentioned agricultural products. Soya beans may contain 3 seeds per 10 kg (excluding soya beans intended for consumption by infants or young children). Does not apply to an agricultural product that will undergo sifting to reduce the number of poisonous seeds or that is intended for animal consumption.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Government Gazette No. 20536 dated 15 October 1999 (Available in English)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> When the final regulations are published in the Government Gazette. This will not be before 1 April 2000.
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> On publication of the final regulations in the Government Gazette.

- 11. Final date for comments:** 15 January 2000  
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