

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

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| <p><b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u><br/><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b></p>  |
| <p><b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Commission of the European Communities. Health &amp; Consumer Protection Directorate-General Directorate E – Food Safety: Plant Health, Animal Health and Welfare, International Questions</p>   |
| <p><b>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):</b> Meat of fish from aquaculture (CN 0302, 0303 and 0304). ICS: 67.120.30 Fish and fishery products</p>   |
| <p><b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Member States of the European Communities (EEC) and third countries exporting the products concerned to the EEC.</p>  |
| <p><b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> SANCO/4163/2003. Draft Commission decision amending Commission Decision 2002/657/EC of 12 August 2002 implementing Council Directive 96/23/EC concerning the performance of analytical methods and the interpretation of results, as regards the setting of minimum required performance limits (MRPLs) for certain residues in food of animal origin.</p>   |
| <p><b>6. Description of content:</b> This proposal aims to facilitate trade by setting European Community's harmonized minimum required performance limits (MRPLs) of 2 micrograms per kg (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}</math>) for the analytical determination of the sum of malachite green and leucomalachite green in the meat of fish from aquaculture.</p>  |
| <p><b>7. 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</p>  |
| <p><b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b><br/><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<br/><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b><br/><br/>No international guidelines exist for minimum required performance limits (MRPLs) for malachite green in aquaculture products.<br/><br/>The Community Reference Laboratory responsible for malachite green analysis (Laboratoire d'études et de recherches sur les médicaments vétérinaires et les désinfectants, AFSSA Fougères (France)) has advised, after discussing with the National References Laboratories in the member States, on the most suitable analytical methods to detect malachite green and its metabolites leucho malachite green, and has proposed a MRPL in aquaculture products. For more information go to <a href="http://crl.fougeres.afssa.fr/">http://crl.fougeres.afssa.fr/</a></p> |

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| <b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> European Commission Document SANCO/4163/2003 available in all EC languages. When adopted it will be published at the Official Journal available at: <a href="http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html">http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html</a> |
| <b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> End of November 2003   |
| <b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> December 2004  |
| <b>12. Final date for comments:</b> 45 days after circulation of the notification<br><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:   |
| <b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EC enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:   |