

**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>												
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Commission of the European Communities. Health & Consumer Protection Directorate-General Directorate E – Food Safety: Plant Health, Animal Health and Welfare, International questions												
<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> Oils and fats, Liquid oils and fats (CN heading 1500), foods for infants and young children (CN headings 1901, 2104 & 2104), smoked and unsmoked fishery products (CN heading 0305), smoked meat products (CN headings 0209 & 0210).												
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Member States of the European Communities (EC) and third countries exporting the products concerned to the EC.												
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Regulation amending Commission Regulation (EC) No. 466/2001 (Official Journal L77, 16/03/2001; pages 1-13) as regards polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) in foods (SANCO/70/2003 rev.7; 5 pages).												
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This proposal sets harmonized maximum Community levels for the PAH benzo(a)pyrene in food, summarised as follows: <table><tr><td>- Oils and fats</td><td>2.0 µg/kg</td></tr><tr><td>- Foods for infants and young children</td><td>1.0 µg /kg</td></tr><tr><td>- Smoked meat products</td><td>5.0 µg /kg</td></tr><tr><td>- Smoked fishery products</td><td>5.0 µg /kg</td></tr><tr><td>- Unsmoked fish</td><td>2.0 µg /kg</td></tr><tr><td>- Unsmoked bivalve molluscs, cephalopods and crustaceans</td><td>5.0 µg /kg</td></tr></table>	- Oils and fats	2.0 µg/kg	- Foods for infants and young children	1.0 µg /kg	- Smoked meat products	5.0 µg /kg	- Smoked fishery products	5.0 µg /kg	- Unsmoked fish	2.0 µg /kg	- Unsmoked bivalve molluscs, cephalopods and crustaceans	5.0 µg /kg
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<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. To facilitate trade (Some EC Member States have adopted maximum levels for PAH in foods creating disparities).												

<p><b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> The proposed Community measures respond to the advice of the EU Scientific Committee on Food (SCF, 2002) concluding that exposure to PAH should be as low as reasonably achievable.</p>
<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> European Commission Document SANCO/70/2003 rev.7 (available in all official EC languages). When adopted it will be published in 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></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Late 2004 (at this time it is not possible to estimate a more specific date)</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 April 2005</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> Forty five (45) days after the date of notification.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The opinion of the Scientific Committee for Food on the risks to human health of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in food (adopted on 4 December 2002; 84 pages) mentioned in paragraph 8 is available at:  <a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/food/chemicalsafety/contaminants/index_en.htm">http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/food/chemicalsafety/contaminants/index_en.htm</a></p>